

## Sermon Notes

Welcome and Announcements	Laura Gardner
Prelude “God Bless America”	Glenda Gray, piano
* Responsive Reading	
* Gloria Patri	“Glory Be to the Father” UMH 70
* Hymn	“Battle Hymn of the Republic” UMH 717
Offertory	“This I Pray” Chancel Choir
* Doxology	UMH 94
* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication	
Kids’ Moments	
Song for Illumination	“Jesus, Draw Me Close” TFWS 2159
Scripture Reading	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Sermon	“Yoked Together” Tim Robinson
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon	
Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen	
The Great Thanksgiving	
Lord’s Prayer	
Giving the Bread and Cup	
Prayer after Communion	
* Hymn	“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS 2158
* Benediction	
* Postlude	Glenda Gray, piano Ray Johnson, organ

### The Encounters

*Jesus is not afraid to meet you where you are.*

Remember the moments that you encountered Jesus.  
Who played a role?

What does He want you to remember and why?

### The Choice is Yours

*Jesus invites, we respond.*

In what ways are Jesus gently and humbly calling you into a deeper relationship with him?

What did Jesus tell the weary and burdened to sacrifice?

### The Yoke is Designed for Two

*Jesus is your pulling partner!*

Where have you struggled? Grown?

What truths/promises is He asking you to hold on to?

### Practical Next Steps:

- Avoid looking back
- Trust the process
- Stay yoked with Jesus
- Practice gratitude

## Prayer Concerns

Linda DeBord; Doris Cox; Warren Larson; Ann Keith; Nellie Stover; Amy Reedy; Joyce Weldon; Jacques Weldon (Joyce Weldon's nephew); Philip Weldon (Joyce Weldon's brother); Phyllis Charles; Susan Flanary; Amanda Flanary; Randy Smith; Pauline Smith; Roni Acuff; Mike Hartwyk (Bobbie Carico's nephew); Billy Reeves (Jackson Coleman's grandfather); James Bowden (Helen Alley's father); John W. & Kellie with family; Kyle Mustard (Annie Coleman's grandfather); J.C. Qualls (Jason Robinette's brother-in-law); Dunna Jordan; Anna Raimondi; Shane McMackin; Mark Slaughter; Bradley Jessup.

***If you would like to be added to the Prayer Warriors list and receive an email when prayer requests come in, please email Ray at [rjohnson@mafairumc.org](mailto:rjohnson@mafairumc.org).***

***You are also welcome to join the Intercessory Prayer Group that meets in the Parlor (Room 104) on Tuesdays at 10:30am.***

When we pray for others, we are redirecting our attention away from our own anxieties and toward the real needs of people and situations we cannot control. It trains us to see the world more truthfully, to acknowledge suffering without rushing to fix it, and to place responsibility where it belongs: in trust that God is actively engaged. At the same time, intercessory prayer changes the one who prays. It exposes our assumptions about who is worthy of care and how outcomes “should” unfold. Praying for someone over time reshapes our posture toward them, softening judgment and sharpening compassion. Intercession binds us to others in a way that cannot be dismissed once the prayer ends. Intercessory prayer is less about influencing God’s attention and more about aligning ourselves with God’s concern for the world.

# This week at Mafair

Rooms: FH Fellowship Hall TPC The Prospect Center  
B01-B09 Basement 101-109 First Floor 201-209 Second Floor

## Sunday

8:30am Staff Meeting · 104  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:30am Chancel Choir warmup · 105  
11:00am Worship · Sanctuary

## Monday

7:30am Recovery Resources · TPC  
6:00pm Recovery Resources · TPC

## Tuesday

8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · TPC  
10:30am Intercessory Prayer Group · 104

## Wednesday

3:30pm Worship Planning · 103  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal · Sanctuary

## Thursday

6:00pm Bible Study · TPC

### Twelve Step Groups at the Prospect Center

These are all open meetings and for men and women unless otherwise specified.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** ..... 9:30am Sun & Sat  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** ..... Noon Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** ..... 2:00pm every day  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** ..... 7:00pm Sun  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (Women)**..... 6:30pm Wed  
**Al-Anon** ..... 4:00pm Sun & 4:30pm Thu  
**Drug Addicts Anonymous** ..... Noon Sun & 8:30pm Fri  
**Narcotics Anonymous** ..... Noon Thu & 7:00pm Sat

# Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here. If you'd like to learn more about Mafair, please fill out a green information sheet from the pew rack.

Worshipping with children? You're welcome to keep them with you or use our nursery for infants through age 3. We also have quiet activities available at the sanctuary entrance.

Children are invited to the front for a brief message, followed by Kids' Church.

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**Nursery:** Infants through age 3, located downstairs in Room B03.

**Kids' Church:** For children ages 3–7, held downstairs in the Lower Elementary classroom (Room B07). At the end of the service, parents pick up their children from Kids' Church.

**Hearing Assistance:** Hearing-assisted devices are available at the sanctuary entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### Mafair Staff

Pastor ..... Tim Robinson  
Director of Student Ministries ..... Annie Coleman  
Director of Children's Ministries ..... Susan Jenkins  
Nursery Attendant ..... Piper Benton  
Music Director ..... Christina Brennan  
Pianist ..... Glenda Gray  
Operations Manager ..... Ray Johnson  
Sound Technician ..... Bob Sacco

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

## July 5, 2026



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