What God Says…, Mark 4.26-34

Pentecost 3C, June 13, 2021

Theme:  Potential

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (Genesis 1:1-5)

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=NRSV)] and the life was the light of all people. (John 1:3-4)

… and God saw that it was good.

In this morning’s text, Jesus speaks of planting seeds. We see all around us the evidence of seeds growing and producing good, green life. Jesus uses the growing of plants as a metaphor describing the Kingdom of God.

The seed germinates, then grows into roots, branches, leaves, and beautiful flowers. The flowers are pollinated, and the process starts all over again. The result is growth.

In his parable, Jesus mentions the farmer plants, then sleeps while the miracle of life unfolds. The farmer has no clue how the process works.

In other words, what God says, *is*.

Come join our congregation at First Christian Church in Maryville, Missouri. This Sunday we are gathering in Beal Park for a picnic. There, we will enjoy the life God has wrought and contemplate the beauty of creation.