

**MINNESOTA VALLEY CHURCH**

**July 10, 2022**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE:** Carol Gustafson; Singers: Fugleberg

**HYMN #366 “Father, We Thank Thee for the Night”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 41**

**MEN:** Blessed is he who has regard for the weak;

**WOMEN:** the LORD delivers him in times of trouble.

**MEN:** The LORD will protect him and preserve his life;

**WOMEN:** he will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes.

**MEN:** The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness.

**WOMEN:** Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,

**ALL:** from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

**HYMN #362 “Jesus Loves the Little Children”**

**PASTOR ONLY:** *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**PASTOR & CONGREGATION:** *We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: To Busy to Play**

**READER:**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** *Lev 19:9-18 "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God. 11 "Do not steal. "Do not lie. "Do not deceive one another. 12 "Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. 13 "Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. "Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight. 14 "Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. 15 "Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. 16 "Do not go about spreading slander among your people. "Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD. 17 "Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. 18 "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.*

**EPISTLE LESSON:** *Colossians 1:1-14 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.*

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints- 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**READER:** Here ends the reading of God's Word.

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** God be praised, for His glad Tidings!

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen

**GLORIA PATRI:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is not, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONGS:** 1 or 2 praise songs chosen by CAROL

**SERMON:** "TO BUSY SERVING GOD TO LOVE HIM" Luke 10:38-42

*Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*

### **I. MARTHA'S OPEN HOME**

*Luke 10:38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.*

### **II. MARY'S LOVING HEART**

*Luke 10:39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.*

### **III. MARTHA'S MISTAKEN PRIORITIES**

*Luke 10:40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"*

#### IV. MARY'S SECURE TREASURE

*Luke 10:41-42 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."*

*Now may the peace of God, that surpasses all human comprehension, guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen*

#### HYMN #381 "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts"

**LORD'S PRAYER:** *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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*

**BENEDICTION:** The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and grant you peace. Amen

#### Closing Song chosen by Carol

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