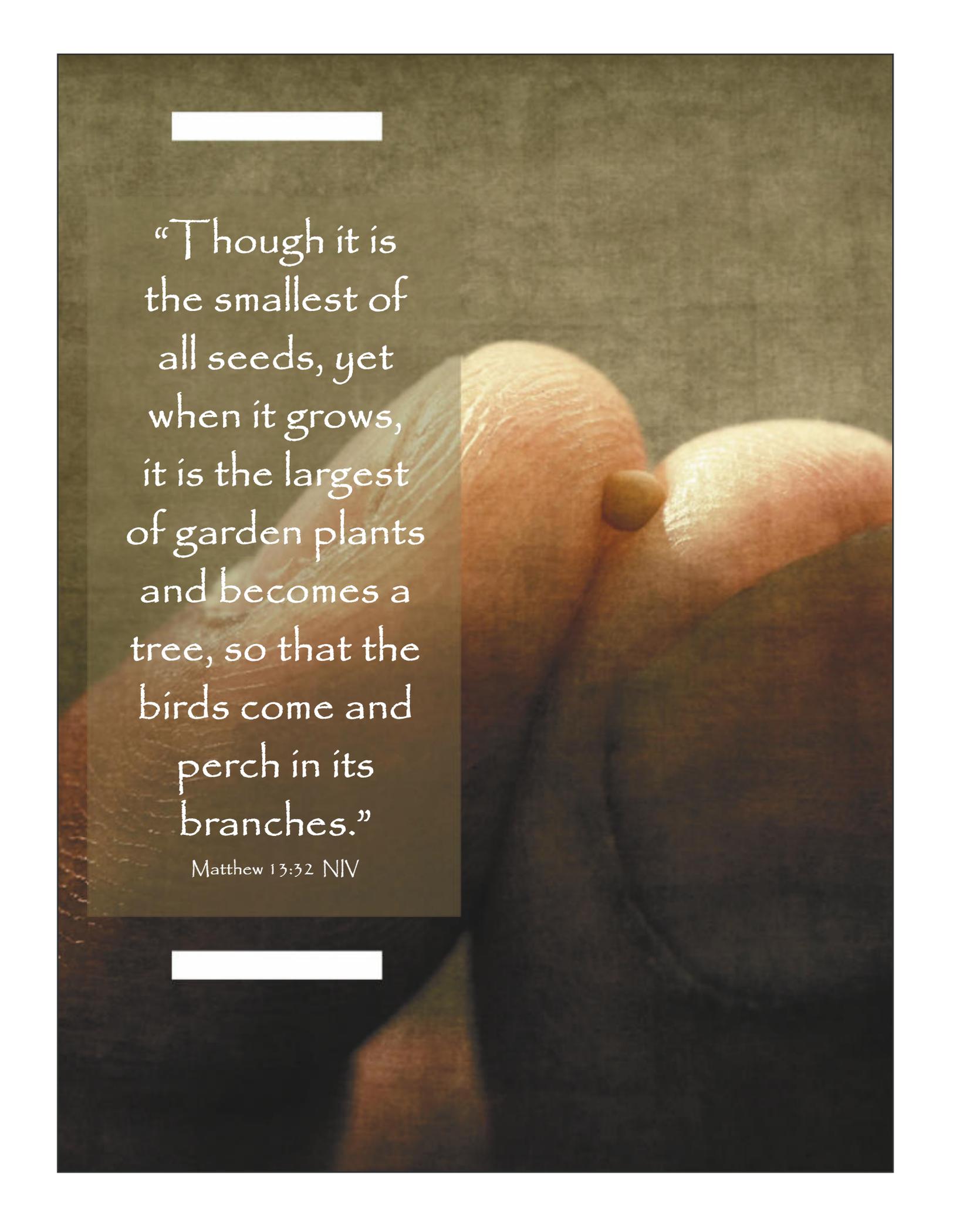


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Sermon Notes and Growing as Disciples: October 17, 2021

Jesus The Teacher, part 4: The Kingdom of Heaven / Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Key Verse: “Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” Matthew 13:32 NIV

I. Little things can change everything.

II. The Kingdom of Heaven

A. The Kingdom and the Lord of Life

B. The Kingdom

1. Small beginnings and very large consequences

2. The Kingdom influences those around.

3. The Kingdom is worth looking for and living in.

- Jesus said, “Ask... Seek... Knock...” Matthew 7:7

4. There is an open invitation to all to be a part of the Kingdom.

- The Good News

- A Warning

5. The present and future Kingdom of Heaven

III. The Church and the Kingdom

Growing as disciples: “Lord of life and love, help us to worship you in the holiness of beauty, that some beauty of holiness may appear in us. Quiet our souls in your presence with the stillness of a wise trust. Lift us above dark moods, and the shadow of sin, that we may find your will for our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [From “A Guide to Prayer...”, p. 118, modified]

Sunday: 2 Samuel 1

Monday: Matthew 3

Tuesday: Matthew 4

Wednesday: Matthew 5

Thursday: Matthew 6

Friday: Matthew 7

Saturday: 2 Samuel 2

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Welcome to Morrison

Thank you for spending part of your weekend with us. If you are new to Morrison and would like to learn more about our programs and community, please visit our website at www.morrisonumc.org.

Contemporary Worship 9:00 AM

The worship band will kick off the service with a few songs. Feel free to sing and to clap and move to the music as you feel comfortable. After the music, you will hear a great message. We will close with communion where all believers are welcome to participate. With that being said, feel free to grab a cup of coffee and a donut from the back, then find your seats, if you haven't already. The service will begin shortly. All -in-all, we'll be here for a little under an hour.

Traditional Worship 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Chancel Ringers
R. Mallory

The first note of the prelude is our call to silent meditation.

INVOCATION

Lord of life and love, help us to worship you in the holiness of beauty, that some beauty of holiness may appear in us. Quiet our souls in your presence with the stillness of a wise trust. Lift us above dark moods, and the shadow of sin, that we may find your will for our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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HYMN 57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 "The Apostles' Creed"

GLORIA PATRI 71

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

OFFERING

We have several giving options available during this challenging time. You can mail your check to the church, or drop it in the mail slot in the front door of the office. Several options for electronic giving can be found by clicking on the giving button under the worship tab on our website at www.morrisonumc.org. Thank you for your support.

OFFERTORY

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Chancel Choir
Proulx

DOXOLOGY 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Capriccio in G Major”

Chancel Ringers
Dobrinsky

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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SERMON

*Jesus the Teacher, Part 4:
The Kingdom of Heaven*

Pastor David

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Leaves on the Seine”

D. Lanz

HYMN 540

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

ST. THOMAS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Heidi Lucas

Our 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship services are streamed live via our Facebook page, YouTube, and our website, www.watchmorrison.com.



Today’s Readers:
Confirmands



Today’s sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of my husband, Orville Haag, for his 94th birthday on October 21, by Lois Haag.



We still have one available slot for 2021 sanctuary flowers. Please call Terri Hester in the office (787-3786) if you would like to sign up for December 26, 2021.

TODAY

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
10:00 AM Connect Sunday School Classes
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
3:00 PM Piano Concert

MONDAY

TUESDAY

10:00 AM In-person Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom
6:30 PM Chancel Ringers
8:00 PM AA, Al-Anon

THURSDAY

6:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 PM Worship Band Practice

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and by appointment at other times. Face-coverings are requested when visiting the office.

Morrison UMC has an app! You can find it on the App Store and Google Play. If you have any questions, contact Terri Hester in the church office at 352-787-3786.

Piano Concert: Please join us this afternoon at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary (building 2), for a piano recital by Heidi Lucas. She will be presenting a diverse program of works by Beethoven, Kapustin, and music from Harry Potter. Consider bringing a friend or neighbor. We'd love to see you there. The concert is free, donations accepted.

Worship Opportunities:

- **On Sundays**, we are offering contemporary worship at 9:00 AM and traditional worship at 11:00 AM, in person and online. In response to the high number of COVID-19 cases, face masks are requested for everyone. We ask that you please respect one another's comfort levels concerning social distancing.
- **Holy Communion:** We celebrate Holy Communion weekly at our 9:00 AM service, and on the first and third Sundays of each month in the traditional service (11:00 AM). If you are worshipping at home, please plan to have grape juice and some form of bread available. Pre-filled communion cups will be available for those attending in-person. If you would like pre-filled communion cups for home use, you may come by the office and we will be glad to provide them for you.

Discipleship Opportunities:

- **Adult Connect Sunday School classes:** For more information, call the church office at 352-787-3786.
 - ◇ The Inquirers' SS class - building 4, room 103
 - ◇ The Early Risers' class - building 4, room 101
 - ◇ The Connect Around the Table class - building 4, room 208
 - ◇ The Connections class - building 4, room 106
- **Bible Study:** Join us in-person on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Inquirers' classroom, or on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM via Zoom. If you will be joining us for the first time, please notify Pastor David at dstauffer@morrisonumc.org so he'll know to expect you (this is especially true if you are joining us via Zoom on Wednesday evening).
 - ◇ **Galatians** – We will be studying the apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians beginning Wednesday October 13 and Tuesday October 19.

Fellowship Opportunity:

- **We have a fellowship time** in the Family Life Center (bldg. 3) between the two worship services. You are invited to join us for coffee and donuts and conversations with friends.

MEMBER DEATH NOTICE

Beverly Little, September 17
Dorothy Mills, October 5



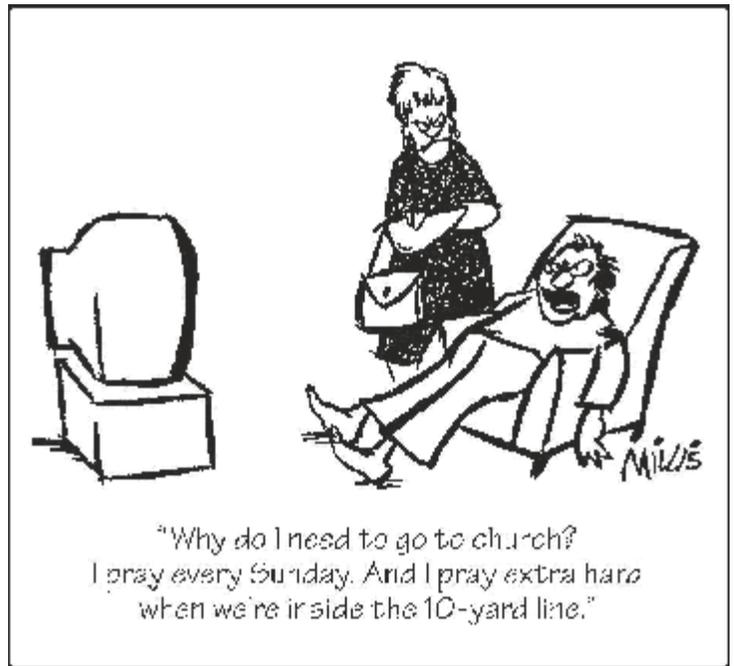
Service Opportunities:

- **The Morrison Handbell Choir** is looking for new members. We are a fun group that rings once a month at the 11:00 AM service. We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. The only requirements are a positive attitude and an ability to read music. If you are interested in joining, contact Quinn Moss for more information at qmoss@morrisonumc.org.
- **Forward Paths Mission Sunday is next week.** Morrison UMC is proud to support Forward Paths, a ministry that is transforming the lives of homeless youth and young adults. We can help in this mission each 4th Sunday with our gifts of laundry items; personal hygiene items; basic home necessity items for kitchen or bedroom; and cleaning supplies. Please bring your items to either worship service and place them on the Forward Paths table. Cash donations are also accepted. For more information, contact Denise Burry 408-2307.
- **Food Collection:** Rotary Club will be collecting non-perishable food items for the local food bank between 8:00 AM and noon on November 6. They will be located in our parking lot located on the southeast side of Magnolia and ninth. This can be 'hands free' as they will have persons there who can take food out of your car or trunk.

You can submit your prayer requests online by going to www.morrisonumc.org and clicking on the link to submit prayer requests or through the link on our new app. If you prefer, you can call the church office with your prayer concerns.

Please sign up on our website to be on our email list. Go to morrisonumc.org and click on the link to subscribe to the list. Or contact Terri Hester at 787-3786 or thester@morrisonumc.org.

Prayer for Christian Worship: "We exalt you, our God and King; we will praise your name forever." We pray that our worship services and our very lives will give you glory and will "extol your name forever and ever." We honor you and your great works. We celebrate your "abundant goodness" and "gracious compassion." Thank you for being near to "all who call on" you. All glory and honor are yours. Amen. [Loosely based on Psalm 145]



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