**Luke 8:4-8**

Our second scripture reading is the parable of the sower, another familiar passage. Jesus tells this story to a crowd and invites everyone to listen and hear. So, I invite you to listen and hear today.

I am reading from Luke’s Gospel, chapter 8, beginning with verse 4.

4When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to Jesus, he said in a parable:

5‘A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed,

some fell on the path and was trampled on,

and the birds of the air ate it up.

6Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up,

it withered for lack of moisture.

7Some fell among thorns,

and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

8Some fell into good soil,

and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.’

As Jesus said this, he called out,

‘Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

Here ends the reading. May God bless us with understanding.