13 June 2021

THIRD SUNDAY **AFTER PENTECOST** 

The kingdom of God grows

share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:



Conversations

Caring

What is one way that you have grown over the past year? What has helped you to grow?



Jesus talked about the kingdom of God growing from a tiny seed into a large plant. What do you think he meant?



God planted the seed of the kingdom in each of us at baptism. In what ways have you been growing as a child of God?

## **Devotions**



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 4:26-34	The use of parables
М	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Israel to return from exile
Т	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Living by faith
W	Proverbs 3:1-12	Trusting in God
Т	Hebrews 11:1-40	The meaning of faith
F	Revelation 21:22-22:5	The tree of life
S	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	A song for the sabbath day
S	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



#### **PRAYER**

Gracious God, help us to see with eyes of faith that your kingdom is present in our lives and world, bringing mercy and steadfast love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

May the God of steadfast love give you a thankful heart morning and night and all the day long.

# Creative Response

As a household activity, visit a plant nursery, botanic garden or conservatory. Talk about the difference you see between the plants on display, and what is needed to help them grow.



### mealtime prayer

God has planted, God has fed. Thanks be to God for daily bread. Amen.

verse for the week

so we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord We walk by faith, not by sight.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-7



Find out if there is anyone in your congregation or neighbourhood who needs some help with their garden. Offer to spend time helping them.



