

Bulletin Information  
**July 17, 2022**  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

**We Gather to Worship God**

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

One: God is good and loving to the faithful.  
Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.  
All: **God is good! Praise the Lord!**

\*Morning Prayer

\*Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* PH-466

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**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.**

**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.**

**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...**

*(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)*

**...In the name of our loving Master. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

Since we have received the peace of Christ, let us share that peace with one another. The peace Christ be with you all!

\*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH #579

## We Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 52

One: You mighty, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long?

**All: Continually you plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor that commits deceit.**

One: You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.

**All: You love all words that devour, O you deceitful tongue.**

One: O that God would demolish you utterly, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

**All: The righteous shall see and be awestruck, and they shall laugh at you saying,**

One: "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great wealth and found strength in destruction."

**All: But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.**

One: I will thank you forever for what you have done;

**All: in the presence of the faithful I will long for your name, for it is good.**

One: Heavenly Father, you cut down the trees that bear no fruit, and you prune fruitful trees that they may bear more. Make us grow like rich olive trees in your kingdom, firmly rooted in the power and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### New Testament Lesson

Colossians 1:15-28

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

*One Needful Thing*

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

PH-310

#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

\*Congregational Response

*Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again  
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**We Leave to Serve God**

\*Hymn

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

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\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

*Song of Hope*

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Postlude

Sermon Text for next Sunday: Luke 11:1-13