## Celebration of Worship

May 21, 2023 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** 

**Moment for Mission** 

**Reflection** Dorothy Steward

"God of love, help us to remember that Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world. Ours are the hands with which to bless everyone now. Ours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good.

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

**Call to Worship** 

Leader: I tell you this: It is a wonderful thing when members of the

family live together in love and peace.

People: They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

Leader: May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one,

that Christ may be glorified in us.

People: They shall yield good fruit in its season, and their leaf

shall never wither.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Invocation

All: Lord, You invite us -- not some of us, all of us; not the good and the righteous, all of us unconditionally.

Lord, we come -- meeting You, meeting each other, accepting each other unconditionally.

Join us, Lord. Guide us to worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen.

Song How Great Is Our God Insert

**Prayer of Confession** 

All: Blessed One, You created human beings for Your glory and pleasure. Forgive us for being self-absorbed and choosing to live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of Your Spirit, Your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above Yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry Your loving compassion to a hurting world. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: As the Body of Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's witnesses. Each of us has our own story of what Jesus' life means for us. Through our life-stories we can convey hope to the hopeless, joy to the downtrodden, and peace where there is turmoil. Therefore, let us "clothe ourselves in humility," sharing the Good News of Christ, that

we "may all be one." In this God is well pleased.

Gloria Patri

**Dedication of Yellow Rose Endowment Gifts** 

Children's Time

Passing of the Peace of God

**Hymn** Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers # 325

Scripture Readings Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Anthem One Song Pepper Choplin

**Chancel Choir** 

When God's people are wounded by holy war, and brother fights brother in the name of the Lord, I find myself praying that it won't be too long 'til we all join together in one song.

When God's family is broken, each goes his own way, and I feel so lost, I don't know what to pray, But still I'll go forward to follow the call to join people together in one song.

One song, like the one sung in heaven. One song, united in love. There will be no division, everyone will belong as we stand before Christ singing one song.

So come and build bridges and tear down the wall. Let our love for each other be a witness to all. They will see us united, and we'll sing it out strong as we praise our Great Savior in one song.

**Scripture Reading** 

John 17:1-11

Sermon

A Conversation with God and a Prayer for Your Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 and Yellow Rose Gifts

Hymn Your Peace Will Make Us One

Benediction

Postlude \* \* \* \* \*

#### Yellow Rose Gifts

# Donations have been given to the Endowment Fund by:

Joyce Bradstreet in honor and memory of Jane Parker and Wilma Brucker;

Arlene Sahmel in memory of Will Sahmel;

Sally Turner in loving memory of Jeanne & Bob Rice;

Mary & Greg Vick in memory of Jane Parker;

Dawn Wiley in memory of Robert Wiley.

### **Webster Presbyterian Church**

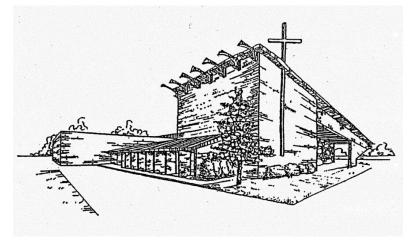
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> Interim Pastor Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.



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## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

#### 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.

#### How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty –
Let all the earth rejoice; let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide;
It trembles at His voice; it trembles at His voice.

#### Refrain:

How great is our God; sing with me, How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The God-head three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The lion and the lamb; the lion and the lamb. Refrain:

## **Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers**

# 325

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house Your home. Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light; to us reveal our emptiness and woe, And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame. Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove and spread Your wings, the wings of peaceful love, And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers; make a lost world Your home. Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Your Peace Will Make Us One

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.
You are speaking truth to power; You are laying down our swords,
Replanting every vineyard till a brand new wine is poured.
Your peace will make us one.

I've seen You in our home fires burning with a quiet light. You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night; Your gentle love is patient, You will never fade or tire. Your peace will make us one.

#### Refrain:

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Your peace will make us one.

In the beauty of the lilies You were born across the sea With a glory in Your bosom that is still transfiguring, Dismantling our empires till each one of us is free. Your peace will make us one. Refrain

#### **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

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- 2. THE FLOWERS on the communion table are given by Arlene Sahmel in memory of her husband, Will Sahmel.
- 3. ADULT ED. -- Join us today after the worship service in Room 9/10 or on Zoom to discuss the topic "Does Prayer Really Heal People?" using thoughts by pastor and author John Pavlovitz. The link to his article: https://johnpavlovitz.com/2023/01/11/do
- 4. THE JUNE PATHWAY DEADLINE was yesterday. Articles, including all summer information, must be submitted by the end of the day today to both <a href="mailto:jchippero@websterpres.org">jchippero@websterpres.org</a> and <a href="mailto:ghubbard@websterpres.org">ghubbard@websterpres.org</a>
- A PICNIC hosted by the Deacons will take place following the All-Music Sunday worship service on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to join them for food, fun and fellowship. Sign-ups begin today in the Narthex, or you can call the church office (265-9700).
- 6. SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING COLLECTION for Cameron Community Ministries continues through the month of May. New and gently used men's (especially needed), children's and women's clothing can be placed in the blue plastic collection tubs in the Narthex and upper hallway. Nothing in your closets? Consider purchasing one or more items at places like Savers, Goodwill, etc. Thank you!
- 7. LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES are grateful for your donations. Current needs of the community are peanut butter, granola bars, fruit juice in cans and bottles, applesauce in jars, canned tuna, pasta, pasta sauce in jars, and more are always appreciated!

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#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction And faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Sunday, May 21

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion on Prayer and Healing in Room 9/10 & Zoom
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 4:00 P.M. Youth to the Club House Fun Center
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troops 489 & 617 in the Memorial Room and Room 9/10

#### Monday, May 22

- 6:00 P.M. Rachel Circle Walk at the Arboretum
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

#### Tuesday, May 23

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

#### Wednesday, May 24

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop in the Social Room

#### Thursday, May 25

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

#### Friday, May 26

10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

#### Saturday, May 27

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

#### Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost Sunday - Communion

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Bible Trivia in Room 9/10

#### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	Today, May 21st	May 28 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	Isaiah 45:1-7	Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
New Testament	Acts 1:6-14 I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	Acts 2:1-21 I Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gospel	John 17:1-11	John 20:19-23