

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME**

July 19, 2026

PRELUDE

"Unless a Grain of Wheat"

Bernadette Farrell

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Refrain



Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,



it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.

Verses



1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
2. If an-y one serves me, then they must fol-low me;
3. ☩ Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
4. If you re-main in me and my word lives in you,
5. ☩ Those who love me are loved by my Fa-ther;
6. ☩ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;



1. if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. _____
2. wher-ev-er I am, my ser-vants will be.
3. those who re-main in me bear much fruit. _____
4. then you will be my dis-ci-ples. _____
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them. _____
6. peace which the world can-not give is my gift.

to Refrain

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING SONG

"Tend the Ground"

Curtis Stephan

Breaking Bread Book, number 625

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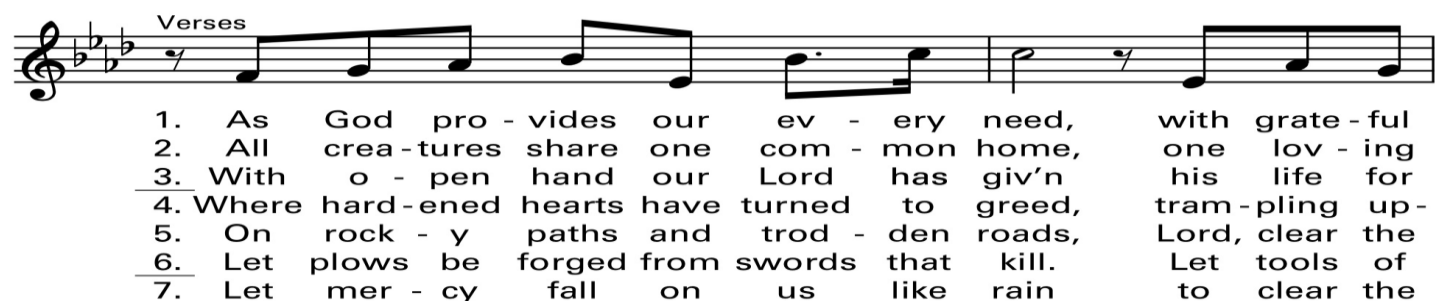
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We till the earth, we tend the ground, sow-ing
hope and peace where none is found. In self-less love
God's life a-bounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

Verses



1. As God pro - vides our ev - ery need, with grate - ful
2. All crea - tures share one com - mon home, one lov - ing
3. With o - pen hand our Lord has giv'n his life for
4. Where hard - ened hearts have turned to greed, tram - pling up -
5. On rock - y paths and trod - den roads, Lord, clear the
6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of
7. Let mer - cy fall on us like rain to clear the



1. hearts, let us re - ceive these gifts of love, and make re -
2. God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and prais - es
3. all that we might live. No great - er love is there than
4. on the fledg - ling seed, help us to tend to oth - ers'
5. ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to fol - low
6. war be shaped to till and break the hard and ston - y
7. air and heal the pain. Where sin has bro - ken bonds of

to Refrain



1. turn to bless the world, to bless the world.
2. ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing!
3. this, no great - er love, no great - er love.
4. needs, o - pen our eyes, o - pen our eyes.
5. you. Make straight the way, make straight the way.
6. ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace.
7. love let mer - cy reign, let mer - cy reign.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CLOW DISMISSAL -10:30

"The Word of God"

M.D. Ridge and Timothy R. Smith

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Chil-dren, as you go to hear the word of God,
Children Pray for us who go to hear the word of God:

may your ears be o-pened; may you see God's light.
pray our hearts be o-pened; pray we see God's light.

May the word of God be with you all your days: may it
Pray the word of God be with us all our days: may it

Last time (♩) To Verses
find a home in your hearts.
find a home in our hearts.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 12: 13, 16 - 19

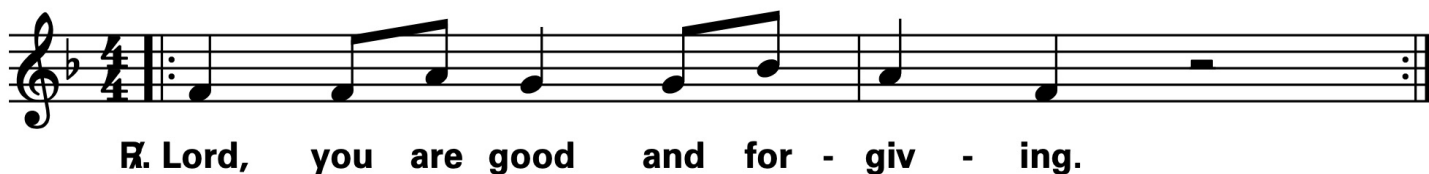
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 86: Lord, You Are Good and Forgiving

Tom Booth

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R. Lord, you are good and for - giv - ing.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 26 - 27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

from Mass of Renewal

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GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 24 - 43

HOMILY

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST PREPARATION SONG

"Amazing Grace"

NEW BRITAIN

Breaking Bread Book, Number 447

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved *a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Acclamations from the *MASS OF RENEWAL*

Curtis Stephen

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"Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

"Memorial Acclamation"

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

"Great Amen"

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God

the MASS OF RENEWAL

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

"16th Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

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The Lord, the gra-cious, the mer-ci - ful, has made a me-mo-rial
of his won-ders; he gives food to those who fear him.

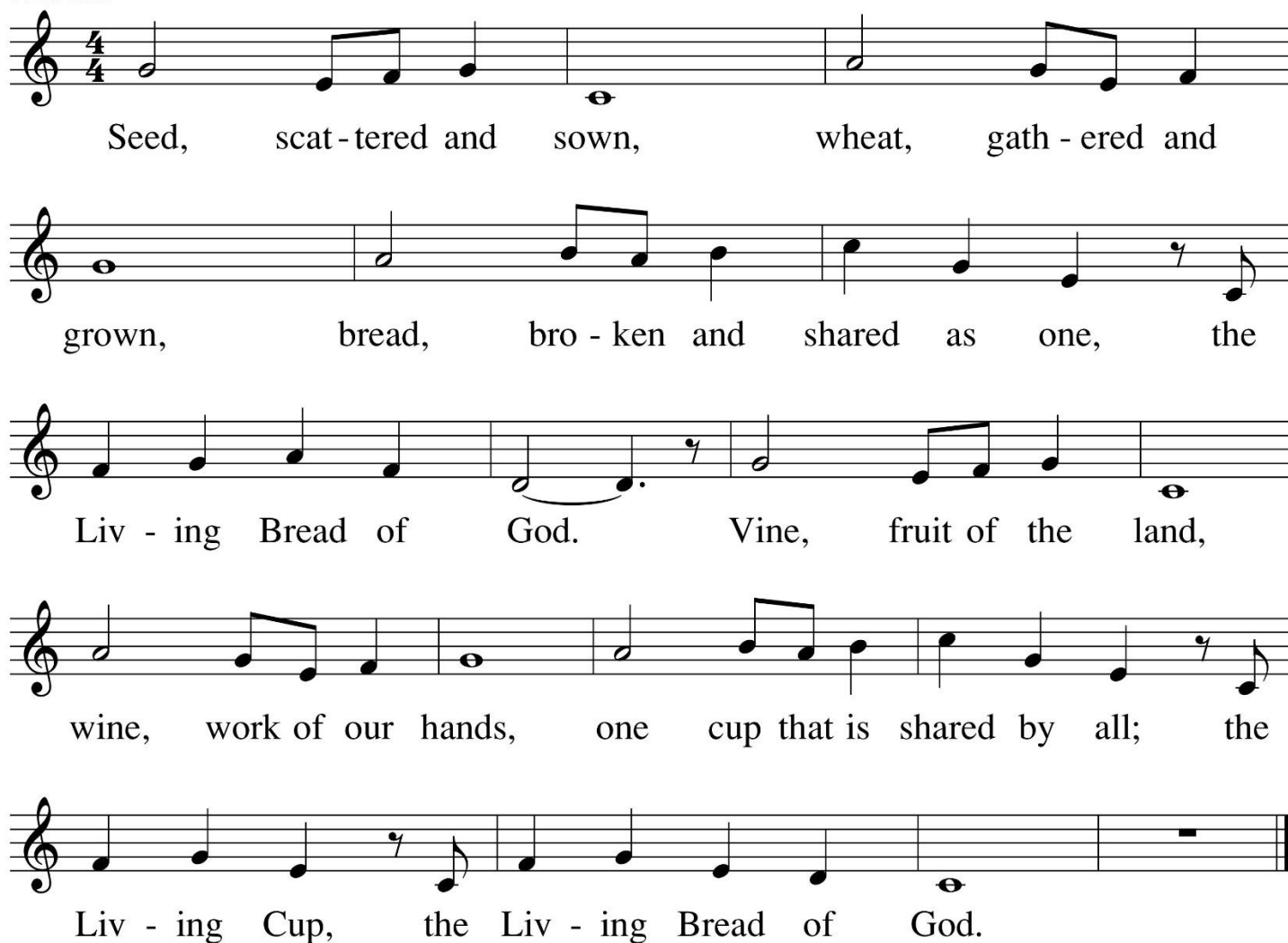
Communion Song

"Seed, Scattered and Sown"

Breaking Bread Book, number 344

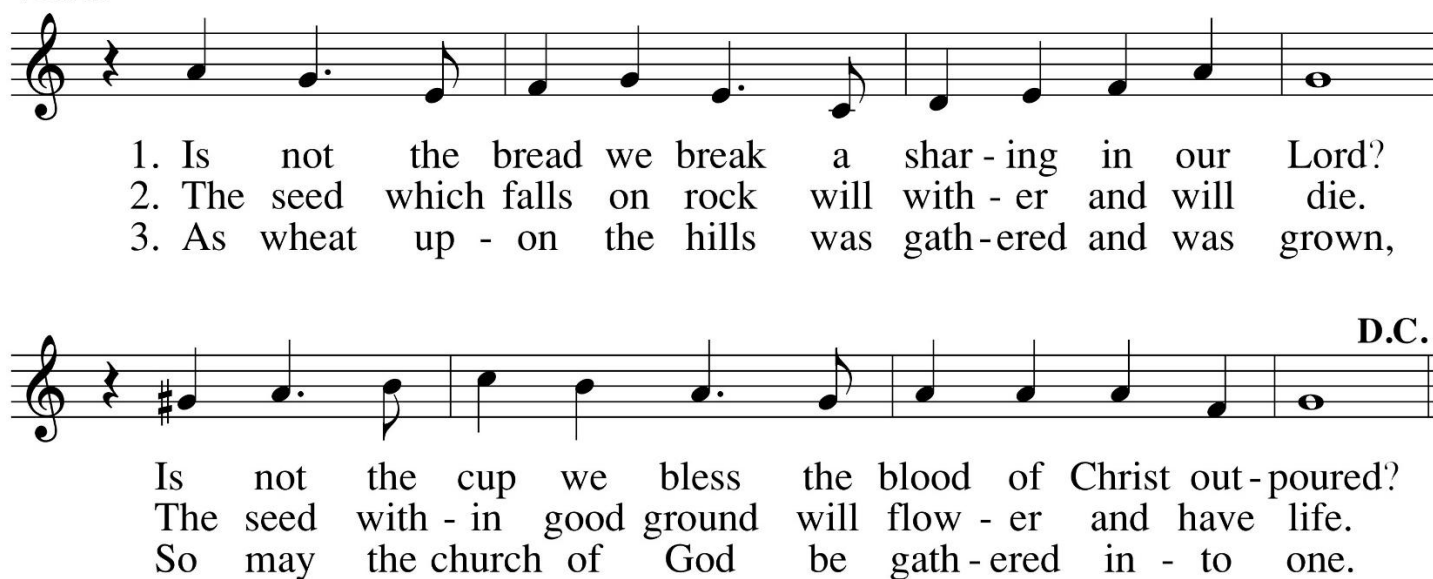
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Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and
grown, bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the
Liv-ing Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land,
wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the
Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

Verses



1. Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?
2. The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.
3. As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?
The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.
So may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

D.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (These are read by a musician)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS –

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today,
and give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders,
who will embrace Christ's mission
of love and justice.

Bless the Parish of St. Michael
Poplar Springs, by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons,
and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG

"City of God"

Dan Schutte

Breaking Bread Book, Number 382

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Verses 1, 2

1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your
2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of

1. sleep! A new day is dawn-ing for all those who weep.
2. day. The One who has loved us has bright-ened our way.

1. The peo - ple in dark-ness have seen a great light. The
2. The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be a

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1. Lord of our long-ing has con-quer-ed the night.
2. light for his peo - ple to set their hearts free.

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Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be

turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our

love, has turned the night in - to day!

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Verse 3

3. God is light; in him there is no dark-ness.

3. Let us walk in his light, his chil - dren,

3. one and all. O com-fort my

3. peo-ple; make gen-tle your words. Pro-claim to my

3. cit-y the day of her birth. to Refrain

Verse 4

4. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your voice!

4. Pro-claim the good tid-ings that all may re - joice! to Refrain