



*Mary, Martha and Jesus, 21st century. Artist: Peterson, Kathleen*

## ***Service for the Lord's Day***

**July 20, 2025**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

***Gathering Around the Word of Worship***

**Gathering Music**

Mike Kanan

**Striking of the Hour**

**Prelude**

*Wondrous Love*

Stewart Landon

**Welcome**

***We Rise in Spirit and in Body***

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

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. Let's pause and take a deep breath. We remember who we are:

**We are the body of Christ.**

We remember whose we are:

**We are God's beloved children.**

We remember our chief purpose:

**To glorify and enjoy God forever.**

Let us worship God!

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession** (unison)

O God, you are holy and steadfast in the pursuit of love and faithfulness. We worship and adore you. However, 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. 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 our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it's easier than sitting at Jesus' feet, learning what it means to follow him. 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.

*Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

**Confessional Anthem**

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**Declaration of Good News** (responsive)

This good news will not be taken away: We are seen as God's beloved children, holy and loved, reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Let us live into this good news: we are forgiven!**

**Passing the Peace of Christ** (responsive)

The love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**A Time with Young Christians** (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

***Hearing the Word***

*All Sit*

**Prayer for Illumination** (unison)

God of Wisdom, still our hearts and silence our distractions so that we can be fully present to your Word. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, let us hear what you have to say to us today, and give us the courage to listen and respond to your call. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** (responsive)

Colossians 1:15-20

[Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

**For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

**Anthem**

*Give Me Jesus*  
Mack Overfelt, soprano

David Cherwien

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, [Jesus] entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

**Sermon**

*The Icon of God*

Rev. Kyle Otterbein

### ***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 443**

*There Is a Redeemer*

GREEN

**Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

*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.**

*All Sit*

**Offering**

*Call to Offering*

**Offertory**

*Song of Trust*

Bertha R. Frick

*All Stand*

**Doxology**

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

**Generous God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. Use these gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community and the world. May they witness to your love and care for all people, as we offer our time and energy to do the same. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*All Sit*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (prayed through twice)**

*A Moment of Silence*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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*

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

*All Stand*

**Closing Hymn 450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*With Sounding Timbrel*

Chester Nordman

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*\*Note: Elements of today's worship liturgy have been adapted from liturgy written by Stephanie Sorge.*

Sermon Notes

**USHERS:** Hines and Kernohan families

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE:** Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, Jeremiah Simpson and Johnna Smith

**LAY READER:** Susan Thomison

**MEDIA PERSONNEL/SEXTON:** Claire Ellington/Sara Parkerson

**NURSERY:** Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY JULY 27:** Genesis 18:20–32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19]; Luke 11:1–13.

## **TODAY**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** this week will be Georgeanna Capito. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

**TODAY'S SOLOIST** Mack Overfelt has been a Collegiate Ensemble member since February of 2024. She is a rising senior Vocal Performance major at WKU where she is a member of the select WKY Chorale. She performed the role of Spirit in WKU's spring production of *Dido and Aeneas*. She has just returned from Lucca, Italy where, upon acceptance by audition, she participated in the Opera Lucca program. She studied Italian, performed various opera scenes, and was an ensemble member in the production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. Congratulations to you, Mack, and thank you for blessing us with your talents.

## **COMING UP:**

**LIVING WATERS CLASS** Want another way to experience growth in our resurrection life? Join Pastor Kyle in a special Bible Study on Wednesday, July 23. *Living Water: Watershed Moments* in the Scriptures will explore key passages in the Bible that help shape our central Christian understanding and life in Christ. Class will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**NEW OFFICERS-ELECT ELDERS AND DEACONS** Please join in welcoming and praying for these officers-elect as they prepare for their ordination and installation which will come later in August. We are grateful for their willingness to serve. The congregation elected the following people for service as elders and deacons:

### **Elders**

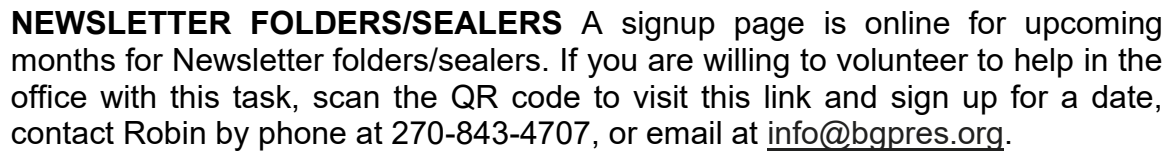
Claire Ellington (2026)  
Julia Roberts (2028)  
Clark Carthrae (2028)  
Buzz English (2028)  
Julie Wedge (2028)

### **Deacons**

Margaret Stein (2028)  
Laura Parkerson (2026)  
Jan Morgan (2028)  
Sharon Hendrix (2028)

**SAVE THE DATE** August 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m. with concert starting at 7:00 p.m.– **Sunset Jazz** featuring **Jazz West**. The Peggy and Larry Pack concert series is partnering again with Traveler's Cellar Winery located off Fuqua Road in Rockfield. We are excited to offer another great night of jazz, food, and refreshments at this beautiful venue. Bring lawn chairs and a lot of friends as we reach out to our community. Food trucks will be available from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**LAY READERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER** A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!





## WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

**Clerk of Session:** Debbie Trickey    **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

**Elders:** Class of 2025- Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden  
**Deacons:** Class of 2025- Barbara Brindle, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey; Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan

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### Calendar

#### Sunday, July 20

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Worship

#### Monday, July 21

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

#### Tuesday, July 22

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga  
11:00 a.m. Special Care  
1:00 p.m. CUICHM

#### Wednesday, July 23

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group  
10:30 a.m. Living Waters Class

#### Friday, July 25

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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