

Manilla United Methodist Church

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sometimes doing the right thing is the hardest thing in the entire world. sometimes it costs you everything you have.”—Enid Healy

*Please stand as you are comfortable

Bold print indicates congregational response

Prelude Video— “Jesus Loves Me” (about 2:10)

***Call to Worship:**

Leader—We gather to worship God with our full, imperfect selves.

People—We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

Leader—We gather as people who don’t always know what to do in the face of difficult and complex circumstances.

People—We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

Leader—We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we actually do.

People—We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

Leader—Whether you come to worship today wondering if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments of goodness that remind you grace is still at work among us, you are welcome here.

People—We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows us how to live, work, play, and rest as a community of faith woven together by Love. Amen

***Opening Prayer (Unison):**

God of heaven and earth, we gather in Your presence with thanksgiving and praise for the way in which You have revealed Yourself to us. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we have come to know and love You; we have witnessed Your love and mercy in action; we have caught a glimpse of Your heart, and we have received the call to follow. Continue to reveal Yourself to us as we

worship. May Your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to Your presence here, and to the word that You have for us this morning. We long to meet You here, and to know You better. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. Amen.

***Opening Hymn—TFWS #2271— “Come, Come, Everybody Worship”**

Joys & Concerns — Silent Prayer — Pastoral Prayer — Lord’s Prayer

Offering/Offering Prayer/*TFWS #2026— “Give Thanks” (video)

Hymn—UMH #526— “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Scripture—Romans 7: 15-25a and Matthew 11: 16-19 and 25-30

Message— “It’s Exhausting”

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Lord, we come before you this day confessing that we don’t understand our own actions. The very things we want to do, we don’t do. Too often, we find ourselves doing the very things we hate. We need you this day, Lord. The harmful behaviors we tried to put down, we keep picking back up, and our soul is hurting. The chance we had to fix that broken relationship came, But anger and rage rose up again, Inflicting harm and abuse upon the very people we said we loved. We need you this day, Lord. The opportunities we have been praying for came, But fear, lack of confidence, and low self-esteem drove them away. Lord, the good we want to do, we don’t do; and the evil we hate doing, we just keep doing. Lord, what messed-up souls we are. We need you now, Lord, this day. Rescue us from works that lead to death; save us from self-destructive behaviors. We submit our lives into your hands right now.

(Silence)

**Thank you, God, for your Son Jesus, who will make it all right.
Thank you for your Son Jesus. He will heal our sin-sick souls.
Thank you, God, for Jesus Christ, our Lord. When we find it
difficult to do the right thing, we will place our trust in you. We
are convinced that we can do all things through Christ who gives
us strength. Glory to God! Amen.**

**Holy Communion (short form) Video to be played during
communion "Come to the Table"**

Closing Hymn—UMH #191— "Jesus Loves Me"

***Benediction/Sending Forth/Extinguishing Altar Candles
UMH #2214— "Cares Chorus" (video)**

July 12

Greeters/Candle lighter/Liturgist: Sandi Brus

July 19

Greeters/Candle lighter/Liturgist: Barb Wuestewald

July 26

Greeters/Candle lighter/Liturgist: Kathy Jorgensen

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