

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP      Responsive

Come, all who are burdened with many tasks.

**God provides a space for rest and renewal.**

Come, all who have turned away from God.

**God welcomes us with healing and forgiveness.**

Come, all who desire to know Christ.

**Here we find unexpected grace and unconditional love. Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN                      “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”                      **UMH # 301**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      Apostles’ Creed                      **UMH # 881**

### OPENING PRAYER      Unison

**Creator of all, we come from many places. Some of us come with heavy hearts. Some of us come with questions and few answers. Some of us come with joys bursting from our souls. Some of us come with long “to do” lists. Help us lay aside all that we carry with us and focus on you—the source of our lives, the one who fills our days with joy and love, the one who provides answers to our questions. Almighty God, we come this day to turn our minds and hearts toward you. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON      Unison

**Great God, our source of comfort and hope, we do not always follow your ways. We forget to put you first in our lives. We forget to abide**

**by the rules of living you have set before us. We hurt each other and ignore the needs of those around us. We become complacent in our quest for justice. Yet, even when we are unfaithful to you, you remain faithful to us. Your steadfast love holds and heals us, no matter where we are or what we have done. Help us turn our lives toward you, not only on this day, but every day. In your merciful name, we pray. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The psalmist proclaims, “I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.” Brothers and sisters, receive forgiveness, and trust that God’s love is always with us. **Thanks be to God!**

## JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING                      **Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV)**

- 38** Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
- 39** She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying.
- 40** But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.”
- 41** But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things,
- 42** but few things are needed--indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

MESSAGE                      “Choosing the Better Part”                      **Rev. Dongkue Jee**

## RESPOND TO THE WORD

\* HYMN                      “It Is Well with My Soul”                      **UMH # 377**

THE LORD’S PRAYER                      **UMH # 895**

## OFFERING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

**Source of all that is, we offer these gifts to you. We give what we can and ask that you bless and multiply our offering, so that our brothers and sisters near and far may know your abundant love and your tender mercy. We also offer you our very selves. Through our lives, may people everywhere come to know the glory and wisdom we have found in Christ. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH # 396

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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Christ in the House of Martha and Mary, ca. 1628, Rubens, Peter Paul, 1577-1640 and Jan Brueghel the Younger (1601-1678), National Gallery of Ireland, Painting, Dublin, Ireland

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\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.