

JULY 17, 2022  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Disciples listen to Jesus and serve.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Jesus visits Martha and Mary
Monday	Genesis 18:1-10a	A son is promised
Tuesday	Colossians 1:15-28	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	Proverbs 8:32-36	Listen to what you are taught
Thursday	Isaiah 28:23-26	Wisdom comes from the Lord
Friday	James 1:19-25	Hearing and doing the word
Saturday	Psalms 15	Worshiping the Lord
Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*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."*

**Luke 10:41-42 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Compassionate God, you who call us to serve and to listen to you, give us ears to hear and hearts to serve you and others for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, may we receive this food with a humble heart, remembering the needs of others for food and safety, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of abundance give you a heart ready to receive and share love with others.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is a characteristic of a follower of Jesus that you admire?
- When you get together with friends, would you rather listen or talk, serve or be served?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 10:38-42.

In a world where hospitality is very important and can mean the difference between life and death, this scripture reading points out one important distinction that can undermine true hospitality: worry that leads to distraction. In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus praises the woman who shows hospitality by washing his feet while Simon the Pharisee simply sits to listen to the teacher. Both listening and serving are important characteristics of a disciple. What is not a true characteristic is worry and distraction that takes one away from what is right in front of them, God's presence and the needs of one's neighbor. This story immediately follows the Good Samaritan parable and seems linked to it. Caring for others and listening to Jesus is not an either-or decision; it is a both-and.

*Discuss:* How does listening to God's word help you care for others?

*Pray:* **God of justice and love, help us to hear your message of compassion that sends us out into your world to care for others through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, is there someone you know who needs a listening ear?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Even when we are busy, we need to take time to listen to Jesus, as Mary did. If you're not in the practice of taking a few moments each day to hear God speak to you, consider setting time aside to do so. Turn off all electronics and distracting noises. Take a few deep breaths and relax. Begin with this prayer: **Lord help me not to be worried or distracted by many things and listen to you. Amen.** Sit quietly for a few minutes. Then finish your quiet time by saying the Lord's Prayer.



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