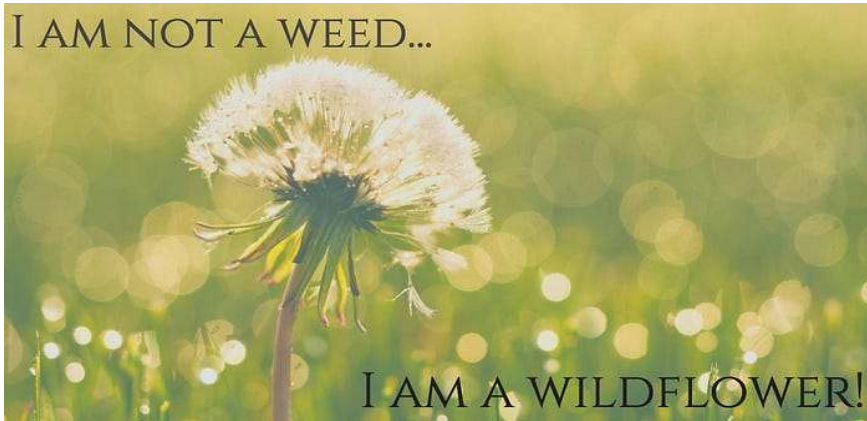


Learning Time – July 19, 2026- Weeds or Wildflowers?? For LCUCPC

Matthew 6: 27-29 (the Message Bible translation)

²⁷⁻²⁹ “Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.”



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You are a wildflower!

According to Wikipedia: “A **weed** is a plant considered undesirable in a particular situation, “a plant in the wrong place”. The term has no botanical significance, because a plant that is a weed in one context is *not* a weed when growing in a situation where it *is* in fact wanted.”

One day as I was walking through the woods I noticed all the beautiful wildflowers along the way. And a thought came to my mind that some people might call these weeds if found growing wild in their garden. So to one it's a weed and to another, it's a beautiful flower. And it's all in the eyes of the beholder. But what's the truth? Is it in fact a weed? Or is it a flower?

Seems to me the word weed is just a way to classify something as worthless...to label as useless to be discarded and destroyed...not worthy of taking up space.

Have you ever felt like a weed? Rejected? Discarded? Deemed useless?

If so, let me ask you this: Who do you allow to define you?

I have been labeled a weed...many times. People have sized me up and put me in a box without even taking the time to get to know me. With one look, they have considered me irrelevant, unworthy and passed me by. And that can be painful. But here's the deal...it only has to hurt if I let it. It's all in my perspective. I can wear the label...or I can discard it.

So...I choose to discard it! I defy their definition of me!

I know who I am!

I am NOT a weed!

I am a wildflower!

I am wild and I am wonderful! I brighten the world with a splash of color and fill the air with the fragrance of freedom. My roots grow deep and keep me grounded. I do not need anyone's approval to thrive.

I GROW WILD AND FREE!

So here's my bottom line advice: Don't let anyone define you! Don't wear their labels! Don't allow their judgment to uproot you.

Their short sighted assessment does not have to be your truth. It's their loss. If they label you a worthless weed, they're missing out on the beauty you bring to the world. They're missing the point of your unique perspective. They're missing out on the spark that your presence ignites. (Name some of the sparks in our congregation.)

You are NOT a WEED!

You are a rare and beautiful wildflower!

"...Walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them." **Matthew 6:28–29** MSG

Theme Time July 14, 2026

Have some pictures of wildflowers that we might call weeds if they grew in our gardens (or pick yourself some examples).

Do you ever pick flowers for your family when you are outside going on a walk?

What flowers do you pick? – Dandelions? Daisies? Vetch?

Why do you pick them? (they are pretty, they smell nice, they will look good on our table, ...)

What happens to these weeds if they grow in our lawns or gardens? (They are thrown out)

How do we know what is weed and what is flower? (we decide ourselves)

Who created all of them?????