CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

Martha and Mary (2019)
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July 20, 2025

The Order for Morning Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025 Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit*

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service

Nursery is available in the Children's area on the lower level.
Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon.

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Jesu" George Winston

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

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

***Hymn 634** "To God Be the Glory" To God Be the Glory

***Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)**

Grant us this day, O God,
not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts
that can make us feel that you are not near.
Give us the chance, to sit at your feet,
to enjoy every word and every musical note
that we may feel your real presence
and in turn live out that presence
within our families, our communities, our jobs, and our schools.
Prepare us as we journey as your people, to worship and to obey.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the image of the invisible God,
and the firstborn over all creation. Amen.

Call to Confession

We live with this reality: God never forgets what we have done
but, in mercy, forgives those whose hearts are full of repentance.
Let us confess those things that break our relationship with God,
assured that God will never break relationship with us.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha. *Luke 10:38–42*
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.

prayer continues

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.
In the name of our loving Master. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 576 SINGAPURA

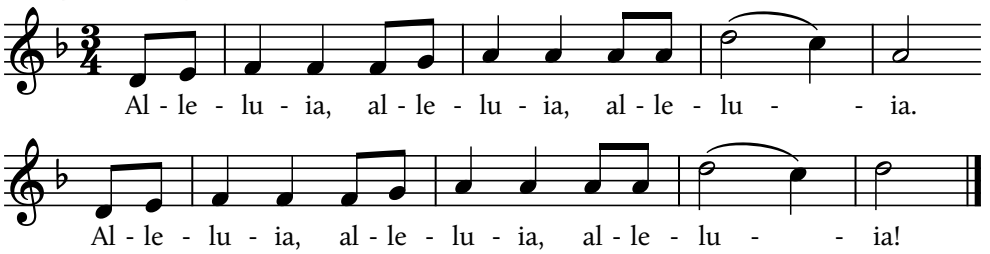
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Before, because of your evil thoughts and actions,
you were strangers and enemies of God.
Now, you have been reconciled to God
by the death and resurrection of Christ.
Now, you can live in peace,
restored by the blood shed on the cross.
Live thankfully! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
People: Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Response: Hymn 586** ALLELUIA 7

Children are now invited to come forward

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Following the Children's sermon, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out for kids' church. Nursery continues to be available starting at 10:15 AM until the conclusion of worship.

Leader: Now let us bless each other.
Adults: God be with you as you go.
Children: God be with you as you stay.

Prayer for Illumination

Open our hearts and our minds,
so that we can understand the fullness of your Word.
Fill us with the light of the Holy Spirit,
and bless the servant you have chosen,
to share the Word proclaimed today.
In the name of Christ, the Word revealed. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading *"The Basket of Fruit"* Amos 8:1–12
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 748–49
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 1048–49

Epistle Reading *"The Supremacy of Christ"* Colossians 1:15–28
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 956
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 244

***Hymn 450** "Be Thou My Vision" Slane

Gospel Reading *"Jesus Visits Mary and Martha"* Luke 10:38–42
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 845
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 87–88

Sermon "Stop and Listen" Rev. Benjamin George

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed,* p. 35

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Simple Song" from *Mass* Leonard Bernstein

***Doxology: Hymn 606** Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**

God, we give today in thankfulness
and with the assurance that anything we give will contribute
to the continuing growth of your kingdom in the world.
Give us wisdom as a church,
so that this offering is used for the sharing of your word
and the service of your people.
In the name of the One that gave us everything we are and have.
Amen.

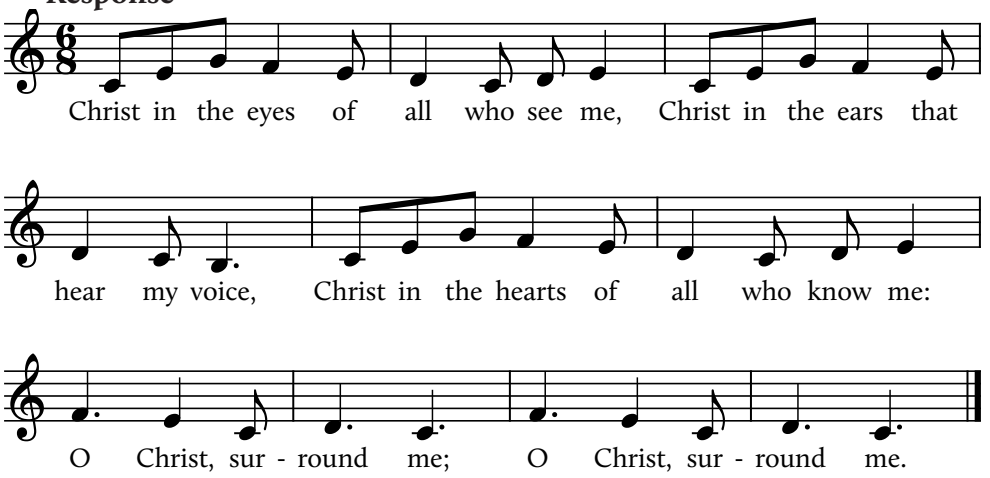
Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 702** "Christ Be Beside Me" BUNESSAN

***Benediction**

Response



The Cathedral Hour this morning is made possible through generous donations from members and friends of Christ Presbyterian Church.

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Cynthia Bartchy Hecht by her husband, Robert Hecht

Daily Grace

Using the liturgy from this Sunday's Order of Worship,
we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week.
We worship together…separately.

Scripture Readings: Worship texts for July 27, 2025

Mon: Hosea 1:2–10	Thurs: Luke 11:1–13
Tues: Psalm 85	Fri: Hosea 1:2–10
Wed: Colossians 2:6–15	Sat: Psalm 85

Activities for the Week of July 20, 2025

Sunday, July 20, 2025

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:15 AM	Seeing God in the Neighborhood (meet in Chapel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM	Mission Luncheon (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Online)
8:00 AM	Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

Friday

5:30 PM	Playground Family Meetup (Price Park)

Saturday

10:00 AM	Tiqvah Serve Day

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Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word* and *The Book of Common Worship*

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