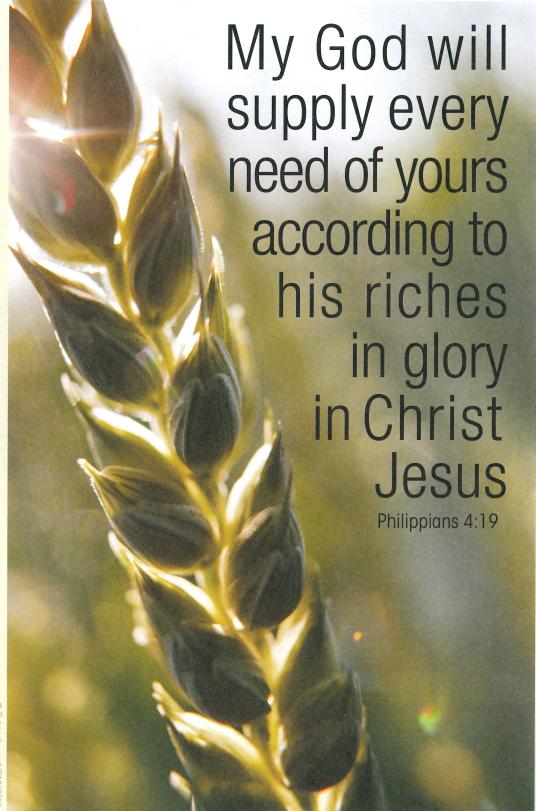
The symbol of wheat carries with it the connotation of love and charity. A wheat harvest is the advancing state of this through the work of the church; and the seeds sown in the field signify the things of good and truth; and the plants born from them, such as wheat, barley, and other grains, signify the things of love and charity, and also of faith.



Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is, destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.

John 12:24-25 (The Message)





27 May 2018

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

* Procession of the Bible

Welcome & Call to Worship

* Worship in Song

Jesus Calls Us 672 - vv. 1-3, 5

Prayer of Approach and Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Worship in Song Open the Eyes of My Heart on Screen

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

A Time with Children Prayer for Illumination

Special Music:

"Witness" traditional African American

spiritual arr. Mark Patterson

Cody Obst, soloist, Maria Medlow, violin

Jose Cuzzani, cello

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:5-20

p. 56 NT

Meditation

The Baptizer: Portrait of

Preparation - Chosen to Prepare

TO RESPOND TO GOD

The Giving of our Offerings

* Offertory Response

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing. Amen.

Offering Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

AND GO OUT TO WITNESS AND SERVE

Announcements and Congregational Concerns

* Worship in Song Here I am Lord

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

* Benediction

* Amen Postlude

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Thanks to our special musical guests Maria Medlow and Jose Cuzzani

The flowers adorning the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lincoln Bridgemohan on this 5th memorial. He will always be missed by his wife, daughter, son and grandchildren.

Today we are commissioning our first 8 Stephen Ministers. They are wearing name tags with red ribbons to help you identify them this morning. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Wendy Both, Stephen Leader from St. Peter's Anglican, for her time and wisdom in training our new Stephen Ministers at St. Andrew's.

Please speak to Judie Coleman, coordinator of Pastoral Care, Rev. Jared, or your district visitor if you would like more information or if you would like to request a Stephen Minister for a friend in need.

<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:15</u>
Barb Everett	Linda Haines
Barbara Kearnes	Linda Keeley
Carole Morris	Terry Zimmer
Judie Coleman	Usha Mohan

REMINDER: Next Sunday is Quarterly Communion