# Order of Worship The Path of the Disciple: Imagining a New Reality

## July 16, 2023 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude	Allegro Con Brio from Sonata in C Major	Franz Joseph Haydn
	Mark Frazier, piano	

### Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

## Greeting

- Leader: Come in from busy, summertime days to this place of worship.
- People: We come to connect with God's word.
- Leader: Come in from the stress of everyday life into the light of knowledge.
- People: We come as seekers of truth.
- Leader: Come into worship with offerings of praise.
- People: We come to hear the word and respond!

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## Prayer of Confession

People:	Loving God, Sower and Reaper of love,		
	we admit to you that we are like stony fields,		
	capable of growing goodness and sharing it around,		
	but also we allow goodness to wither and weeds to flourish.		
	Your mercy has taken root in us,		
	but we do not share enough of it with others.		
	Your justice has grown on us,		
	but we have inadequately implemented it.		
	Your truth has showered on us, but we have let it run to waste.		
	Your love has blossomed among us, but we have been slow to set fruit.		
Leader:	Most loving God,		
	please open the furrows of our lives		
	to receive again the seeds of your Gospel.		
	Rain your mercy upon us,		
	shine your warmth and light into every dark place,		
	and bring forth in us not the harvest we deserve		

but the harvest that in your glorious love you have destined for us. Through Christ Jesus our Savior.

All: Amen!

## Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader:	Listen, to this Word:
	"Where sin abounds, love much more abounds."
	Receive from such abundance and give thanks.
	You, my siblings, are among the richest people in the world.
	You have the wealth of Christ with you always, even to the end of time.
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#### People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Children's Message

Scripture	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23			
The word of God for	the people of God.			
Thanks be to God.				
Sermon	Seeds in the Dirt	Rev. Wines		
Hymn	You Are the Seed (Sois le Semilla)	UMH 583		
Prayer of the People		Rev. Furtado-Gilliam		
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Hymn	I WIII Follow	see songsheet		
Benediction		Rev. Wines		

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