

Celebration of Worship

June 25, 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

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

Ring of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey of discipleship that will radically transform our lives.

People: **We hear Your summons as You call us by name, and our desire is to say “yes”.**

Leader: Christ calls us to a journey of “follow-ship” that will challenge us, as it challenged Jesus, to live the truth of his identity. It is not easy to let Christ’s love be shown in the face of adversity or hostility, and yet

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Leader: Christ calls us to a journey of discipleship that may bring us into direct conflict with those we know and love, even the members of our own family, but still

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Leader: Christ calls us to a journey of “follow-ship” that offers life without fear, a life that transcends our earthly existence, eternally bound in the love and shelter of our Creator, and

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Leader: Christ calls us to a journey of discipleship that will call us out of the shadows and compel us to share the message of God’s Kin-dom for all, proclaiming what we have learned at our teacher’s feet and in the company of like-minded students, and

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Leader: Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey that will radically transform us and the world. Christ blesses us so that we do not have to travel alone, but with all others who hear their name and say “yes”.

People: **Let us continue the journey as we worship the One who calls us in spirit and in truth!**

Invocation

All: Eternal God, we gather first just to say “Thank You”. We thank You for the privilege of being in relationship with You. We thank You that You know us and call us by name to follow in Your way. We thank You for being our Master Teacher, leading us through the text of Your life, death and resurrection. We thank You for being the One who cares so much about us that not even a hair can fall from our heads without You taking notice. We thank you for challenging us to claim our identity as Your disciples, even when claiming so puts us at risk of adversity for Your name’s sake and for the sake of compassion, justice and extravagant welcome to all. We thank You for this community and ask that You make Your presence felt with and among us.

Help us to see You in the faces of all who are gathered in this place, whether in person or virtually. Help us to celebrate the beautiful array of all we are as we worship You in spirit and in truthfulness. These things we pray in the name of the One who calls us continually to life, and that more abundantly. Amen.

Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being— You call us to journey with You as You journeyed on this earth: in love, in power, in healing, in conflict, in boldness, speaking truth to the powers that be - even the powers that threaten our very lives. Yet we are often afraid for our lives and reputations. We are often afraid of those who would bully us spiritually, emotionally, and even physically. We are often afraid to identify with You because Your name has been used to justify harm to those who are the marginalized and oppression of those You refer to as “the least of these”, and we don’t want to be identified with such things. We are often afraid to be singled out as the different ones – the unusual or queer Christ-followers who have a message to proclaim that can impact the world to become the loving Kin-dom You desire for all Your creation. We forget that You have promised to watch over and care for us as much or more than You care for the sparrows. We forget that You will never deny us and will be with us throughout our earthly lives into our life eternal.

Forgive us our fear. Forgive us our forgetfulness. Forgive us our hiding and turning from Your path. Forgive us our unbelief, and heal us by Your peace and Your presence.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Christ we are welcomed fully and enabled to exchange our fear with faith, our forgetfulness with the reassurance grounded in remembrance, our turning away with the possibility of turning toward our call, and life more abundant that we might transform the world and all creation by the power of God's unconditional and all-encompassing love. With open hands and hearts, let us receive the peace of Christ's grace and peace. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Passing of the Peace of God

Hymn *God of the Sparrow* # 272
Scripture Readings *Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17*
Special Music *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Kathy Barbehenn
Scripture Reading *Luke 8:26-39*
Sermon "*All Kinds of Freedom*" Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Affirmation of Faith

All: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord; he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; I believe in the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

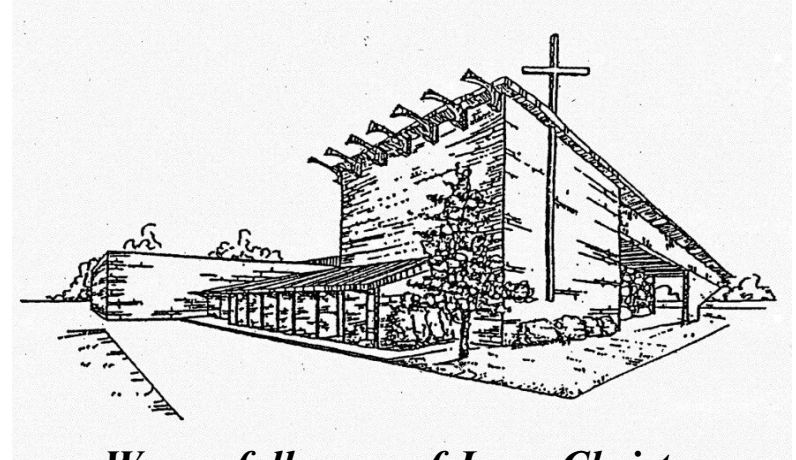
Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* # 84

Benediction

Postlude

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living and sharing the love of God
through faith and action,
welcoming all.*

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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.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness # 276

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain:

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.

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

Today, June 25th

July 2nd

Old Testament	<i>Genesis 21:8-21</i>	<i>Genesis 22:1-14</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17</i>	<i>Psalms 13</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 6:1b-11</i>	<i>Romans 6:12-23</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 10:24-39</i>	<i>Matthew 10:40-42</i>

God of the Sparrow

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God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say awe; how does the creature say Praise.

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,
How does the creature cry Woe; How does the creature cry Save.

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,
How does the creature say Grace; How does the creature say Thanks.

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,
How does the creature say Care; How does the creature say Life.

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,
How does the creature say Love; how does the creature say Peace.

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,
How do your children say Joy; How do your children say Home.

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.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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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*

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 16th 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 the next two weeks, July 2nd and 9th, following the worship services to explain the process leading up to the call and answer questions. Then on July 16th, 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 in celebration of John Bocker's 77th birthday.
4. 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.
5. OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION for needy students at Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers has begun. See the June *Pathway* for needed supplies and place your donations 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 giving a generous donation. The small brown envelopes with the sunflower are in the chair racks for your donations.

7. 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 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.
8. 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.
9. 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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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Monday, June 26 - Parking Lot completion

Tuesday, June 27

- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, June 28

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

Thursday, June 29

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

Saturday, July 1

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

Sunday, July 2

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