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<td>The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. It’s the smallest of all seeds. But when it’s grown, it’s the largest of all vegetable plants.</td>
<td>You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You’re deeply rooted in him.</td>
<td>‘Master, didn’t you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?’</td>
<td>‘Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year’</td>
<td>Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.”</td>
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<td>Christ Taught Us Of a Farmer #545</td>
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<td>Sermon</td>
<td>What type of soil is your soul? Do we need some fertilizer? Some aeration? Some moisture? A fence?! Before our faith can grow we’ve got to look at the soil (our lives) to ensure it’s a healthy place to plant! Our diet isn’t just what we eat but listen to, watch, read... and we need worms (friends)!</td>
<td>Seeds contain all the potential &amp; instructions for life! Seeds may seem insignificant as they are but with a little care they can feed the world. Sometimes when you think you’ve buried you’ve actually been planted.</td>
<td>Being rooted in our faith takes a daily hanging on, clinging to God. Every storm or temptation we face we can always turn back to our Creator and cling to the love that holds us.</td>
<td>Despite our best intentions and preparations, weeds are going to grow. But we don’t want to just start pulling them before we’re sure they really are weeds! Evil will sneak its way into our lives and sometimes a blessing first appears as a curse. Discernment is key.</td>
<td>Don’t give up. When you’re not seeing the results you’d hoped for put effort back into tending and caring for your faith/soul. Go back to what’s worked before or just give it more time and care. Don’t get too hasty with the clippers just yet!</td>
<td>Responsive reading can be found at <a href="https://getlitworship.wordpress.com/2017/04/10/palm-sunday-responsive-reading/">https://getlitworship.wordpress.com/2017/04/10/palm-sunday-responsive-reading/</a></td>
<td>Mary’s second life bloomed into being when the risen Christ spoke her name. Suddenly death isn’t the end. When we can accept the freedom of eternal life, we find a new life begins now. Our lives right now can bloom as we embrace and respond to the risen Christ calling our name.</td>
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<td>Hymn 2</td>
<td>Table of Plenty #317</td>
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<td>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #302 vs 1-4</td>
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<td>Home work:</td>
<td>This week, remove the things in your environment that impede your growth.</td>
<td>This week, nurture a seed God has planted in your soul.</td>
<td>This week, call out your temptations in the moment and ask for God’s help.</td>
<td>This week, check in daily on when you felt closer and farther from God.</td>
<td>This week, go back to what’s most helped you grow your faith.</td>
<td>This week, remember &amp; reflect on Christ’s sacrifice &amp; obedience.</td>
<td>This week, bring blooming flowers into your home as a reminder of your new life!</td>
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<td>Questions</td>
<td>What do you find yourself wasting time doing?</td>
<td>What nudges from God have you been ignoring?</td>
<td>What seems to be your “favorite” sin or distraction from your faith?</td>
<td>What hardship has turned into a blessing in your life?</td>
<td>Have you ever fallen out of the habit of going to church? Why?</td>
<td>What is something in your life that needs to die so you can fully live</td>
<td>Can you identify a moment when your life started fresh? What happened?</td>
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W&S = The Faith We Sing  
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The ‘Homework’ and ‘Questions to ponder’ are printed in our bulletin and the ‘Homework’ also appears on our screens at the end of worship.
Christ taught us of a farmer who went out sowing seeds.
A few had trouble growing among the rocks and weeds.
But others grew till harvest in soil that was so good.
O God, you sow the gospel: The seed is your own word.

You sowed your word of love here so many years ago.*
Your message found a welcome; your word began to grow.
By grace, this church was built here by saints who followed you.
The seed took root and flourished: we hear and follow, too.

We thank you for each member who lives in loving ways,
For those who seek to serve you without expecting praise.
For hearts and songs uplifted, for work and sacrifice.
The seed you planted grows here: we grow in Jesus Christ.

In times of joy we praise you, in struggling times we search,
And always we are learning to be your faithful church.
Your Spirit gives us vision, and hearts and lives made new.
Your harvest is for sharing: sent out, we work for you.

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church’s One Foundation")
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