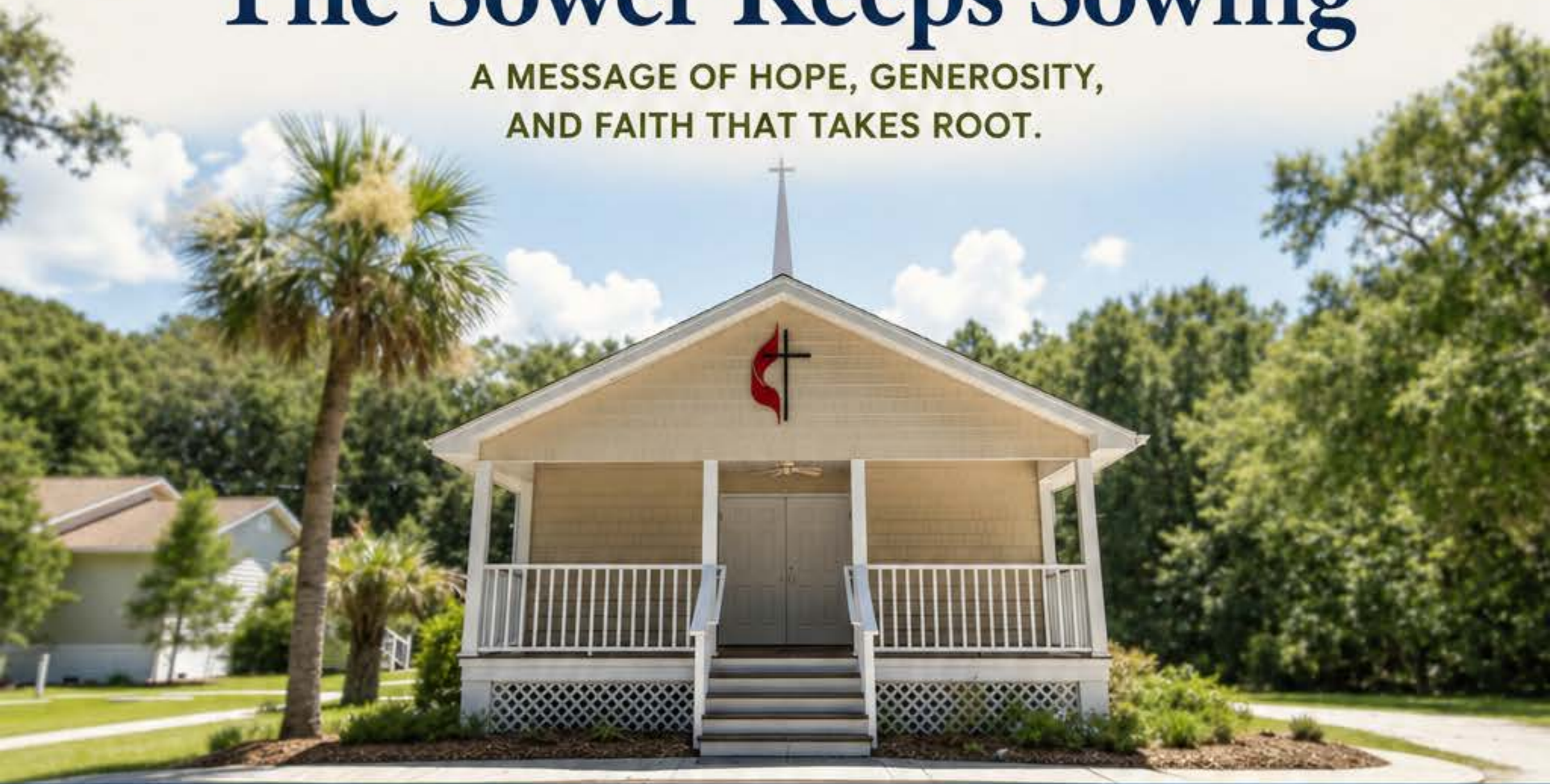


July 12, 2026



The Sower Keeps Sowing

A MESSAGE OF HOPE, GENEROSITY,
AND FAITH THAT TAKES ROOT.



This Sunday, we will explore the parable of the Sower and what it means for our lives today. The Sower is still sowing. The seed is still falling. And the Word still has power to take root, grow, and bear fruit—thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

REFLECT. PRAY. PREPARE.

These questions are designed to help you enter the parable before you arrive in worship. Consider them prayerfully:



What kind of soil describes your life right now—the path, the rocks, the thorns, or the good ground?



Where have you seen God keep sowing in your life—even in places you thought were hopeless?



What distractions or competing loyalties choke out spiritual growth in your daily rhythm?



What practices help you cultivate good soil—forgiveness, listening, showing up, Scripture, trust?



How might our church become an even more fertile field for God's grace to flourish?



What harvest do you long to see God bring forth in your life, your family, or our community?

These questions are not tests. They are invitations—ways of preparing the soil of your heart for the Word that will be sown this Sunday.

One biblical scholar, John Dominic Crossan reminds us that Jesus' parables are not simple moral lessons but "participatory invitations"—stories meant to pull us into God's vision and unsettle our assumptions.



Jesus tells us about a Sower who refuses to give up on the field. The seed is good. The Sower is generous. The harvest is possible. The question is not whether God is faithful—God is—but whether we are ready to receive what God keeps giving.

Here on Edisto, we know something about soil. We know that some ground takes work, some ground takes patience, and some ground—when tended—produces beauty beyond measure. Jesus tells us that discipleship is like that. Good soil is not accidental. *It is cultivated.*

This Sunday, we will explore what it means for our church—and for each of us—to become the kind of soil where God's Word can flourish.



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

July 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Whether you are a longtime member, a seasonal neighbor, or a first-time visitor, we hope you will join us!

Come and see what God is planting.

