

July 16, 2023
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
North Warren Presbyterian Church
Ruling Elder Gloria Lindell, Preaching
Cathy Peterson, Pianist

*“We trust God's Spirit to work in us,
through our words and deeds,
wherever we are.”*

Prelude

Register Attendance

Please sign the friendship register located in the pew rack, your name only if you attend regularly, completely if you are new or visiting.

Announcements

Call to Worship “Psalm 65:1-8” (read responsively)
(on PowerPoint)

***Hymn** “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” No.403

***Invocation**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Offering Response** “Doxology” p.815

***Offering Prayer**

Children's Message Elder Lindell

Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 p. 1516

Sermon “*The Extravagant Sower!*” Elder Lindell

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn** “Find Us Faithful” No. 456

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand
We welcome all who have come to worship with us.
We pray that this service will be a blessing to you.



Lay Leader today is Ruth Morrison.

Ushers/Greeters for today are Marcia McKown & Amanda Knopf.

Video/Sound Booth operator is Darrell Pusateri.

The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Bill Ransom in memory of Sandy and their parents.

The Sunflowers are in support of the Ukrainians as they fight for their freedom against the Russians.

Offering plates are located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates on your way in or out of the service. You can give electronically by downloading the app, going to our website, or snapping the QR code on the front cover and clicking on the “Donate Now” button on the first page. Our new invitation code is **TB43VX**. THANK-YOU!

2023 Day Camp will take place July 24 - 28 from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. The theme for the week is “*God's Power through Miracles.*” All children age 4 - 12 years (must be 4 by July 1st) are invited. Registration forms are due today and available on the table in front of the office. For more information phone the church office or visit our website at www.nwpchurch.org and click on “Day Camp.”

Looking Ahead

Monday, July 17 - 10:00 am Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall, "The Good Gospel," - *Raise the White Flag.*

Sunday, July 23 - 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship Service with commissioning of Day Camp workers and Ordination & Installation of New Deacon
11:00 am Reception for new Elders & Deacons

Monday, July 24 - 28 - 9:00 am - 2:30 pm Day Camp all week

Sunday, July 30 - 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship Service

Sunday, August 6 - 10:30 am Community Worship Service at Struthers Library Theatre (no service here)

TITLE: *“The Extravagant Sower!”* TEXT: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

- I. Introduction: It may be more meaningful to rename parables from the perspective of the giver rather than the recipient. Then we can focus on the grace in each parable rather than the works. So, let's consider today's parable as that of . . .
“ _____ !”

- II. Many ancient sources speak of plowing before sowing, but others clearly speak of sowing first. Jesus chooses the later method for this parable, since only _____ knows the _____ kinds of _____ among whom the _____ is _____ .

- III. The parable speaks of four kinds of soils/hearts the _____ heart, the _____ heart, the _____ heart and the _____ heart.

- IV. The focus of this parable could be on those who are good soil, but it is far more powerful to focus on God as so _____ in _____ with _____ of us that _____ throws _____ .

- V. Like farming, _____ and _____ are unpredictable.

- VI. Rather it is a _____ of God's _____ _____ as you use your words to lead others to him.

- VII. Remember only God knows the kind of hearts on which the seed is sown. So, when we share the gospel with others, we should not limit our sowing to those we assume are the “good soil” but scatter our seed everywhere and be like our Lord Jesus “ _____ !”