Celebration of Worship

July 17, 2022

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

Moments for Mission

Reflection

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Ringing of the Bell

Song Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us gather in spirit and truth to worship the Holy One!

- People: We come as green olive trees, fragrant with life and vibrancy.
- Leader: Let us praise the God who reveals, questions, and listens.
- People: We come as green olive trees, ripe with possibilities.

Leader: Let us give thanks for God's abiding and faithful love.

People: We come as green olive trees, proclaiming the goodness of God and creation.

Invocation

Leader: Divine Gardener, we need your care and nurture. Fertilize our soil and our souls. Plant seeds of wisdom, inspiration, and discernment. Prune us today for more abundance tomorrow. Refresh us with living water. Revive us again. Amen.

Hymn Be Thou My Vision # 339

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Creator, we seek the transformative power of your grace that chastens, convicts, and challenges us to change. Make us new in the pruning of bitterness and resentment, jealousy and comparison, apathy and indifference. Liberally water us in grace that we would bear fruit. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Transformation and new life wait for us on the other side of the process of growth. Through it all, God is with us.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Hymn	Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee	# 310		
Scripture Reading Matthew 5:21-26				
Special Music	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	Temple		
Vocal Ensemble				

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Scripture Reading	Galatians 3:23-29
Sermon	Love that Unifies
	Rev. Aaron Neff

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 Benediction More Love to Thee, O Christ

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Postlude

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.

Be Thou My Vision # 339

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art -Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee # 310

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast, But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show: The love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be. Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

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.

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest. Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise. This be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, July 17th</u>	Next Sunday, July 24th
Old Testament	Genesis 18:1-10a	Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm	Psalm 15	Psalm 138
New Testament	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-19
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13

MEMORY VERSE

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by Live Streaming.
- 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/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA
- 3. WELCOME PASTOR AARON NEFF The Rev. Aaron Neff will be sharing his message with us as he and Pastor Phil are exchanging pulpits this morning. Rev. Neff is the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford and is also the Moderator-Elect of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley later this month. He has pastored and served in other ministerial roles at other churches in New York and New Jersey. He has theological degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, Wheaton College Graduate School, and the University of Valley Forge. He, his wife, and their three young children live in Fairport. In his free time, he enjoys adventuring with his family, fishing, kayaking, and learning new things from his kids. He can't wait to see the Buffalo Bills win the Super Bowl this year!
- 4. 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.
- 5. SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We are again collecting school supplies for Williamson and Eastern Service Workers. Needs include: backpacks, flash drives, scientific calculators, spiral notebooks, notebook paper, composition notebooks, 3-ring binders, pocket folders, construction paper, markers, highlighters, colored pencils, crayons, pencil cases and sharpeners, pens, #2 pencils, large erasers, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, bottles of glue and facial tissue. If you wish, you can stop at the Apple Tree in the Narthex and take one or more apples to help with your shopping! Collection bins are located in the upper and lower Narthex. Please submit your donations by August 14th.
- 6. SUMMER MISSION We are collecting for two projects this summer: Keeping Our Promise resettles refugees who have been our allies during wars in their countries, and Jennifer House provides housing, counseling, and additional help for women who have been incarcerated or otherwise disadvantaged. 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.

- 7. SHARE YOUR TALENTS There are many ways to be involved in helping with worship this summer:
 - <u>Give a Children's Message</u> 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)
 - <u>Be a Liturgist</u> Help during the service by leading the congregation in liturgy and reading scripture. Contact Bob Blakey (317-7523)
 - <u>Provide Special Music</u> Share your vocal or instrumental talents to enhance the worship service. Call Lee Ann Daigle (889-0120)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 19

5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, July 20

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 3:30 P.M. Alzheimer's Group in Room 9/10

Thursday, July 21

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Saturday, July 23

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, July 24

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