



The Veteran in a New Field - Winslow Homer (1865) - The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Completed in 1865, following the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, this symbolic painting embodies the tension between grief and hope after the Civil War. A discarded Union Army jacket and canteen in the lower right corner identify the farmer as a veteran, and the "new field" of the title reminds us of his old one, the battlefield. This return to peaceful pursuits echoes the biblical passage from Isaiah 2:4, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares." While the bountiful harvest signifies renewal and recovery, the single-bladed scythe evokes the Grim Reaper. (metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/11145)

GENESIS CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - July 19, 2026

Call To Worship the LORD

Hearing of the Word: Psalm 86:11-17 (NLT)

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Adoration and Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymnal #8)

Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymnal #88)

O Come, Let Us Adore Him (Hymnal #82)

Prayer of Confession

Teaching of the Word

“Teach me Your Ways, O LORD, that I may Live”

I. “I am the First and the Last; there is no other God.” (Isaiah 44:6-8)

II. “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed.” (Mt 13:24-30, 36-43)

III. “...through the power of the Spirit...you will live.” (Romans 8:12-25)

IV. The Hope of New Creation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Supper

Song of Response

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (Hymnal #152)

Community Life

Next Sunday, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, 10 am.

Please prepare by reading and meditating on these lectionary texts:
Ps 119:129-136 • 1 Kings 3:5-12 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 • Romans 8:26-39

Sunday, August 23, Genesis Family Day at the Vrbans’ Farm.

Come celebrate the end/beginning of our ministry year together as we prepare for a new year ahead! For those who have never been baptized and desire to follow Christ in holy baptism, reach out to Dave.

Sunday, September 13, Genesis 20th Anniversary!

Come celebrate the Lord’s faithfulness to us as a local church in the Greater Iowa City Area - planted to be a church of “new beginnings” for those outside of Christ and His Church and for those who are looking for a fresh start with Christ and His Church. More details to come!

Saturday, September 26, Fields of Faith, 8-10 am.

Come join in harvesting produce for our community!
2554 Cemetery Road NW, Oxford

Thanks-giving

As an act of worship, may we give generously, as the Lord has been generous to us.
Thank you for your faithful giving!

Prayers of Supplication

The Lord’s Prayer (KJV)

“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

- Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Blessing and Sending

“All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen.”

- Romans 16:27 (NLT)

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