**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 20, 2025**

 Liturgist:

**PRELUDE** *Courante*  G. Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Recitative*  Kevin Norris (1939-1991)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are

distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. We remember who we are:

**All: We are the body of Christ.**

Leader: We remember whose we are:

**All: We are God’s beloved children.**

Leader: We remember our chief purpose:

**All: To glorify and enjoy God forever.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN #213** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*        RATHBUN

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions.**

**We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment,**

**but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world.**

**We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security.**

**Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity.**

**We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities,**

**leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important.**

**We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship.**

**Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path**

**as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN #581** *Glory Be to the Father*  GLORIA PATRI

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Colossians 1:15-20 p.956

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Organ Sonata in G* (K.38) Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 10:38-42 p.845

**SERMON** *Martha’s Many Tasks*Rev. Samantha Coggins

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Declaration of Faith)

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God**

**and open to God’s reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.**

**It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God’s work, celebrating with our family in Christ the Lord’s goodness.**

**We need constantly to search out God’s way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God’s present claim on us, and to assure us of God’s grace and comfort.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #394**    *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**\*BENEDICTION**

 **POSTLUDE** *Celebration J*ames Mansfield (1927-2018)

 This week’s liturgy is written by Stephanie Sorge, pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in

 Harrisonburg, and the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

 Today’s Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2OWLsNOsjk>

We gladly welcome our guest organist, Diane Kingsbury, to our sanctuary this morning.  Diane has graciously helped us on numerous occasions over the years, and we are most grateful to her for providing music for our worship service this morning.  Additionally, we express our sincerest condolences to Diane and her family on the recent loss of her husband, Jim.  May they find peace and solace throughout this difficult and challenging time.



Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Summitt Square: Ruth Quillen

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner Sandquist, Mike & Cathy Cunningham, Polly Bare, Olive Prettyman.

Friends and Family: Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Sally McNeel, Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Carolyn Hedrick-Williams, (Colleen Cash), Betsy Boswell (Curry), Shane Bennett (Bennett).

Military: Carson Craig, Michael Little

**School Supplies are being collected by the FOOD BANK**

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**Crayola Crayons Pens**

**Glue Sticks Scissors**

**#2 pencils Spiral Notebooks**

**Erasers**

 Summer book study meets this Wednesday, 7/23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Barksdale Room to discuss Gilead. We will be discussing pages 86-114. If you would like to attend, or you need a copy of the book, please contact Samantha (scoggins@firstpresway.com).

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