

But the Lord answered her,

*"Martha,
Martha,"*

you are worried and
distracted by many things.*

LUKE 10:41, NRSV



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Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45) – Christmas in July (Hymns 113-134, first verses only)

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Trumpet Tune in F Major”

Anna Laura Page

Call to Worship

from Psalm 52

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

I will thank you forever because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful

I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

* Hymn 682

“It Is Good to Sing Your Praises”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord, we hear your invitation, “Come, follow me,”

yet we lack the courage to travel the road with you.

You lead us on paths we have not known,

yet we prefer our settled certainties.

You call us beyond our self-imposed boundaries and borders,

yet we play it safe and resist your Spirit’s leading.

Forgive our feckless faith, our lack of courage,

and all our excuses and distractions.

Awaken our trust

that you will guide us through many dangers, toils, and snares

and that your grace will lead us home; in Christ, we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 390

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia!

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Reception of New Member

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Amos 8:1-12 (OT, p. 856)

Psalter: Psalm 15 (Hymnal 419)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:38-42 (NT, p. 72)

Sermon: "Distracted by Many Things"

Rev. Carter

Summer Sermon Series: Taking a Road Trip with Jesus

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn "Martha Labored in the Kitchen" (see insert)

* Affirmation of Faith: A Declaration of Faith, PCUS (9.5)

***We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.***

***Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life
and makes it pleasant and beautiful.***

***No more than Christ are we spared the darkness,
ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.***

We are in the world, but not of the world.

***Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.***

***Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;***

to take up our cross,

risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;

to walk by faith, not by sight,

to hope for what we have not seen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Celtic Lullaby"

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

* Doxology (609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Trumpet Tune"

Lani Smith

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Copley by the O'Brien family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgists	Briar Woodley & Jillian Shane

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship.

- We gather at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the kservice on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

Summer Bible Study for Adults Women of the Bible Wednesday Night Study

Starting Wednesday, July 23, our topic will be "Women of the Bible." We will meet at 6:00 pm in the library (Room 206) on July 23 and 30, then move to 5:45 pm in August to accommodate the choir rehearsal of the Guaraldi Jazz Mass. We will look at some of the great and not-so-great, famous and little-known women in the Old Testament.

Coffee Hour: Sunday, July 27, remains without refreshment hosts. A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Karen, 570-575-7005, can answer questions.

Summer choir: Do you enjoy singing, but can't commit to weekly rehearsals? Come and sing with the choir in worship August 24. The next rehearsal is Thursday, August 21, 7pm. For more information contact Connie Weiss, 570-466-4520.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Caleb, Jon, Wayne, Candace, Jen, Terry, Edward, Lee, Sue, Joseph, Baby Lyric, Lisa, Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Dennis, Bill, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, the Naeher family, Claire, Jeff Leas and family, Tim, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Renee, Sally, Terry, Renee, Wendy, Estelle, Janet.

LOVE THOSE



Come to the RailRiders ball game on Friday, August 1!

Game Time is 6:35 p.m.

Tickets are \$14.

The WBS RailRiders will play the Nashville Sounds
at PNC Field!

- Sign up in the Narthex or church office by **Sunday, July 20**. Contact Betty Keen with questions. Checks are payable to Betty Keen.
- **No large purses, bags, or backpacks** are permitted at the game. Plastic, see-through bags may be used.

On August 31: the Vince Guaraldi Jazz Mass

Our Jazz Communion service takes place this year on August 31. We are thrilled that the service will feature the Vince Guaraldi Mass.

Created for the inaugural year of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, Guaraldi presented this jazz mass six months before he received international fame as the composer of "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

As a special treat, we have invited Derrick Bang, Mr. Guaraldi's biographer, to talk about the work before the service at 9:30 in the sanctuary. To learn more about Derrick, visit his online blog.

Our choir will be joined by the choir of Our Lady of the Snows - and all are invited to sing with them. Choir rehearsals will be held on August 6, 13, and 27, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in our sanctuary. We ask that all singers attend at least two rehearsals.



Updated Church Directory: Bound copies of the latest Church Directory are on the cabinet in the Narthex. Please be sure to take one!

Our Nursery is staffed on Sunday from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it has a changing table, toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.

The Mission & Justice Committee is planning a morning at the CEO/ Weinberg Food Bank in Pittston on Saturday, **August 16, 9 a.m. to noon**. We will help pack boxes of food for qualifying citizens in our area in an assembly line manner. We will carpool from the church's back parking lot at 8:30 a.m. For questions, or to sign up to go, call Diane Scheuer (570-362-3276 or divinends@gmail.com).

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 20

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Deadline to order tickets for the August 1 RailRiders game.

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, July 23

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206

Thursday, July 24

- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

- 12 p.m., Pool Party, Farrell's home. Please RSVP Michael Thompson at mkthompson96@gmail.com or 518-577-8691.

Sunday, July 27

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online

Church summer office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Looking ahead:

- August 1, RailRiders ball game, 6:35 p.m.
- August 10, Parking Lot Picnic
- August 14, Mobile Food Pantry, 4-6 p.m.
- August 31, Annual Jazz Communion, 10 a.m.



Take a Presbyterian trip to Ireland

We are sponsoring a journey to the Emerald Isle. Scheduled for April 12-21, 2026, a group of Presbyterians will travel to Dublin, Galway, and all the spots in between. Brochures are available in the narthex. As with the trip to Scotland, we will use Witte Travel from Grand Rapids.

Reach out to [Rev. Bill Carter](#) or Jamie Strong with questions.

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Martha Labored in the Kitchen

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

1. Martha labored in the kitchen; there was much yet to be done! There was cooking,
cleaning, baking — too much work for anyone.
For the Lord had come to visit; Jesus sat there as her guest.
So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.
2. Mary sat and humbly listened to their guest — her Friend and Lord.
She just thought of Jesus' teaching — not the need for bread and board.
So when Martha came complaining, seeking Mary's help that day.
Jesus turned to her explaining, "Mary chose the better way."
3. God, we see in her distraction — Martha lost sight of her goal;
In her grumbling and complaining, she forgot food for the soul.
For there's always something pressing — something urgent we must do,
Yet for us there's also blessing in the time we spend with you.
4. Were there days when Mary labored, helping others, serving well?
Were there times when Martha savored stories Jesus loved to tell?
May we worship, pray and study; may we serve you well today!
All are needed on the journey as we travel Jesus' way.

Tune: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

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