

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
6th Sunday of Pentecost
July 17, 2022**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Candle Lighting

Life & Work of the Community

* Hymn Come in, Come in and Sit Down 395VU

Call to Worship [responsive reading] #407, O Joy of God]

Gathering Prayer

Minute for Mission

* Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre 374VU

Scripture Readings: Margaret Brady
Psalm 52, 777VU
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: *"Falling Off the Wagon"*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering Anthem *Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

Offertory Prayer

* Hymn Forgive Our Sins 364VU

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sending Forth God Will Find A Way

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings July 24, 2022

Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

Attendance last Sunday: 27

Thanks to The Rev. Dr. Larry Siebrands for conducting today's service. Rev. Canon Mark will be leading the service next week.

In Quiet Prayer: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Custodians for this month: Larry and Wendy Siebrands. Be helpful by taking your bulletin with you to share with someone else. Thanks.

In case you wondered....today's music was chosen with the Gospel story – Mary and Martha – specifically in mind. The first hymn, Come in, Come in and Sit Down #395 VU, was selected, because it might be Jesus' advice to Martha, "Instead of being consumed by many chores, come in and sit down. The middle hymn, Come and Find the Quiet Centre, VU #374, likewise reflects the words of Jesus, who in a way invites Martha to come and find the quiet centre, instead of obsessing over many tasks. Today's Anthem: Just a Little Talk with Jesus, seeks to focus on Mary's choice of actions, having a little talk with Jesus. And last, the closing hymn, Forgive Our Sins, #364, VU, highlights what Martha's actions might have been after being admonished by Jesus.

Choir does not meet this week. Their next meeting is Wednesday, August 3, 1:30 p.m. here at the church.

If you would be willing to read a Minute for Mission some Sunday, speak to Becky Gosbee. Also, if you would be willing to read the lessons some Sunday, please contact Kay Saunders. Thank you.

Delite has made available in the narthex Rapid Response kits, which are used to test for Covid. Assuming there are some still left, please take one if you think you might want to use it.

Martha And Mary
A poem by Dori Miller from Zine magazine

"Hurry now, get that quick."
"He's coming soon, here the clock tick?"
Martha scurried all about, to everyone her orders shout.
"Put fresh water in that vase!"
"Oh no, that chair is out of place"
"Sweep the floor, do the dishes, fix a lunch of bread and fishes."
Martha ran, to and fro, making everything just so.
"I see a mud spot on my floor, get the mop, Oh, here's some more."
"Get some water, make a stew, don't worry I know what to do."
"Oh goodness where could Mary be? I need help now, can't she see?"
"Mary!" Martha called once more. Then she hurried out the door.
"I bet she's out there having fun, playing dancing in the sun."
"While I stand here running quick, cleaning until I keel over sick"
"Forget about her, no time to waste, I've got to finish" she said with haste.
"Is dinner done?" she asked Miss Sue," The same old bread, that will never do"
"I want something fresh and new!"
As perspiration dripped from her brow, she heard some one talking now.
Turning left, walking quick, she saw Mary sitting sweet.
Listening, sitting there, right by Jesus feet.
"Mary" she called with clear frustration,
"Rest is not your occupation!"
"Jesus, please forgive Mary for not helping me,
I've called her twice now don't you see."
"Martha" Jesus said, "Rest a bit, over here now come and sit"
"Come in sit down, your work can wait, it's okay, it's not to late"
Martha obeyed, and sat down, a smile emerged, from her last frown.

From Broadview [July/August], our denominational magazine:
Forgotten Refugees – Ten months after the Taliban takeover, thousands of Afghans are stuck in limbo. We talked to three.
Expansive Theology – "God is not intimidated by questioning. A faith community that makes it okay to ask questions is important."

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