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Sunday, June 9, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw, Lead Pastor 3rd Sunday after Pentecost "We are Seeds"

Scriptures: "Luke 8:4-15" (NRSV)

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⁴ When a large crowd was gathering, as people were coming to him from town after town, he said in a parable:

⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed some fell on a path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.

⁶ Some fell on rock, and as it grew up it withered for lack of moisture.

⁷ Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

⁸ Some fell into good soil, and when it grew it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

⁹ Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant.

¹⁰ He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but to others I speak in parables, so that

'looking they may not perceive

and hearing they may not understand.'

¹¹ "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

¹² The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

¹³ The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.

¹⁴ As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

¹⁵ But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart and bear fruit with endurance.