

Celebration of Worship

June 18, 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

Ringling of the Bell

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“The Christian gospel is a two-way road. On the one hand, it seeks to change the souls of men, and thereby unite them with God; on the other hand, it seeks to change the environmental conditions of men so the soul will have a chance after it is changed.”

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

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is in this Holy and Sacred Place. Let all the children of God rejoice. We are called as family to hold up holy hands and praise the God of justice and liberation for all! Not some, but for all people, regardless of where you are on life’s journey or who you are in the Kin-dom of God. We are here to worship!

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: We are here to lift up holy hands!

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: We are the Kin-dom of God!

All: Glory Hallelujah! Let us praise the name of the Lord!

Invocation

Leader: Gracious and ever-present God, make each of us an instrument of Your justice. Continue to weave us into a family, Your Kin-dom, showing Your power of healing, feeding, clothing and resurrection as made evident through the life and ministry of Your Son, Jesus the Christ. Bless us and our differences and sustain our courage to stand together in the face of oppression and injustice in this present world. We call on You today to gather us in Your love. Impart to us the knowledge and understanding to better know You and glorify Your grace on each and every step of the journey of our lives. In the name of Jesus, who came in the name of love, let us now commit to shout with the voice of triumph and proclaim the love and grace of God to all the world. Let all the Kin-dom of God shout “Victory”

People: Over Oppression!

Leader: Shout “Victory”

People: Over injustice!

Leader: Shout “Victory”

People: Through Jesus the Christ!

All: Amen and Amen!

Song *Open My Eyes That I May See*

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Prayer of Confession

All: Righteous God, we find ourselves as Your hands, legs, heart and spirit here in the earth. As Your children, as were Your disciples, we are called to manifest a Gospel of love, justice, reconciliation and healing in the present world. But our concern for a just and egalitarian world too often dissipates at the point of our discomfort. Forgive us for our humanity and our frailty as we dwell in Your presence and seek transformation and new energy for the world of Your ministry. Revive us again, O Lord. Revive our love for the Kin-dom! Revive our yearning for justice! Revive our desire for reconciliation! Revive our need for healing!

Moment of Silence

Meister Eckhardt

“Nothing is so like God as silence.”

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Just as Jesus endowed his disciples, his family, with moments of rest and amazement, it is good for us, kinfolk, to bask in the glorious and loving presence of God. Fortunately, God does not condemn us when we too often choose to linger there rather than enter into difficult, tough, unfamiliar, or even mundane places and spaces. But I’m so glad that with grace and compassion, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit lifts, informs and propels us in the direction we should go to heal, deliver and resurrect. Come Holy Spirit. Lift us! Inform us! Shower us with Your grace and mercy! Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Passing of the Peace of God

Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise*

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Scripture Readings *Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8*

Hymn *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

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Scripture Reading *Matthew 9:35 – 10:8*
Sermon *"A Little Help Here?"* Rev. Jeffrey Fox-Kline

Affirmation of Faith

All: In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* # 563

Benediction

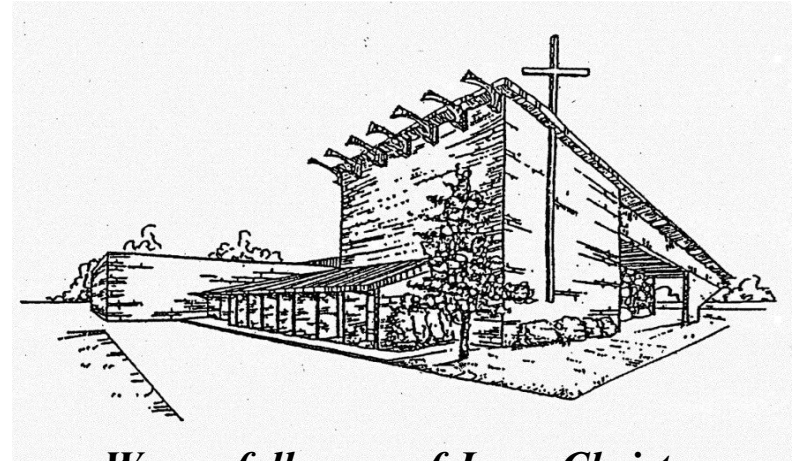
Postlude

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, June 18th</u>	<u>June 25th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)</i>	<i>Genesis 21:8-21</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19</i>	<i>Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 5:1-8</i>	<i>Romans 6:1b-11</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 9:35 – 10:23</i>	<i>Matthew 10:24-39</i>

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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.

Open My Eyes That I May See # 324

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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.

The God of Abraham Praise # 488

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old and You speak still.
Established is Your law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea or land.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! # 341

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His
love.

Lift Every Voice and Sing # 563

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 away 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.

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. THE PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT continues tomorrow on the south side large lot. When visiting the church this week, please park in the north loop.
3. VBS SIGN-UPS have begun. This year's theme "Stellar – Shine Jesus' Light" will be an exciting adventure for children in Pre-K through 5th grade on July 24th through 27th. 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.
4. 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 giving a generous donation. The small brown envelopes with the sunflower are in the chair racks for your donations.
5. SUMMER BOOK READING - "*We Make the Road by Walking*" is written by Brian McLaren, author, speaker, activist and theologian. He believes that faith was never meant to be a destination, but a road or path, a way out of old patterns and into new ones. He feels that a spiritual community must forever remain unfinished and always open. He has written this book "to help individuals and groups seize the moment and walk wisely and joyfully into the future together. It is also a work of public and practical theology – theology that is worked out by 'normal' people in daily life." Copies are available in the Narthex for you to purchase at a cost of \$5.00 for your summer read. Then join us in the fall for a discussion on this timely topic.
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. HOPE HOUSE is grateful for your continued donation of food. Besides their most needed items of canned or bottled fruit juice, applesauce, tuna, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Kleenex, shampoo, body wash and toddler underwear, they always appreciate fresh produce which can be dropped off during their open hours: Monday 5-7 pm, Tues. 10-Noon, Weds. 3-5 pm, and Thurs. 5-7 pm. A collection container for non-perishable items is located in the upper Narthex. Hope House has also begun accepting items for their garage sale on Wednesdays from 3-5 pm during the month of June at the basement of the Knights of Columbus building behind Holy Trinity Church.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, June 18

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge

Monday, June 19 – 24 - South Parking Lot Replacement

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10 and on Zoom

Tuesday, June 20

- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, June 21

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

Thursday, June 22

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

Saturday, June 24

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

Sunday, June 25

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

MEMORY VERSE

*"Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in You.
Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life."
Psalm 143:8*