"Loving God, Loving Others"

We are honored to welcome you today. We hope you find Court Street a caring and accepting place that inspires you to love God and love others. All of the pastors are here to assist you on your spiritual journey, and we look forward to hearing more of your story.

Health Precautions

We're committed to keeping our community as safe as possible by following these guidelines:

- Please keep nose and mouth covered while indoors.
- Practice a social distance of 6ft between households.
- Use contactless greetings.

Children & Youth

Each Sunday we host groups for little ones through grade 12 — just ask a greeter for details. If children choose to stay with their family in the worship service, coloring pages are available in the lobby. The Mother/Baby room is another resource in the lobby for those with infants.

Offering

Offering Boxes are located along the exterior walls of our worship center. You can also give securely online using PushPay — just visit our website and follow the "Give" link.

Thank you for being a part of our service today, and we look forward to seeing you next week!



The Parable of the Sower Josh Fisher May 23, 2021

"Direct communication is important for conveying information, but learning is more than information intake, <u>especially if the</u> <u>learner is someone who already thinks they understand</u>... But indirect communication finds a way in through the back window to confront a person's view of reality... A parable's ultimate aim is to draw in the listener to awaken insight, to stimulate the conscience, and move to action."

-Klyne Snodgrass

Sifting through the parables...

1. Begins with the ____

Matthew 13:3-9

2. Reveals the heart of the _____

Matthew 13:18-23

Sifting through the parables...

3. Leads me into _____

"He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others (love), exuberance about life (joy), serenity (peace). We develop a willingness to stick with things (patience), a sense of compassion in the heart (kindness), and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people (goodness). We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments (faithfulness), not needing to force our way in life (gentleness), able to marshal and direct our energies wisely (self-control)."

-Galatians 5:22-23 (The Message)

Where is the message of the kingdom landing with me today?

What distractions can I identify in the soil of my life?

