

Romans 8:28-39

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 158

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Pearls of Wisdom”

Rev. Chan Willis

+ We Believe...

from *“Confession of 1967”*

“The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in mankind and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. ‘Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen!’”

Dedication of Our Offerings

“Unless a Grain of Wheat”

Farrell

+ Doxology

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Prayer of Dedication: Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known, that our lives might show forth your glory, for we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and “The Lord’s Prayer”

“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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen”

+ O Day of God Draw Nigh (alternate tune #411)

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+ Charge and Benediction

+ Postlude