

## July Sermon Focus

Sunday, July 5: Freedom to Follow

Gospel Focus: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Invitation to Worship

Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

Come, all who long for rest and renewal.

Christ invites us into a life shaped not by fear,  
but by grace and freedom.

Let us worship the One who refreshes our souls.

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Sunday, July 12: Seeds of Possibility

Gospel Focus: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Invitation to Worship

God's love is scattered like seed across the world.

New life emerges in places seen and unseen.

May our hearts be open to receive God's word.

May our lives bear fruit for the sake of the world.

Come, let us worship God.

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Sunday, July 19: Living with Grace and Mystery

Gospel Focus: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Invitation to Worship

Life is filled with questions we cannot always answer.

Yet God meets us in uncertainty with patience and grace.

We gather trusting that love is stronger than fear  
and hope is stronger than despair.

Let us worship together.

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Sunday, July 26: Hidden Treasures

Gospel Focus: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Invitation to Worship

The Kin-dom of God is like a tiny seed,  
a hidden treasure,

a gift waiting to be discovered.

God is at work in ordinary places and everyday lives.

Come, let us worship the One who reveals sacred possibilities.

## August Sermon Focus

Sunday, August 2:      Enough for Everyone  
Gospel Focus:          Matthew 14:13-21

Invitation to Worship  
When we see scarcity,  
God reveals abundance.  
When we offer what we have,  
God creates more than enough.  
Come, trusting in divine generosity.  
Let us worship the God of abundance.

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Sunday, August 9:      Faith in the Storm  
Gospel Focus:          Matthew 14:22-33

Invitation to Worship  
The winds may rise.  
The waters may be rough.  
Yet Christ comes to us in the midst of life's storms.  
Fear does not have the final word.  
Let us worship the One who says, "Take heart."

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Sunday, August 16:     A Wider Welcome  
Gospel Focus:          Matthew 15:21-28

Invitation to Worship  
God's grace reaches beyond every border.  
God's love extends beyond every barrier.  
All who seek healing, hope, and belonging are welcome here.  
Come, let us worship the God whose mercy knows no limits.

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Sunday, August 23:     Called and Claimed  
Gospel Focus:          Matthew 16:13-20

Invitation to Worship  
Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"  
Each of us comes with our own journey of faith.  
Together we seek the living Christ  
who calls us into community and purpose.  
Let us worship God.

Sunday, August 30:     Setting Our Minds on God's Ways  
Gospel Focus:           Matthew 16:21-28

Invitation to Worship

The way of Christ is not always easy.

It calls us to courage,

to compassion,

and to lives rooted in love.

God journeys with us every step of the way.