

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 75 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



Mary and her sister, Martha, with the Lord

Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

July 20, 2025
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Here are a few tips to help you participate:

“*” Invites all who are able to stand.

Bold type invites reading or singing by the congregation.

Italic type invites silent reading by the congregation.

Large print hymnals are available from the usher.

Please return hymnals after the service.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
July 20, 2025

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Arr. Todd Billingsley

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #627

"I Love You, Lord"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...joining creation's chorus with our new songs of praise. **Amen.**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD #466

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Voice 1: Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha. We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to stop and notice the creation you have given us and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people. We do not take time to study the Bible and pray, alert to your lessons for us.

Voice 2: Sometimes, O God we behave like Mary. We devote too much time to pious pursuits, thinking that all we are commanded to do is to love God, and we forget to serve our neighbor, forgetting that sometimes serving others means getting our hands dirty.

All: **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.**

*Silence for personal confession. God's people say **Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF FORIVENESS

In Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other. We are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE #606

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Capture our attention, great Teacher, that the truth you tell and the truth that you are will be our eternal treasure, never to be taken from us. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Sister Act”

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN #700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone; we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

United Church of Canada, 1980

JOYS & CONCERNS

If you would like to share a Joy or Concern, we would like to hear it. In order to hear it, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

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.

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #541

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Stanzas 1 and 2

*BENEDICTION

Receive the blessing of God, whose mercy knows no ends.
Receive the blessing of Christ, who has given us words of life.
Receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, who gives us power to do God's will.
Receive the blessing of the Triune God. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" *Refrain*

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist:	Margie Gumowski
Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis
Music Director:	Marilyn Padon
Organist:	Pam Ferrell

Prayer List

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com*

Prayers of Joy

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Ed Bailey	Emily Holton*	Don Shroder*
Jack Binning	Ravi Isaiah	Bill Wagner
Larry Graham	Cheryl Laws	Mike Whitten*
Mary Graham	Hollie McCraw	
	Rick McGuire	

- Prayers for all those in Texas who lost loved ones, their homes, and pets in the Fourth of July flood on the Guadalupe River.
- We pray for peace in the world. We pray for our world leaders to do what is right and just. We pray for all the people in the world who are effected by war: The children, the common person, the armies, the leaders. Grant us courage and grace during the coming weeks.
- Praying for peace in the Ukraine/Russia conflict and the hostages and their families.
- Climate change as evidenced by more severe and deadly storms, fires, floods, and prolonged heat waves locally, nationally, and globally. These events are causing large numbers of injuries and deaths of people, disruptions of food supplies, and many animal & plant species to greatly diminish and even go extinct

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker
Jeff Barker
Brent Bishop
Nigel Jeffries

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Joel Callison, Pocahontas Center; Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at Home –Donie Argento, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans; Spencer Presbyterian Church; Kiandu Church (Kay-ah-DOH’); Riamukurwe Parish (RAY-eh-moh-KOH’ROHeh)