



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Stories with Intent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

Joys are Flowing Like a River

Call to Worship

Song

Come, Ye Thankful People Come – #543

Confession of Sin

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8

Song

Praise God from Whom All Blessings – #556

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Redeemed

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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Yet Not I, But through Christ in Me

Old Testament

Zephaniah 1:2-3 – Ken Garrison

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

Am I Missing the Certainty of God's Plan?

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Song

Jesus Messiah

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

Sacrament of Communion

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song

Draw Near Through Christ

Benediction

Postlude

Stories with Intent
Am I Missing the Certainty of God's Plan?
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Question: How should I understand the Kingdom of Heaven being present, if evil still persists in this world?

I. The Parable Proper (24-30)

~ The kingdom of heaven may be compared to...

II. The Parable Explained (36-43)

A. The request for explanation

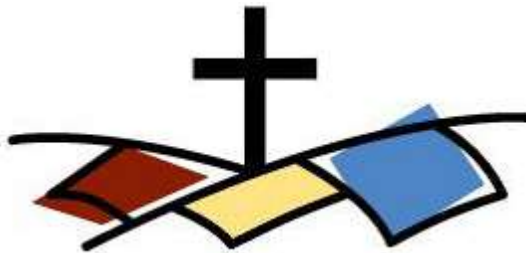
B. The interpretive keys

1. one who sows good seed = Son of Man
2. the field = the world
3. good seed = sons of the kingdom
4. weeds = sons of the evil one
5. enemy = the devil
6. the harvest = the end of the age
7. the certain end = judgment/kingdom consummated

Point to Ponder: In what ways might we be tempted to allow our present circumstances shake our confidence in the kingdom to which we belong? How can we better work to allow the certainty of our sure and glorious future shape how we react to our present?

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering **Matthew 13:44-46** *Am I Missing the Value of Jesus?*



Come Ye Thankful People, Come

Come ye thankful people come
Raise the song of harvest home
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied
Come to God's own temple come
Raise the song of harvest home

All the world is God's own field
Fruit unto His praise to yield
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown
First the blade and then the ear
Then the full corn shall appear
Lord of harvest grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be

For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take His harvest home
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore

Even so Lord quickly come
To Thy final harvest home
Gather Thou Thy people in
Free from sorrow free from sin
There forever purified
In Thy presence to abide
Come with all Thine angels come
Raise the glorious harvest home

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Affirmation of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we
were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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Yet Not I, But through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Jesus Messiah

He became sin Who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross

Love so amazing
Love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
And the veil was torn

Love so amazing
Love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all
You're the Lord of all
The Lord of all

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Draw Near Through Christ

In Eden's bliss we walked with God
Unhindered by the curse
Yet we rebelled and were expelled
Estranged, alone, perverse
Two mighty cherubs barred the path
To Eden's holy place
No more could men now stained by sin
Behold our Maker's face

Beneath the law we sought the Lord
Through sacrifice and priest
One time each year, one man in fear
Sought God with blood of beast
Still mighty cherubs blocked the way
So sinners could not pass
In curtain sewn on golden throne
They stopped the rebel fast

Then Christ appeared to clear the way
To God for sinful man
Fulfilled the law without a flaw
Our Temple, Priest and Lamb
Astounded cherubs stepped aside
Each hid his flaming sword
With nail and thorn the veil was torn
Draw near through Christ the Lord

In Jesus' name we boldly come
Before the throne of grace
With empty hand in Christ we stand
To seek Almighty's face
Till saints and cherubs join in awe
Around the Savior's throne
With one great voice we will rejoice
All praise to Christ alone!

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