



\*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Italicized Bold print** invites congregational response in unison.

\*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude** Harlan Otter

**Words to Ponder:**

Even when we forget that God watches over us, God loves and redeems us.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship**

Bonnie Weed

Come from the busyness and the business of the day.

**We come to let go of the ways of the world.**

Come and turn aside the temptation to do the things that are only done in the shadows.

**We come to embrace what God offers us, God's presence and unconditional love.**

Come, however hesitantly, to find refuge and the way to live in Christ's great love.

**\*Opening Prayer**

As we come before you God, in the presence of our sisters and brothers, help us look honestly at our lives and see what you want them to be.

Help us perceive the things and attitudes we need to change.

As we open ourselves to your healing presence, fill us with the Spirit of your love and wholeness.

Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Open My Eyes So I May See"

UMH#454

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ**

Pastor Ed

**Poeti Baptism**

Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Bonnie Weed

The world seems to be going to hell in a handbasket. Much as we don't intend to, we seem to jump into that basket instead of into your loving arms. Many of the world's values have infiltrated our minds, and hearts, and actions. It happens so gradually, we hardly notice. We place value on things that harm us, and we insist that things be the way we think they should be. We lost our way, but we are here now. We want to be people who walk in your way, not those who wander blindly from the path. We lay ourselves before you, trusting in your steadfast love. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response**

"More Love to Thee O Christ"

UMH #453

**Scripture Reading**

Psalms 52

Bonnie Weed

**Judgment on the Deceitful**

**To the leader. A Maskil of David, when Doeg the Edomite came to Saul and said to him, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."**

<sup>1</sup>Why do you boast, O mighty one,  
of mischief done against the godly?<sup>[a]</sup>

All day long <sup>2</sup> you are plotting destruction.

Your tongue is like a sharp razor,  
you worker of treachery.

<sup>3</sup>You love evil more than good  
and lying more than speaking the truth. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup>You love all words that devour,  
O deceitful tongue.

<sup>5</sup>But God will break you down forever;  
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;  
he will uproot you from the land of the living. *Selah*

<sup>6</sup>The righteous will see and fear  
and will laugh at the evildoer,<sup>[b]</sup> saying,

<sup>7</sup>"See the one who would not take  
refuge in God

but trusted in abundant riches  
and sought refuge in wealth!"<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>8</sup>But I am like a green olive tree  
in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God  
forever and ever.

<sup>9</sup>I will thank you forever  
because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful  
I will proclaim<sup>[d]</sup> your name, for it is good.

*(Musical Interlude)*

**\*Gospel Reading**

Luke 10:38-42

Bonnie Weed

**Jesus Visits Martha and Mary**

**38** Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.<sup>[a]</sup> **39** She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's<sup>[b]</sup> 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.[<sup>e</sup>] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

**Reflecting on God’s Message**

Pastor Ed

**Prayers of the People**

Pastor Ed

**Invitation of the Offering**

Pastor Ed

**Offertory anthem**

**\*Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

**Offering Prayer**

Pastor Ed

Most loving God, most welcoming God, we bring these gifts to you, knowing that you will use them according to your purposes. We dedicate ourselves to your way, to challenge the worldly values that are so prevalent in your world today. Amen.

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*Sending Hymn**

“Jesus Lord We Look to Thee”

UMH#562

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

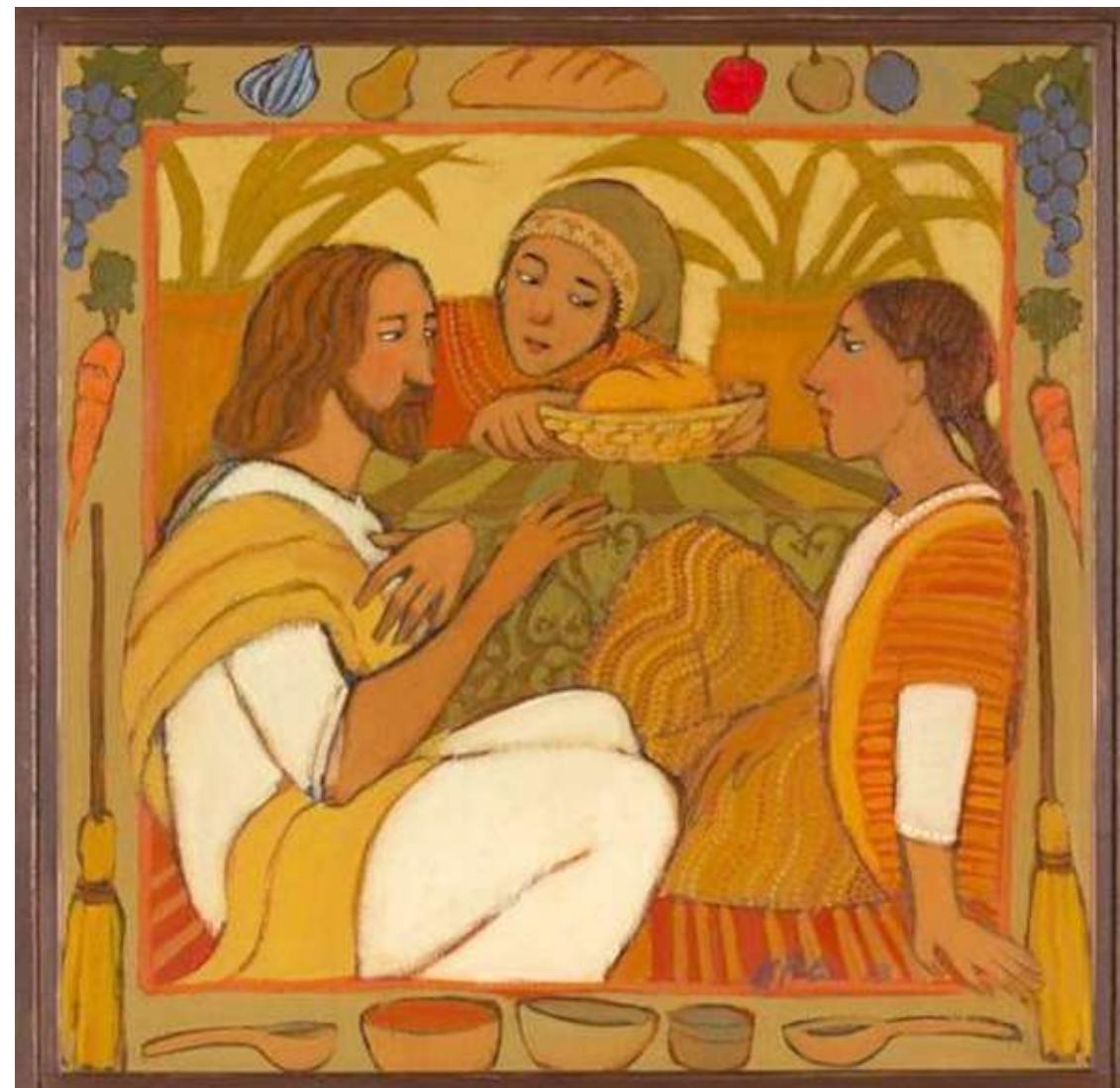
**Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Harlan Otter



\*Peterson, Kathleen. Mary, Martha and Jesus, from Art in the Christian Tradition

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | 7.17.2022 | 9:00 am**

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

**Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!**

**Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.**

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