

Celebration of Worship

June 19, 2022

Juneteenth

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Reflection

Known to some as the country's "second Independence Day," Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of enslaved people in the United States at the end of the Civil War. Juneteenth marks the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States until 1865. President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation had outlawed slavery two years earlier, but enforcement of the proclamation generally relied upon the advance of Union troops. Texas, as the most remote of the states that allowed slavery, did not end slavery until a Union Army general proclaimed freedom from slavery on June 19, 1865, a date that has since been celebrated as Juneteenth. The first celebrations of the day started in 1866.

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Call to Worship Based on *Psalms 42*

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek our God.

People: Where is our God? In the cleansing of the rain, in the refreshing of a pool, in the predictability of a faucet.

Leader: With glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, our voices lift toward our God.

People: Where is our God? In the melody of voices raised in concert, in the stillness of silence, in the cacophony of spontaneous praise.

Leader: As deep calls to deep, we come to worship the Living God.

**People: Where is our God? In the echoes of our prayers, in the reverence of bowed heads, in the hope of raised faces.
The Holy One is with us.**

Invocation

Leader: Holy Wisdom, we hear You calling us to gather and to hope in Your name. Ignite sacred courage in us to proclaim the good news of justice from the comfort of the sanctuary to the public witness of the city gates. Inspire a compelling vision of a gracious, beloved, and empowered community that propels us to confront inequities, challenge privilege, and participate in Your creative work in our time. Renew our hope for humanity so that we might rejoice in this inhabited world and delight in our siblings. Amen.

Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Holy and Gracious God, fear seeks to be our constant companion. It stifles us with its overwhelming presence and prolific imagination. Fear surrounds us and blocks our vision and Your path. Fear keeps us from picking up our cross as much as it suppresses our joy in You. Fear invites us to believe the easy lie rather than confronting the hard truths necessary for Your kingdom to come. Too often we cast off Your perfect love in favor of insidious fear. Forgive us for choosing fear when we could have You, Your presence, and Your way as our companion on our journey. Empower us to reject fear and all that fall complicit in dampening Your truth.

Words of Grace

Leader: *Romans 5:1b-2a* reminds us that "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand." That grace promises the glory of transformation through the acknowledgement of need for it. New life awaits as "*hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*" (v.5) Receive grace, embrace transformation, and enter the newness of life in which Christ fashions our struggles into character and hope.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Passing of the Peace

Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* # 394

Scripture Readings *Psalm 43*
Galatians 3:23-29

Special Music *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Gabriel
Kathy Barbehenn - soprano

Scripture Reading *Luke 8:26-39*

Sermon *All Kinds of Freedom*
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Good News Creed

All: This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day; and that He appeared to the women, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Offering Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors,
mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website 'Give' button

Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* # 563

Benediction

Postlude

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Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.



Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

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 angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Arise, your light is come! The spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.
Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.
Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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Refrain --
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. Refrain --
Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge, He'll not refuse to lend. Refrain --
If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." Refrain --

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MEMORY VERSE

*"This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.
Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light;
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, June 19th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, June 26th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 65:1-9</i>	<i>I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 22:19-28</i>	<i>Psalm 16</i>
New Testament	<i>Galatians 3:23-29</i>	<i>Galatians 5:1, 13-25</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 8:26-39</i>	<i>Luke 9:51-62</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by Live Streaming.
2. SUNDAY SERVICES continue to be live-streamed. You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>
or **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
3. FOR OUR CHILDREN - Children will remain in worship during the summer months. Worship bags containing puzzle sheets, story books and coloring pictures are available each Sunday in the back of the Sanctuary for children attending worship. These bags should be returned at the end of worship to be refilled for the following week.
4. SUMMER MISSION - We are collecting for two projects this summer: Keeping Our Promise resettles refugees who have been our allies during wars in this countries, and Jennifer House provides housing, counseling, and additional help for women who have been incarcerated or otherwise disadvantaged. Our goal is \$8000. Please designate your gifts for "Summer Mission" in the memo line of your check, or use the small brown envelopes found in the chair racks.
5. SUMMER READING - Do you ever experience doubt or have a question about a long held Christian belief but are afraid to ask? The Adult Education Committee invites you to include in your summer reading a book by Rachel Held Evans entitled, "*Faith Unraveled: How a Girl Who Knew All the Answers Learned to Ask Questions.*" Follow-up discussion will take place in the fall. Books are available for purchase in the Narthex at a reduced price of \$10. If you would like a book brought to you at home, please contact Carol Walck at cwalck@rochester.rr.com or 585-738-6975.
6. SUMMER OFFICE HOURS have begun. The office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9 am to noon. A secretary or pastor will be available other times, but on a more flexible schedule. Please call ahead to ensure someone is available to help you.
7. AN INCREASE NEED FOR FOOD is evident in the Webster community with the rise in food prices. Donations of peanut butter, cereals, crackers, pasta, sauce, tuna, chunky canned soups, and canned veggies and fruits are most appreciated.
8. SHARE YOUR TALENTS - There are many ways to be involved in helping with worship this summer:
 - Give a Children's Message the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month. You can create your own, or a short, easy message will be provided for you to share with the children. Call Sally Turner (671-9045)
 - Be a Liturgist - Help during the service by leading the congregation in liturgy and reading scripture. Contact Bob Blakey (317-7523)
 - Provide Special Music - Share your vocal or instrumental talents to enhance the worship service. Call Lee Ann Daigle (889-0120)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, June 19

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

Monday, June 20

- 7:00 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10 and on Zoom

Tuesday, June 21

- 5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, June 22

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant

Thursday, June 23

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Saturday, June 25

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, June 26

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel