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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 2025
10 o'clock

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First Church's worship services are live streamed every Sunday downstairs in our church library, the John P. Webster Library. Watch church while your toddler plays in our children's area or if you need a separate place to worship for any other reason.

Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts
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FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

JULY 20, 2025

PRELUDE

Mary and Martha

Susan Mack Snipes

Michael Loveland and Kurt Swanson, soloists

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Malley

One: Come, people of faith, take refuge in God’s presence.

Many: We want to put God first in our lives, relying on God’s power.

One: Gather in awe and appreciation before the Creator of life.

All: It is inspiring to realize God’s all-encompassing authority.

One: Know that Christ is the mirror image of the invisible God.

Many: We are Christ’s church, seeking to live faithfully, gathered in his name.

†HYMN 100

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

†OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, your presence in our lives is like a green olive tree—a joy to the heart and a blessing to the spirit. Your movement in our midst is like a basket of summer fruit— a delight to the eye and a pleasure to the tongue. Speak to us your words of life, that we may sit at your feet and know that we are yours. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Badri Borhan-Mojarrab and Abraham Mahjoob

ANTHEM

De Colores

Folk Song

Liz Oman-Wilfrid, soloist

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42(NT p. 87-88)

†RESPONSE (HYMN 263)

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WOLFE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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† Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

SERMON

Martha-mania

Rev Fredd Ward

HYMN 99

O, How I Love Jesus

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Let us not just place money in the plate. Let us offer our material blessings and our whole lives in proclaiming our trust in God’s loving presence.

OFFERTORY

Down By the Riverside

STUDY WAR NO MORE

Liz Oman-Wilfrid, soloist

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, like baskets of summer fruit, you fill our lives to overflowing. May the offerings we return to you this day reflect our gratitude for your many blessings. May they symbolize our commitment to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through your goodness and our gifts, may the world come to know the richness of your love. Amen.

†HYMN 15

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

MARION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Celebration

James Mansfield

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!