

Celebration of Worship

July 16, 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, Announcements and Minute for Mission

Reflection

Paolo Coelho

“When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.”

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: God scatters seeds of peace, reconciliation, and love.

People: Much of it lands on flat, barren pathways and rocky roads.

Leader: God scatters seeds of justice, hope, and faith.

People: Much of it is swallowed up by greed and selfishness.

Leader: Despite our failings, God’s extravagant love and grace are poured out without limit.

People: May our hearts be rich soil in which God’s love can take root.

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Holy One, open in us Your peace which passes all understanding, that as Your word is proclaimed, sung and prayed, we would know Your extravagant love in Jesus Christ. Open us up for worship and the awareness of Your presence. Open us up for service, that we might respond to Your overwhelming grace with lives that seek the coming kin-dom of God. Open us, sustaining God, for all that You might have for us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn *Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song* # 314

Prayer of Confession

All: Seed-scattering God, we have come from many places and situations. We have struggled with rocky obstacles and thorny difficulties. Sometimes we forget that You are always near. Sometimes we forget to till the soil of our hearts through worship and prayer. Sometimes we forget to care for our neighbors for fear of what it will cost us. Forgive us, God of extravagant grace. Make our lives fertile ground for Your kin-dom to come in this world.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Passing of the Peace of God

Hymn *Unity Hymn* see insert

Scripture Reading *Psalms 119:105-112*

Anthem *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* K. Lee Scott
Choir Ensemble

Scripture Reading *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Sermon *Good Soil* Rev. Nadia Mullin

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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* # 538

Benediction

Postlude



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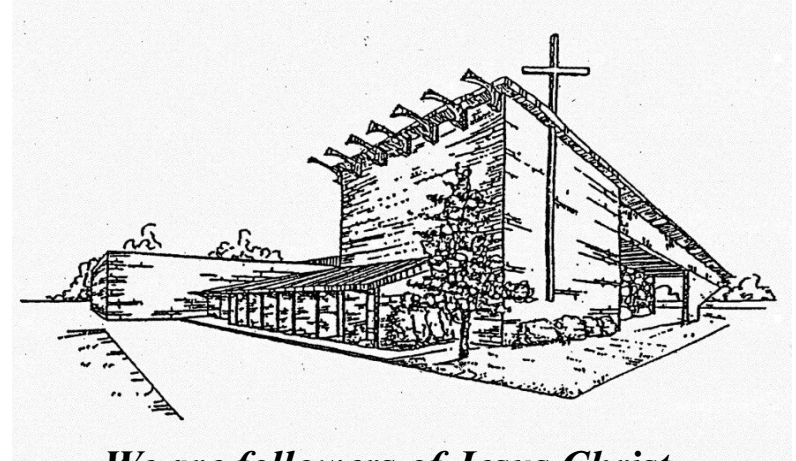
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*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song # 314

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,
To the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy 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.

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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*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

Today, July 16th

July 23rd

Old Testament	<i>Genesis 25:19-34</i>	<i>Genesis 28:10-19a</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 119:105-112</i>	<i>Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 8:1-11</i>	<i>Romans 8:12-25</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>	<i>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i>

Unity Hymn

Gracious Father, Son and Spirit, ever joined in bonds of love,
May your church share in the union of our God, the three-in-one.
May the love of God our Father, poured on us in Christ the Son,
In the union of His Spirit fill our hearts and make us one.

We are one in Christ our savior, in His death, we all have died.
In His resurrection power, we in Him are made alive!
So we all, as ransomed sinners, stand united in His love,
Drawing near to God together, by His Spirit, through His Son.

Through His word, our gracious savior draws us to Himself in love,
Builds us up into a Temple where, by grace, He dwells with us.
On foundations of his promise, built on Him, our Cornerstone,
May we stand as one forever, may His love in us be shown.

Lord, forgive our sad division. In your gospel, make us one,
Bound together in Your Spirit, bought by Jesus' precious blood.
Living worthy of our calling, let us cast all strife aside
'Til as one we see His glory as His perfect holy bride.
Keep us steadfast in your promise, standing firm with all the saints
'Til at last we come to heaven and as one we see our face.

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.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing # 538

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Thy gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with Thee in endless day.

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 today, 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. Following the meeting, there will be a time of refreshment and fellowship in the Social Room for all.
3. 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 "School Bus" in the lower Narthex.
4. SUMMER MISSION: Our special opportunity to help citizens in Ukraine during the war there continues. Our donations will provide medical supplies and food for those who have been badly impacted by that war. The small brown envelopes with the sunflower are in the chair racks for your donations.
5. AN INCREASE IN FOOD INSECURITY is rising in our community of Webster. Help is much appreciated to aid in keeping up with the demand. This Saturday, July 22nd, Hope House will be having a food and garage sale donation drop off from 10-noon. Items needed include: sugar, flour, jarred spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, **coffee, shampoo & conditioner, facial tissue, feminine products, **bar soap & body wash, and mouthwash – (** items of particular need.)
6. SUMMER BOOK READING SUGGESTIONS
 - *"We Make the Road by Walking"* is written by Brian McLaren, author, speaker, activist and theologian.
 - *"Unclobber, Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality"* by Colby Martin 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.Both books are available in the Narthex or the church office and will be discussed in the fall during the Adult Ed. offering time following worship.
7. FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE can be donated by those who would like to honor or celebrate a person. The chart in the hallway outside the Sanctuary has available dates and instructions. We thank Sue Wroblewski for arranging the beautiful silk displays that we use when fresh flowers are not scheduled.
8. THE PARKING LOT paving and striping is complete! The total price is \$217,852, about \$2,000 less than the original quote because of the drop in asphalt price. We were unable to add the diagonal parking to the north parking loop because the necessary replacement of the existing drainage pipe put the cost significantly over our budget plus contingency money. The contingency money will instead help replenish the Capital Reserve Fund. Many thanks to the parking lot committee for the time and effort they put in to make this project happen. We will all enjoy our NEW parking lot for years to come!
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.
10. 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.