

Celebration of Worship

July 9, 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.

“There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right.”

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord Jesus, we gather to worship You because,

People: Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we come to You because

People: With You we will find rest for our souls.

Invocation

All: O God of Heaven and Earth, who is glorified in the wisdom of children – the experts of presence and oneness: May we evoke Your humble heart within us. May we wonder what it might mean to feel our exhaustion and Your love at the exact same time. May we consider all You’ve tried to show, give, or say to us that we weren’t yet ready for. Prepare our souls to yoke with Yours, to share in the Good News that revives every living thing. We ask this in Your name and energy. Amen.

Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* # 138

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, 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: We have a merciful God, a God who helps us put aside our shame, unbelief, egos, sense of superiority, and false idols. We have a God of Grace who will lead us in paths of righteousness, a God whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. With this, be assured of God’s love and that you have been forgiven. It is in Jesus’ name and for His sake we all pray,

People: Amen, Amen and Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Passing of the Peace of God

Hymn *Near to the Heart of God* # 527

Scripture Readings *Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Romans 7:15-25a*

Special Music *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Paul Kinney
Handbell Choir

Scripture Reading *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

Sermon *Rest: Rest For Your Souls* Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

People: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure* # 251

Benediction

Postlude



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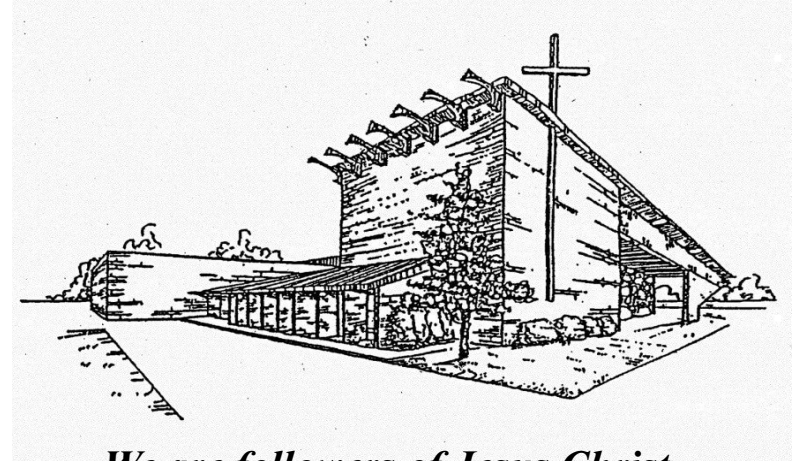
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Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! # 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, Holy Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee.
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Near to the Heart of God

527

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
Refrain: (sung after each verse)
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

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 Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

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Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure
In all Your words, Your gracious deeds.
You gently lift all burdened souls
And well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on You;
By You their wants are all supplied.
Your open hand is bountiful
And every soul is satisfied.

Lord, You are just in all Your ways
And kind in everything You do.
Forever near you stand to hear
And help all those who call on You.

My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord;
My soul shall bless Your holy name.
Let all things living join the song
Of praise, from age to age the same.

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 following today's worship service 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. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. AN INCREASE IN FOOD INSECURITY is rising in our community of Webster. Help is much appreciated to aid in keeping up with the demand. Saturday, July 22, 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 and body wash, and mouthwash – (** items of particular need.)

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), 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 9th</u>	<u>July 16th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67</i>	<i>Genesis 25:19-34</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 45:10-17</i>	<i>Psalms 119:105-112</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 7:15-25a</i>	<i>Romans 8:1-11</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</i>	<i>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>