

JUNE 14, 2015



# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EZEKIEL 17:22–24

PSALM 92:2–3, 13–14, 15–16

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6–10

MARK 4:26–34

## REFLECTION

I grew up in the country with woods and fields all around. I caught bugs and snakes and rescued little animals. I looked under rocks and found cocoons and tadpoles. I watched empty nests fill with eggs, hatch baby birds, and then empty again as the little ones learned to fly. Brown fields turned green with growing things that ripened and were harvested. Even when we don't understand how, God makes amazing things happen. From a tiny beginning something big can come—a seed, an egg, an idea, a dream. A small act of kindness can inspire an avalanche of good deeds. The Gospel goes viral. It can be hard to believe that God would want *us* or have some special work for us to do. We might think, "I'm so ordinary. I'm nobody special." But, as our Second Reading today says, we walk by faith. God performs miracles every day and the miracle of *you* is only just beginning.



**WE WALK BY  
FAITH NOT SIGHT**  
A SHORT FILM ABOUT  
FAITH BASED ON  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:7.

[www.youtube.com  
/watch?v=2-QJYS9Vg7c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-QJYS9Vg7c)

## ACTION

Look at pictures of yourself from when you were small. Ask your parents to tell you some stories about when you were growing up or look through old schoolwork. Think about all the ways you have grown—you're bigger and stronger, you're smarter and more capable, and you've learned some important lessons. You've come a long way!

## JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Changing seasons, shooting stars, the human nervous system, the weather cycle—there is a lot to wonder at in the world. What part of nature leaves you in awe?
- In the Gospel, the Kingdom of God is compared to growing seeds, buried treasure, yeast, and a fishing net. Which of these symbols has the most meaning for you? What symbol would you use to describe the Kingdom of God?