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Some stories Jesus told we think we know, sometimes in the midst of life's events we hear something new.

In the course of our church's daily prayer this week, we heard Jesus speak of God's Kingdom come at a time that cannot be observed, as Jesus put it 'For in fact, the kingdom of God is among you'. In Today's story of the Sower we observe how it is the Kingdom of God is among us. For the Sower, sowing God's Word, leaves nowhere unsown, the path, the rocks, the thorns, even the soil, for in fact, the kingdom of God is among us. The wholesome ears of grain, providing daily bread, each day to our need, all of us are to bear fruit, as Jesus put it 'Let anyone with ears listen!' The harvest of this story is often observed as the faithful who hear God's word, understand, bear fruit and yield... wholesome ears of grain, providing each day to our need. The faithful set to work in gathering the Harvest of God's Kingdom... to come.

Yet throughout this time of Pandemic have we not struggled to understand, have we not been troubled at the persecution wrought upon us, and have we not found dismay that our worldly cares and wealth are fallen by the wayside. Our ears are hearing anew, the seeds of God's Kingdom are everywhere among us.

So we give new measure to success. We applaud those not motivated by incentive to pursue greatness and amass great wealth. But we applaud those with ears, who hear the cry of the needy, the isolated, who hear the cry of those come to thorny rocky places those downtrodden and those overcome by the persecutions of Pandemic. We applaud our volunteers, our key workers, our health and care services, those whose reward is to see their patients returning home to their loved ones. Those who so hear and understand bear the fruitful yield measured 30, 60, 100fold. Again so often we hear just numbers, yet the call to service begins at thirty, Joseph, David, Jesus, the support in offspring to Isaac at sixty as six decades before the seventh of rest, the promised future hope fulfilled to Abraham at a hundred, a son. Are we not counting our lives anew, family, community, yielding new value in service, support and promise, after long sufferance, hope for our future.

The Kingdom of God is among us, today...

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