

Opening Song **"Soul on Fire"**

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 **"The Potter's Hand"**

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn **"For the Fruit of All Creation"** *#714 vs 1*

Scripture **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52** *#13-14*

Sermon **"The Kingdom of God is Like ..."**

Hymn **"God of the Fertile Fields"** *#695*

Offering and Communion Invitation/Prayer

Communion Hymn **"Take Our Bread"** *#413*

Words of Institution

✠ Blessing

Extinguish candles & take the light out into the world

✠ Closing Song **"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**
#431 v 2

Call to Worship:

Leader: Though there is strife in the world.

People: Yet will we seek God.

Leader: When our hearts grow heavy and the
burdens are overbearing,

People: We will turn to the Lord.

Leader: God is with us in all things.

**People: We can place our trust in the God of love
and hope.**

Unison Prayer

**Lord, you place before us the images of the
small--the tiny mustard seed, the grain of
yeast, the small treasure--and remind us that
we, though we think of ourselves as small, are
not insignificant in your kingdom. Open our
hearts and our spirits to you in thankful
remembrance of the ways in which we can
serve you throughout all our lives. 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:

Wednesday, July 29th: Full Moon

Sunday, August 9th: Luncheon following the church service.

Sunday, August 30th: Ecumenical Service
Details coming soon!

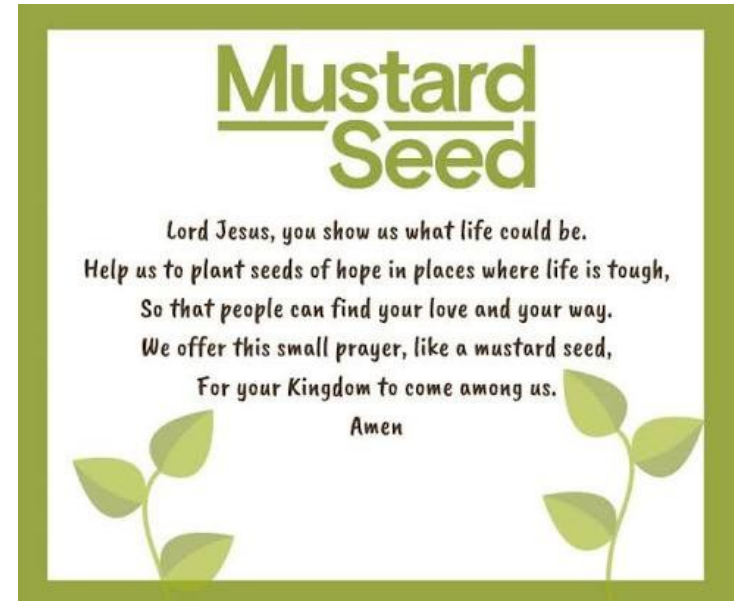
***The Sunday Bulletin is posted to the website under Newsletters & Bulletins.**

Please sign the attendance slips : Pencils or pens provided. Thank you!



M Make time for prayer
U Uplift others with kindness
S Seek God's will daily
T Trust in God's timing
A Act with love and mercy
R Remember God's Word
D Deepen your faith through service

July 26, 2026
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The Kingdom of God is Like



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