

# Celebration of Worship

July 2, 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

**Reflection** From *Transformed Nonconformist* by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
“We need to recapture the Gospel glow of the early Christians who were nonconformists in the truest sense of the word and refused to shape their witness according to the mundane patterns of the world. Willingly they sacrificed fame, fortune and life itself on behalf of the cause they knew to be right.”

## Ringling of the Bell

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

## Call to Worship

Leader: O Sing to God a song of joy,

**People: For we have been greeted by our God.**

Leader: O Dance for God a waltz of welcome,

**People: For we have been embraced by our God.**

Leader: O Create for God a portrait of hope,

**People: For we have been inspired by our God.**

## Invocation

**All: Our hearts leap with joy at the sight of Your goodness;  
You are the bountiful source of compassion and care.  
You deal bountifully with us in our goings and comings;  
You are attuned to our needs before we utter a word.  
Your wisdom is vast; we cannot comprehend it, yet You  
send Christ who makes Your will known. As we sit now  
at the feet of Your glory, open our ears to hear of Your  
faithfulness and our mouths to sing You our praises.**

**Hymn** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* # 466

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Righteous Judge and Benevolent Ruler, hear us as we  
confess our sin. We are prone to punish those who offend  
us. We hasten to harm the image of those with whom we  
disagree. In the midst of diversity, we are quick to  
determine who shall be saved or condemned while  
claiming that You alone discern all goodness and truth.  
Help us to hear again how Christ died to save all of  
humanity, and hinder our efforts to decide who will enter  
Your kingdom.**

Moment of Silence Meister Eckhardt  
“Nothing is so like God as silence.”

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## Gloria Patri

## Children’s Time

## Passing of the Peace of God

**Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* # 339

**Scripture Readings** *Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 10:40-42*

**Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* # 513

**Scripture Reading** *Genesis 22:1-14*

**Sermon** *“God Will Provide”* Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

**Affirmation of Faith** Excerpt from *The Belhar Confession*

**All: We believe that the unity of the people of God must be  
manifested and be active in a variety of ways in that we love  
one another; that we experience, practice and pursue  
community with one another. We believe that we together  
know and bear one another’s burdens, thereby fulfilling the  
law of Christ. We need one another and upbuild one  
another, admonishing and comforting one another. We  
believe that we suffer with one another for the sake of  
righteousness; pray together, serve God together in this  
world, and together fight against all which may threaten or  
hinder this unity. Amen.**

## Sharing Joys & Concerns 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

## Blessing of the Offering

## Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Invitation to the Table

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

### Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

You will be served the bread and juice at your seats.

A gluten-free option is available upon request to the server.

Please hold the elements until all are served and the pastor invites you to partake.

### The Words of the Institution

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord.

**People: Amen, Amen and Amen.**

**Hymn**                      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*                      # 387

**Benediction**

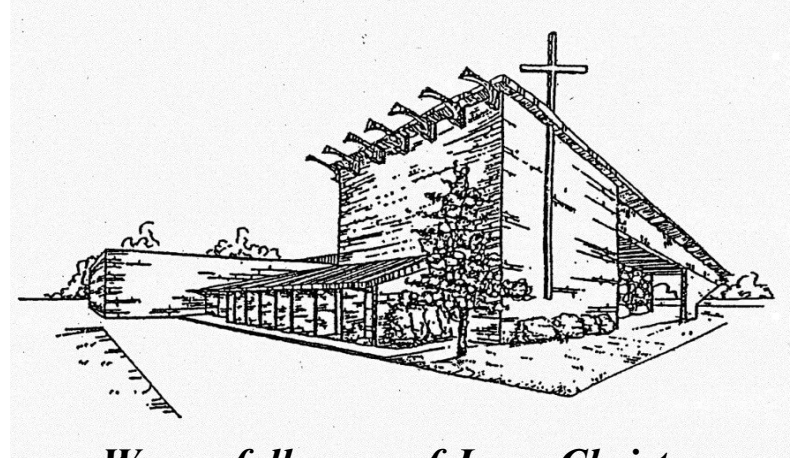
**Postlude**

### MEMORY VERSE

*"As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*Isaiah 55:9*

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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.

### **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** # 466

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
Thy glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin and sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

### **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.

### **Let Us Break Bread Together** # 513

Let us break bread together on our knees.  
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Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain:

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain:

### **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.

### **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.

### **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

# 387

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

## 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>  
 THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing.
2. A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by Session for July 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service for the purpose of voting on a call to Pastor Nadia Mullin as our new pastor/head of staff, and the terms of call which will be offered. Members of Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee will be available following today's worship service to explain the process leading up to the call and answer questions. Then on July 16<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Mullin will lead us in worship before a vote is taken. We encourage all members to attend, meet her, and participate in the Congregational Meeting.
3. THE FLOWERS on the communion table are given by Gayl Galen in honor of her parents, Jack & MayGrace Thomas, on their 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and in celebration of her father's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.
4. VBS SIGN-UPS continue. This year's theme "Stellar – Shine Jesus' Light" will be an exciting adventure for children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade on July 24<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available on the church website, in the Narthex, or by contacting the church office. Call Gayl Galen (872-5154) if you have any questions.
5. OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION for needy students at Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers has begun. Donations of individual sized pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, colored folders, scissors, rulers, index cards, spiral notebooks, tissue packs and hand sanitizer, and back packs may be placed in the collection boxes in the Narthex and outside the north church door.
6. SUMMER MISSION: Our special opportunity to help citizens in Ukraine during the war there is underway, with collections for both the local ROCMaidan project and for The Yellow Box Project (Cru). Our donations will provide medical supplies and food for those who have been badly impacted by that war. Please prayerfully consider adding to \$5430 to date total. The small brown envelopes with the sunflower are in the chair racks for your donations.
7. **YOUR ONE (Our iNclusive Exploration) IN CHRIST** Session Committee has been awarded the 2023 Presbytery Congregational Vitality grant in the amount of \$1000, to pursue the enlightenment and education of ourselves and our congregation regarding our LGBTQIA+ siblings. The ultimate goal is to discern how we can look, sound and act to show our welcome to all, in keeping with our Mission (Identity) Statement: "*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, **welcoming all.***" Part of our discernment will be our consideration of becoming a More Light Church ([mlp.org](http://mlp.org)), joining others such as Third Presbyterian Church, Downtown United Presbyterian Church, and Gates Presbyterian Church. Pursuant to that end, we are eager to recommend a book for summer reading entitled: *Unclobber, Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality*, by Colby Martin. The author re-examines the six Bible passages, known as the "Clobber Passages," that stand against the full inclusion of our LGBTQIA+ siblings, as well as his own story of being fired for his own views by the church he was serving. This book will be available in the Narthex, at no cost, thanks to our grant award. This book will be discussed in the fall with facilitation from a panel of professional and lay persons. Your ONE in Christ committee includes Sandi Blakey, Shirley Crane, Lee Ann Daigle, Barb Hach, Alissa Mayer and Abbey Mayer.
8. SUMMER BOOK READING - "*We Make the Road by Walking*" is written by Brian McLaren, author, speaker, activist and theologian. Copies are available in the church office for you to purchase at a cost of \$5.00. We look forward to discussion of the book in September during the adult ed. hour following worship.
9. SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS who are willing to offer special music during the summer worship services are asked to call Lee Ann Daigle at 899-0120.
10. THE TECH TEAM would appreciate an occasional break this summer. If you would like to advance the slides in the Sanctuary during worship or learn the livestreaming process, contact Jay Petrino 233-0344 or Todd Hall 764-1888 and they would be happy to help you with instructions.

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### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, July 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>July 9<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 22:1-14</i>	<i>Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 13</i>	<i>Psalms 45:10-17</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 6:12-23</i>	<i>Romans 7:15-25a</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 10:40-42</i>	<i>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</i>