

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 2025

10:00 am

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(from Psalm 52)*

L: *I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.*

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

L: *I will thank you, God, forever,*

R: because of what you have done.

L: *In the presence of the faithful*

R: I proclaim God's name, for it is good.

HYMN* *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

L: *Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha. We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and to notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people. We do not take time to listen for your words, while reading the Bible, while listening to music, while talking to friends, and we become worried and upset about many things.*

R: Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary. We devote our time to looking up, thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God, and we forget to serve our neighbor, and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church, forgetting to get our hands dirty.

All: God of balance, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of our loving Master. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL – Luke 10:38-42

Frieda Bostian

“One thing is necessary.”

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Emily Davis and Granddaughters, Forest Arnold (acc.)

NEW TESTAMENT – Colossians 1:15-22

*“... he has reconciled you . . . as a people who are holy,
faultless, and without blame.”*

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

“Now Thank We All Our God”

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* *(from “A Declaration of Faith, 1977)*

We believe with the church through the centuries that God is what God has shown himself to be in his story with his people: One God who is the Creator and Sustainer, the Savior and Lord, the Giver of Life within, among, and beyond us. In God’s eternal being and in all God’s activity, the one God is always and at the same time the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

LITANY OF GODSPEED

The church of Jesus Christ is constantly changing . . . Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place.

We give thanks to God for friendships made, for joys celebrated, and for times of nurture and growth. We give thanks for our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God which has sustained us.

As she leaves here, we pray for the presence of the Lord
With Olivia as she goes on to new work, a new marriage, a new city, a new church, and new friends.

Olivia, we have rejoiced to welcome you into our fellowship in the gospel in this community of faith. You have deepened our joy and lightened our sorrow. We will miss your love and friendship, yet we rejoice that you will now bless others as you have blessed us.

Let us pray.

Faithful God, keep, preserve, and protect Olivia all her days. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may she and we all be salt of the earth and light for the world. Lead her and this congregation to continue to serve you, secure in the faith that binds us forever in the body of Christ. Olivia, go with our love in the peace of Christ. Amen.

HYMN*

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

Congregation

**Go in peace, and the peace of God on this day be blest.
Go in peace, with the grace of God, giving trav'ler's rest.
I will hold you in my heart; Jesus loves you best.
Go in peace, and the grace of God,
grant you trav'ler's rest.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN - All are welcome!