

The Gayton Kirk

July 19, 2026

11 AM Service



"Parable of Weeds in the Wheat" by Leonard Gaultier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Carson Rhyne

RINGING THE HOUR

Marney Titmus

PRELUDE

Lisa Fusco, piano

**Please rise in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Carson Rhyne

Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.
We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will show up
Surely, we are the Body of Christ.
We cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."
Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.
Let us worship our unpredictable and uncontrollable God!

***HYMN # 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Lisa Fusco, piano

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sally Wambold

Before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. Before we ask for forgiveness, God is at work to set things right. Let us therefore confess our sin and the sin of the world together:

CONFESSION

Sally Wambold

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Lord, hear now the confessions that silence draws from our hearts...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sally Wambold

Where can we go from God's spirit, or where can we flee from God's presence? Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God's hand will find us and hold us fast. Proclaim the good news with me:

Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. Thanks be to God.

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Norma Smith

“Weeds and Wheat” by Dr. Antony Theodore

Weeds and wheat
seeds and field,
in the parable of
the weeds in the field,
Jesus speaks of
the kingdom of heaven
in a language of images
that is both strange
and fascinating to us.

The talk of the kingdom
of heaven asks us to
make a decision.

It is God who has
the final say over us
humans and the
ultimate purpose of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marney Titmus

Spirit who claims us and makes us your own, join us as we come to the Scriptures today. Reveal to us the Word within the words, that we might see Jesus and learn his way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Marney Titmus

Psalms 37: 1-7

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, ² for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. ³ Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security. ⁴ Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. ⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday. ⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Parable Series 5: “The Weeds”

Rev. Carson Rhyne

*HYMN # 363

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Lisa Fusco, piano

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From the Second Helvetic Confession)

The Church is an assembly of the faithful, Called or gathered out of the world. They are all citizens of the one city, Living under the same Lord, Under the same laws, And in the same fellowship with all good things. Those who are in the Church have one faith and one spirit; They worship but one God, And in God alone they worship in spirit and truth. Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, Nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off Those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, And those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church.

CALL TO OFFERING

John Donelson

The creation groans with labor pains, waiting and longing for the children of God to be revealed. As God's people, called to be those children, let us give back a portion of what has been given to us as we receive the morning offering.

We are invited to respond to God with our time, talents, and money.
Your offering can be placed in the offering plate long with prayers concerns written on the card attached to the bulletin.

Financial offerings can also be made by mail to P.O. Box 29635, Henrico, VA 23242 or donate by PayPal on The Kirk's website www.thegaytonkirk.org or scan the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Lisa Fusco, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

John Donelson

Gracious God, you have sown good seed among us. Receive now the harvest of what you have planted, the good gifts of our lives, time and resources, to further your kingdom of heaven. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Carson Rhyne

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hand. They shall perish, but you shall endure. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still, you loved us and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975 arr: Koiné

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and mood are indicated by the arrangement style. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score consists of eight lines of music. The first two lines are identical: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.' The third line is 'Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na!'. The fourth line is 'Ho-san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho-san - na!'. The fifth line is 'Ho-san - na! Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!'. The sixth line is 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'. The seventh line is a repeat of the fifth line: 'Ho-san - na! Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!'. The eighth line is 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'.

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Ho-san - na! Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor continues in prayer

Hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. I Corinthians 11: 23-26

COMMUNION IS SHARED

You are invited to come forward to receive a piece of gluten-free bread and a cup of juice. Please hold the cup until all are served. We will drink the cup together.

COMMUNION MUSIC

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Carson Rhyne

*HYMN # 714

“God of the Fertile Field”

Lisa Fusco, piano

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rev. Carson Rhyne

POSTLUDE

Lisa Fusco, piano

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome all to worship today. If you are visiting and would like to know about the Gayton Kirk, please be in touch with the pastor or any member. Welcome!

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COVER ART “Parable of Weeds in the Wheat” by Leonard Gaultier
<https://www.nga.gov/artworks/48094-parable-weeds-wheat>

LITURGY Presbyterian Outlook, Ginna Bairby

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