



June Minister's Message

God Is Still Growing Things

As I write this, the world outside is turning green again. Trees are full of leaves, flowers are blooming, gardens are taking shape, and lawns seem to need mowing every few days. Everywhere we look, signs of growth surround us.

It's easy to take this annual transformation for granted, but it is actually quite remarkable. Tiny seeds become thriving plants. Bare branches become shady canopies. What appeared dormant and lifeless just a few months ago is now bursting with life.

The same God who grows gardens is still growing people. And God is still growing churches.

On June 7, we will celebrate another anniversary in the life of our congregation. Anniversaries give us an opportunity to look back with gratitude for all that God has done through the generations. We remember those who came before us... the faithful people who worshiped, served, prayed, gave, taught, and cared for one another. They planted seeds of faith that continue to bear fruit today.

But anniversaries are not only about looking backward. They are also an opportunity to look forward. Just as a healthy tree continues to grow year after year, God continues to call us into new seasons of ministry and mission.

In the church calendar, we are entering what is known as Ordinary Time. Despite its name, there is nothing ordinary about it. This season reminds us that most of our faith journey is lived not in dramatic moments, but in the everyday rhythms of life. It is in these ordinary days that God quietly shapes us, strengthens us, and helps us grow.

That growth is reflected in our mission: Connect, Grow & Serve.

We connect by building meaningful relationships with God and one another. We grow as disciples through worship, prayer, study, and fellowship. We serve by sharing Christ's love with our neighbors and community.

Like any growth process, much of this happens gradually. We may not always notice it from day to day. Yet over time, God is at work. New friendships are formed. Faith deepens. Lives are touched. Hope is shared. Seeds planted years ago continue to produce fruit.

As we celebrate our church anniversary and enter the summer months, I invite you to take a moment to notice the signs of growth around you—and within you. Give thanks for what God has done, remain open to what God is doing now, and trust what God will continue to do in the days ahead.

After all, God is still growing things.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John