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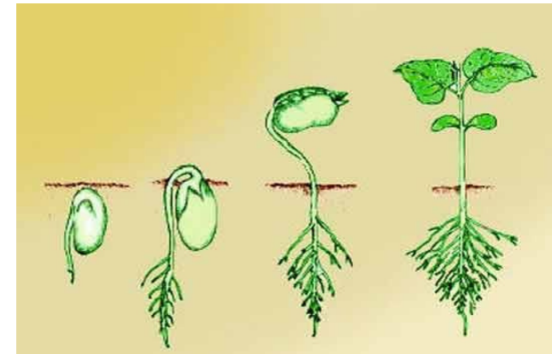
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**MEARS UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

April 21, 2024

**THOSE CRAZY
PARABLES:
"SPROUTING UP"**



**UPCOMING WORSHIP
MEETINGS & EVENTS**

as of April 21, 2024

Fellowship Time

Volunteers are need for Coffee Hour/Cheese & Crackers for May. A sign-up sheet is located in the welcome area.

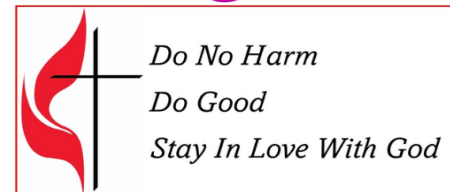
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Today

Greetings and Announcements

Breathing in God's Grace

Call to Worship —

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace

To be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

And so shall we

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

And so shall we

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

And so shall we

Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly

And so shall we

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

And so shall we

Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free. And so shall we.

Doxology

Opening Hymn:

Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling UMH 348

Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

Hymn of Preparation:

I Love You, Lord FWS 2068

The Apostles' Creed: UMH 881

Scripture: Mark 4:26-29

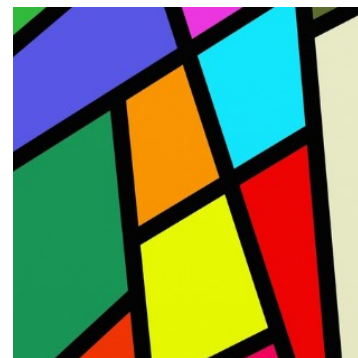
Message: **Those Crazy Parables: "Sprouting Up"**

Closing Hymn: *Majesty* UMH 176

Benediction & Going Forth

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.

~ Thank you for your gift! ~



Those Crazy Parables

New Sermon Series

April 7 - 28

Mears & Shelby UMC