

Opening Song **"God Will Make a Way"**

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the candles & bringing in the elements

✠ **Praise Song** **"Change My Heart, O God"**

✠ **Call to Worship & Unison Prayer**

Praise Song ***"How Great is Our God"***

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn **"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"**

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Scripture **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

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Sermon **"Sower of Seeds"**

Hymn **"Wonderful Words of Life"**

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Offering and Communion Invitation/Prayer

Communion Hymn ***"Break Thou the Bread of Life"***

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Words of Institution

✠ **Blessing**

Extinguish candles & take the light out into the world

✠ **Closing Song** **"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

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Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is the sower of the seeds of love and redemption.

People: But we have not always been ready to receive these seeds.

Leader: Today we hear again the scriptures that remind us of the awesome generosity of God.

People: Help us be good soil, O God, prepared to receive your love and to grow in that love.

Leader: Amen.

People: AMEN.

Unison Prayer

Lord, you know us so well.

We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it.

This day we have gathered, coming from a week of unexpected happenings and events which have surprised us.

Make us ready to become stronger witnesses for your love as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed.

AMEN.

✠ **- Indicates to stand if you are able.**

Here at First Christian Church, we practice an open Communion Table where everyone is welcome. Please come forward to receive your communion elements. Upon return to your seat we will partake of the Lord's Supper together.

Please sign the pew register, pass it to your neighbor and return it to the center aisle.

Bibles and Hymnals are in the pew racks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Tuesday, July 14th: Connect Meeting 6:30pm;
Board Meeting 7pm.

Thursday, July 16th: CWF in Fellowship Hall at
9:30am.

Sunday, July 19th: Spaghetti Luncheon in the
Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.
Please plan to join us! All welcome!

**The Sunday Bulletin is posted to the website under
Newsletters & Bulletins.**

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Though daughters weren't allowed to inherit property, some young women whose father had died appealed to the community's leaders to change the law in their favor — and it was done! Who were these women?

- A. Mary and Martha
- B. The daughters of Zelophehad
- C. Nympha, Sapphira, Claudia, Tabitha and Lydia
- D. Joanna, Susanna and Salome

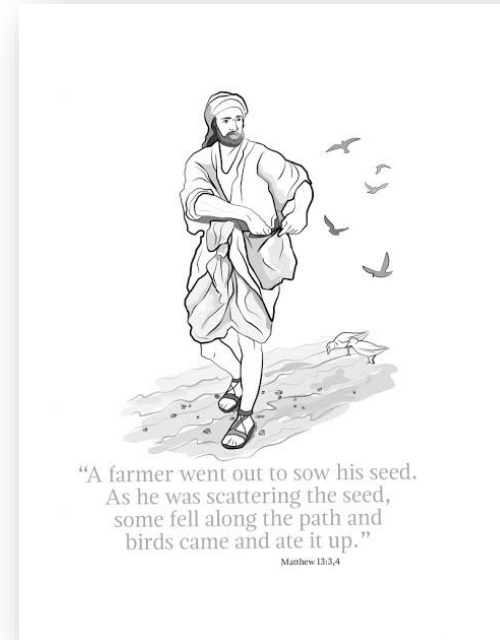


Answer: B (See Numbers 27:1-11.)

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Sower of Seeds



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