



**MARY &  
MARTHA**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Morning from Peer Gynt Debi Szeliga	Edvard Grieg
Song	Home	
Pastor's Welcome		
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Moment		
Music Ministry	America the Beautiful Joan Johnson	Samuel A. Ward
Time of Prayer		Allison, Ivy, and Brent Plaxton
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	Sparrows Middle School Choir and Youth Band	Jason Gray
Doxology #95		*UMH
Scripture	Luke 10:38-42 Dane Plaxton	**NRSV
Message	Misunderstood	Myra Moreland
Song #2172	We Are Called Liz Wright, Songleader	***FWS

Benediction

\* United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\* New Revised Standard Version  
\*\*\* Faith We Sing

## RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Cindy Vandermark; Dick LaCombe; Daphne Mitchell; Paula Derkowski; Joe Waisanen Jr; Grace Perkins; Bob & Michele Prud'homme; Crystal Clark; Marian Kremer; Betty Locke; Charlie Yago; Megan Backes; Marguerite Nowacek; Phil & Jane Button; Bill Young; Krista Conyers; Nancy Lorenz; John Wagster; Charlene Faunt; Pastor Jeff Nelson; The Riggs Family

**Prayers for our extended family:** Jamie Radick; Pat Callahan; Effie Lambros; Margie Reese; Pam Payne; Tim Bell; Bernice Amell; Laurie Harris Wiener; Heidi and Dan Grogan; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19; Marilyn Mansfield; Scott Schell; Margaret O'Donnell; Don & Ann Anderson; Kris Beachum

**Senior Spotlight:** Pecky & Vivian Lewis

**Sympathy** to the family of former member Karen Goddard on her death.

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our  
Pastoral Care Team at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This week we are looking at those two sisters from the New Testament, Mary and Martha. In honor of the "sisters" we put out a call for pictures and have gotten some great ones. Look for them on Sunday. I also read some wonderful sister stories; the grandmother who wrote letters with her five sisters every week from 1930 to 1960, now the grandchildren are keeping the tradition alive; the sister who moved across the country for too many years but came home to Michigan to live just a few doors down from her sister. Ginny Panone has one of the most heartwarming stories. She just discovered she has a sister; now they talk every day. Sisters, whether they are by choice or by relation, are a key part of our lives. We are celebrating that this weekend.

There is a lot we can learn from Mary and Martha, about loyalty, about respect and about love, not to mention they had a special friend named Jesus who often stopped by for dinner. Even in that last week of his time on earth, as

things around Jesus began to spin faster and faster, he headed to Bethany to rest. Bethany, the village of his good friend Mary and Martha.

Join us on Sunday for pictures and music and a deep dive into a New Testament story.

Don't forget, next Saturday is our Pentecost Parade. Wear red, decorate your car and drive by the church from 9 until noon. Drop off items for Redford Brightmoor. Let's fill up our containers with:

- Nonperishable food items
- Personal care items
- Baby care items

Finally, in response to the President's statement this afternoon, I know that many of you are asking if we are returning to the sanctuary this weekend. The short answer is "no". We are following the guidelines from our Bishop, our Methodist Conference, and our Governor who has extended the stay at home order until June 12th. Our building remains closed and we will worship via live stream until the stay at home order is lifted and until we feel it is truly safe to be together in the sanctuary. We have begun a plan to slowly and cautiously reopen and we will keep you posted on what that means in terms of returning to worship in the sanctuary. We are still months away from a vaccine and we are dealing with a virus we don't fully understand. Be careful and stay safe.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Meyer*