

# Creekside Church of the Brethren

July 17, 2005, 9:00 A.M.

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## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

There's sometimes a good and hearty tree growin' right out of the bare rock, out o' some crack that just holds the roots. It grows there, right on the pitch o' one o' them bare stony hills where you can't seem to see a wheel-barrow o' good earth in a place. But that tree'll keep a green top in the driest summer. You can lay your ear down to the ground and you'll hear a little stream runnin'. Every such tree has got it's own livin' spring; there's folk made to match 'em. - Sarah Jewett

PRELUDE *"Dance of the Autumn Leaves"* Marilyn Bober

### THE SERVICE OF GATHERNG

*Welcome + Announcements + Prayer Requests*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Kelsey

One: Called to be branches in Christ's body,

**All: We yearn to be connected to the vine.**

One: Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,

**All: We search for places to plant the seeds of faith.**

One: Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,

**All: We have come to receive God's strengthening, sustaining presence.**

\*INVOCATION PRAYER (unison)

Almighty God, we thank you for planting your word within us as good seed, and for giving it life through Jesus. We pray that you will give us grace that we will grow to be like him. Give us courage that we will remain steadfast against the powers that oppose him. Make us good and inviting, that the world will taste and see that you are good. Help us be fruitful, that your name may be glorified. And fill us with hope as we await with joy your harvest. Through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN NO. 161 (Blue)

*"We Give Thanks Unto You"*

## ROOTED IN GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karen Eis

A GOD I NSTANCE

CALL TO PRAYER (insert)

*"You Are All There Is"*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING

It is a mystery within a mystery to know that the mundane medium of exchange we call money – so much a part of this world – can help us somehow, through our tithes and offerings, to connect with the supernatural world. We should not be surprised that, *"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform..."*

Offertory

\*Response no. 118 (Blue)

*"Praise God From Whom"*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## GROWING IN JESUS

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

HYMN NO. 26 (Blue)

*"Holy Spirit, Come With Power"*

SERMON

**"Weeds in the Wheat"**

David Bibbee

## BEARING FRUIT IN THE SPIRIT

\*HYMN NO. 327 (Blue)

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

\*BENEDICTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Go Light Your World"*

Chris Rice

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able

**Today: July 17, 2005**

**The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**9:00 A.M.:** Worship    **10:15 A.M.:** Fellowship Time    **10:45 A.M.:** Church School for All Ages  
 Preaching..... Pastor David Bibbee  
 Worship Leader..... Betty Kelsey  
 Organist..... Marilee Gilliland  
 Pianist ..... Rosanna McFadden  
 Hymn Leader..... Janet Berkebile  
 Children’s Message..... Karen Eis  
 Acolyte..... Darren Vance  
 Worship Childcare..... Cary Kelsey  
 Sound System Engineer ..... Gary Arnold

**Next Sunday: July 24, 2005**

**9:00 A.M.:** Worship    **10:15 A.M.:** Fellowship Time    **10:45 A.M.:** Church School for All Ages  
 Preaching..... Pastor David Bibbee  
 Worship Leader..... Cary Kelsey  
 Hymn Leader..... Janet Berkebile  
 Children’s Message..... Karen Eis  
 Acolyte..... Darren Vance  
 Worship Childcare..... Carolyn Colver  
 Sound System Engineer ..... Gary Arnold

**Our mission:**

Because we are God’s beloved in Christ, united in the Spirit we  
**Seek**            God’s love in our lives  
**Celebrate**     God’s love in vital worship  
**Share**            God’s love through acceptance, service, and witness

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