

Seeds of Mercy and Justice

Call to Worship

One: Church, let's bring forth the kingdom of God!

All: **But some of us have little faith. We're tired. Illness, violence, and chaos surround us, and we wonder where God is.**

One: Jesus promises that a little faith goes a long way. Lift up your heads. Plant those seeds of mercy and justice. Trust God to water and multiply.

Youth: **Church, let's bring forth the kingdom of God! Let's volunteer at a workcamp to help others.**

Women: **Church, let's bring forth the kingdom of God! Let's gather with friends and visit the lonely.**

Men: **Church, let's bring forth the kingdom of God. Let's deliver supplies to folks who need them.**

One: God will ensure these seeds sprout and grow.

All **O Lord, we praise you and trust you. You teach us that our faith in you will drive us to action. As we worship today, keep us open to hear and accept your challenge. Forgive us when we are complacent. Help us repent when we turn our backs. And show us where to plant seeds of mercy and justice to further your kingdom. In Jesus' name, let us pray and then act.**

Hymn

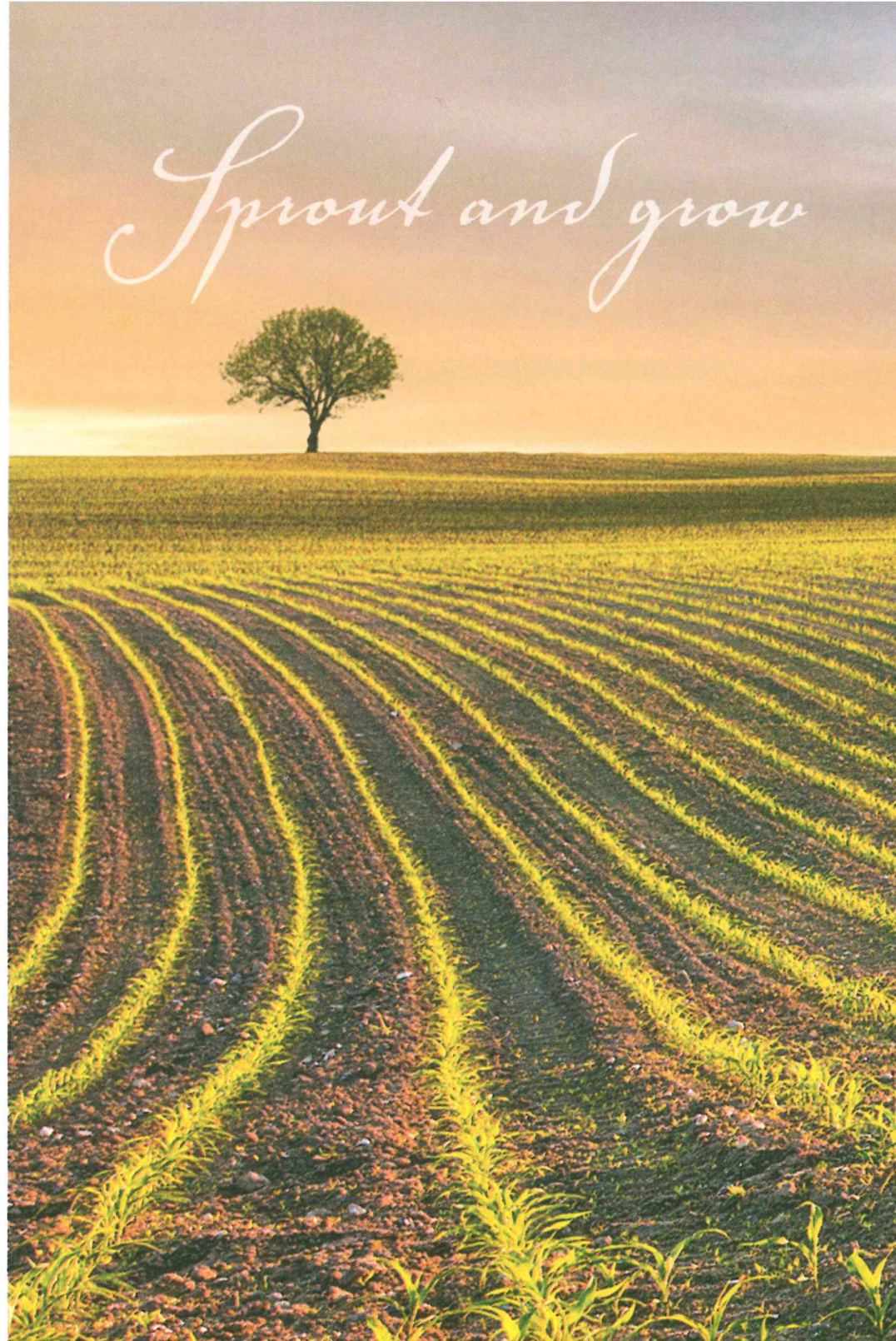
You are salt for the earth

No. 226, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

—Carol FH Elmore
Roanoke, Virginia

Text for today: "[Jesus] also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would *sprout and grow*, he does not know how' " (Mark 4:26-27, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34 (27).

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Hanover Church of the Brethren

Graduate Recognition Sunday - June 13, 2021

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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship 10:30 AM



Pastor - Geraldine Godfrey
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Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God
Hanover Mission Statement

Please be mindful of those who are meditating as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "He Touched Me" (by Bill & Gloria Gaither)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, you have been our dwelling place through all generations...

Cong: *...before the mountains were brought forth and before you formed the earth and the world!*

All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God and we've come to worship you this day!

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

God of the universe, we greet you this day! May our prayer and praise glorify your Holy name. Amen!

*GATHERING HYMN Blue 8
"Brethren, We have Met to Worship"

OFFERING MEDITATION (For All Who Minister, p. 120)

The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit and we know it is alive. When it refuses to give, we know real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give—is to live! The offering plate is located in the rear of the sanctuary as you leave today.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

TIME WITH OUR YOUNGER CHILDREN Pastor Dick
(Children may come forward.)

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER "Gentle Shepherd" Blue 352

MORNING PRAYER

SHARING OUR GIFTS "Skit" Pastor Dick & Ed Swartz

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Pew Bible pg. 1053

MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Gerry

"Living in the Meantime"

*CLOSING HYMN "For Christ and the Church" Blue 416

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us go forth from this place, having experienced God's love.

All: As we have experienced God's grace and love, may we also extend that same grace and love to our neighbors. Amen!

Let us honor God's Presence with us as we listen to the postlude.

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able.*

Thanks to Pastor Dick & Ed Swartz for sharing their gifts with us this morning.

We welcome each of you to our service today. We especially welcome any first time visitors and encourage you to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate after the service.

Please make sure you have permission from individuals to share their names during joys and concerns or for placing in the bulletin and share their needs briefly. Thank you.

Handicap restrooms are available. Hearing devices & large print bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Ministers to All The Congregation
Preacher Pastor Gerry Godfrey
Worship Leader Pastor Dick Godfrey
Music Director/Pianist Roxie Schloyer
Head Usher Roger Bollinger
Deacons of the Month/Welcomers Jim & Carol Replogle
Bulletin Board VBS

Announcements

WELCOME BACK - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Your safety is our priority. Please follow CDC guidelines for wearing a face mask inside the building and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer. If you have not been vaccinated please continue to wear a mask and practice physical distancing. We have pews at the front of the sanctuary for your use to stay 6 feet apart from non-family members. At this time there is no children's church. The restroom lights in the lower level restrooms will be turned on in the morning- please do not touch switch and turn them off - they will be turned off at the close of church each Sunday. Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to place your offering. After the service, socializing is encouraged in the parking lot out in the open air.

Attendance Registers - We have returned the sign-in sheets to our pews and ask that one person from the pew write down all those seated in the pew with you.

Youth Group will be meeting today following worship to 2 PM.

VBS - for children aged 3 through 5th grade will be held in person on **June 25, 26 & 27**. Please return registration forms **by June 14**. Please sign up to attend the meal following worship on the 27th.

Summer Reading Program for all ages of children with your parent's help! Please pick up your stickers and assignment sheet in the month of June. Sign your name to the sign-in sheet.

Clothing Drive - June 19, 9 AM to 3 PM - Outreach Commission is holding another drive for shoes and clothing to be given to Community Aid. Drop items off at the church on that day.

Glow Group - June 20 following worship to 1:30 PM. - Youth in 4th & 5th grade will meet for lunch and fellowship.

Camp Scholarships of \$150 per camper are available for children and youth to attend Camp Eder this summer. There are five weeks of camping opportunities beginning June 20. Go to Camp Eder's website: www.campeder.org. See a member of the Christian Ed Commission (Melissa, Natalie, or Mike).

Hanover Barbershop Chorus invites women and men of all ages to join our chorus. We are under the direction of Dawne Veet. We meet on Monday evenings at 6:45 PM at Hanover COB. (Next meeting on June 21.) Come visit us or call Ed Maxwell 814-289-7652.

Please Uplift in Prayer

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless ongoing concern.

Homewood at Plum Creek:

Jewel Amspacher - Room D142

Nancy Mummert - Room C105

Fay Swartz - Room E342

Hanover Hall:

Esther Brown - Room 219

John Paul Fike Sr. - Room 126A

Charlie Sell - (717-634-1125 cell)

Country Meadows:

Bonnie Berwager - Apt 311

Spring Creek Rehab:

Sonja Bankert

Utz Terrace:

Evelyn Dickensheets - Room 422

Dean Brodbeck -

Normandie Ridge Sr. Living:

Norma Becker - Room 122A

Shut ins: Jake Berwager, Miriam Mills, Dale Sullivan

Others: Don & Pat Conrad, Ken Miller, Fran Smith, Kim Smith, Betty Stockslager, Amber Shaw, Miss Jean, Brenda & Ed Sellers, Norma Markle, John Knapp, Dakota Himes, Sympathy to the family of Nita Utz, wife of Ron and sister-in-law of Jo Ann & Harold Kline

Church Activities This Week

Sunday, June 13 Sunday School - 9 AM /Worship - 10:30 AM

Youth Group Activity - noon to 2 PM

Monday, June 14 PAL at HACC

Commissions Meet - 6 PM

Church Board Meets in the Library - 7 PM

AlAnon - 7 PM

Tuesday, June 15 AA - 8 PM

Wednesday, June 16 Bible Study & Prayer Group - 6 PM

Thursday, June 17 Connections in Church Library - 7:30 PM

Friday, June 18 AA - 6 PM

Saturday, June 19 Clothing Drive - 9 AM to 3 PM

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 20 Sunday School - 9 AM

Father's Day Worship - 10:30 AM

Glow Group - Noon to 1:30 PM

Friday, June 25 VBS - 6 to 8:30 PM

Saturday, June 26 VBS - 9 to 11:30 AM

Sunday, June 27 VBS Celebration

Our Faithful Stewardship - June 6, 2021

Attendance: Sunday School - 31

Worship - 70

Giving: General Fund \$ 5,313

Lawn Mowing \$ 20

Building Repair Fund \$ 200



Congratulations, Graduates!

Darby Jo Kline graduated from Columbia University with a Master of Science degree in Construction Administration.

Heather McDonald graduated from Messiah University with a Master of Music in Wind Band Conducting.

Logan Smith graduated from HACC Gettysburg in December with an Associates Degree in Nursing and passed her State Boards to become a Registered Nurse.

Bailey Sanders is the daughter of Scott and Jennifer Sanders. Bailey has one sister, Cierra Weaver. Bailey graduated from Red Lion Christian School and has been on the honor roll and distinguished honor roll. Bailey has also excelled at basketball and has set some records. Bailey hopes to further her education and also continue to work at Wal-Mart.

Lindsay Redding Bollinger, granddaughter of Roger & Darlene Bollinger, graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelors Degree as a Registered Nurse.

Kaelyn Long, granddaughter of Bob Long, graduated from Bucknell University with a Bachelors Degree in Education.

Hunter Maxwell, grandson of Ed & Patti Maxwell, graduated from Fairfield High School.

