

## **Stouffville United Church**

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July 16, 2017

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Welcome:** Rev. Elizabeth

### **Announcements:**

#### **Call to Worship:**

The sower goes out to sow.

**Some seed falls on the path and is eaten by the birds.**

Some seed falls on stony ground and withers in the sun.

**Some seed falls on good soil and bears fruit.**

Which will we choose to be?

**Opening Hymn:** A Mighty Fortress is Our God [VU 262]

#### **Prayer of the Community**

**Loving God, we come as both the sowers and the seed.**

**We come often feeling small, yet you nurture our branching out. We come to drink of your living water, and to share that living water with others. We come to embrace the tough soil of life, knowing that out of it comes our growth into maturity and fullness of mission. Bless us, O Spirit, in our shared journey of faith as we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** Through the Heart of Every City [VU 584]

#### **Music Ministry**

#### **Offering**

**Dedication:** What Can I Do? [MV 191]

#### **Offering Prayer:**

**Gracious God, in Jesus' parable, the sower scatters seed on the land. Thank you for the seeds of love and fairness you have scattered in our hearts and our world. Thank you for the seeds that will be planted and take root because of these offerings given for the work of the church in your name. Bless these offerings as seeds of loving possibility. Amen.**

**Hymn:** And on This Path [MV 8]

**Words before the scriptures are read:**

When you speak in scripture, when you speak in our neighbour, when you speak from the hills and the sea, help us to hear your voice, O God.

**A Reading from Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23**

The parable of the sower and the seed  
(found on page 794 in the pew bible)

**Sermon:** On the Path

**Closing Hymn:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing [VU481]

**Words of Blessing**

**Parting Song:** Sent Out in Jesus' Name [VU 212]

**Music to Send Us Out into Our Ministry**

*Please join us for a time of Refreshments & Fellowship in the Davis and Friendship Rooms, located through the West doors.*

