

Jazz Vespers Online

from The Gayton Kirk

July 19, 2026

5:00 pm



"Parable of Weeds in the Wheat" by Leonard Gaultier

Gathering Music

The Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio
Joe Sarver, Bruce Sullivan, Ross Riddell

Words of Welcome

Sally Wambold

Music

** 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!

Tonight's Theme

Evil: is it real? What impact does it have in your life?

Does God conquer evil or just put up with it?

Music

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Prayer of Illumination

Sally Wambold

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

Sally Wambold

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.'"

³⁶Then 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.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then 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.

Art

Please see front cover

Larry Bedford

Imaginative Word

Elizabeth Shewan

“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.

Music

The Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

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Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na!

Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est! Ho-san - na!

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.

Prayer After Communion

Music

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Closing Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Carson Rhyne

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Offering

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Discussion of the Word

1. Evil: is it real?
2. What impact does it have in your life?
3. Does God conquer evil or just put up with it?

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!

Worship Notes

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LITURGY Presbyterian Outlook, Ginna Bairby

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