**Bearing Fruit – July 25, 2021**

**Welcome Back**

We welcome back from vacation our Pastor Wendy Boden and our Minster of Youth and Young Adults Blair Nelson. We have been praying that their vacation was a time of peace and rest and for their safe travels home.

Today we also welcome back Karen Archbold as our substitute music director and her husband, Tim, as our cellist. The Archbolds have three daughters: Eleanor, Lucy, and Abigail. Eleanor will offer a liturgical dance for our offertory.

Karen is a friend to many in the congregation. She has studied widely both in the United States and Europe. Karen also has a great love and appreciation for vocal and instrumental chamber works and before the pandemic performed often in small ensembles. She also performs with her husband, specializing in Australian works for voice and cello. Karen teaches private voice lessons at her home in Wheaton. Thank you, Archbold family.

**To open our service…**

Our slideshow today is “Iowa Roots.” You may be surprised how many people in our congregation have roots in Iowa.