

# Celebration of Worship

August 13, 2023

9:30 A.M.

## Gathering in God's Name

### Prelude

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

### Chiming of the Hour

## Preparing for God's Word

### Personal Preparation for Worship

Holy God, as I calm my soul and prepare my heart for morning worship, I see the light that pours through the Sanctuary window and I am reminded that You invite me to be the light of the world. I remember the words of invitation from Matthew's Gospel: "*Come unto Me,*" and I am here presenting myself before You in worship, praise and prayer. I have come with all the baggage of my life: the clinging past, the anxious future, the ever-demanding present. Help me come to You in worship this morning. Remind me that I have not come alone, and help me to lift my prayers for others and rejoice in the presence of friends and strangers. Grant me grace to see that this hour is even more for Your glory than it is for my good. And then, in Your time and for Your purposes, help me to be Your servant in all things and to look at all people with the same compassion with which You have tenderly regarded me. Amen.

**Song** 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.

### Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

**People: God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.**

Pastor: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul.

**People: Therefore, we will hope in God.**

Pastor: This Sabbath morning has broken upon us.

**People: We gather to proclaim the wonders of God.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn *Morning Has Broken* # 469

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### Prayer of Confession

**All:** Holy God, we are grateful for the privilege of being able to confess our shortcomings to You. As we have been entrusted with great truth and failed to live up to it – forgive us. As we have been surrounded by love and patience but neglected to share the same with others – forgive us. As we have been called to service and left the call unanswered – forgive us. As we are forgiven, grant us grace to seek and serve You anyplace and everyplace we are led by Your hand. And as You are known in silence and stillness, please know us in these moments of personal confession.

Silent Personal Reflection

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is no one and nothing that can separate us from the love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. The disquieted soul God will comfort. The cast down soul God will raise up. The grace of God is sufficient for our every need. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### \*Gloria Patri

### Children's Time

### \*Extending Christ's Peace

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: As Jesus shared His peace with us, let us share His peace with one another.

## Proclaiming God's Word

\*Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* # 345

First Scripture *I Kings 19:9-13*

Second Scripture *Matthew 14:22-33*

The grass withers and the flower fades,  
but the Word of the Lord abides forever.  
The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *When Will the Wind Cease?*

Text: "*When they got into the boat, the wind ceased...*"  
*Matthew 14:32*

Rev. Robert Heppenstall

### Moments for Silent Reflection

## Responding to God's Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from "A Brief Statement 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

#### Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

#### Invitation to the 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. Thank you!

### \*Doxology

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**All:** Holy, God, in this place...between the proclamation of Your Word and our going forth to serve...we pause to rededicate ourselves to You and to Your purposes in the world. Here we present these offerings and ourselves for the work of Your kingdom. By our gifts may the lost be found and the bound be set free. By our gifts may the hurting find relief and the confused find hope. By our gifts may the friendless find comfort and the hungry be fed. By Your grace, O God, let our giving and our living reflect Your loving kindness made known in Christ Jesus. For it is in Christ that we pray. Amen.

### Going Forth in God's Name

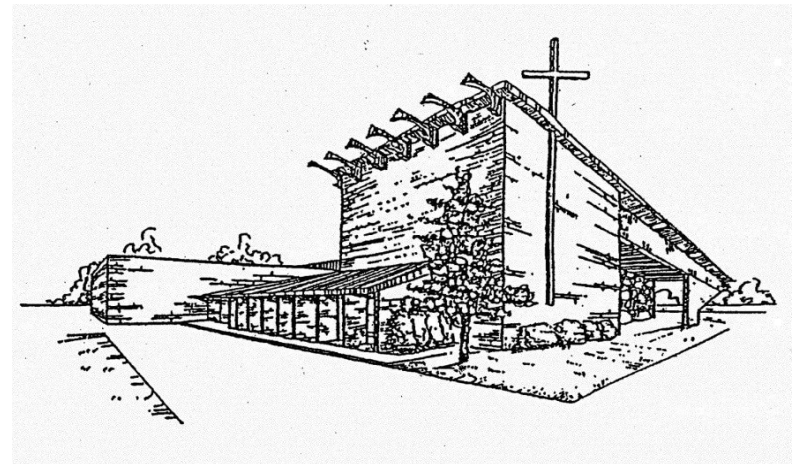
\*Hymn *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* # 562

### \*Charge and Benediction

Pastor: Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Postlude

## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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through faith and action,  
welcoming all.*

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### Morning Has Broken

# 469

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

### 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.

### Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

# 345

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord. Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and  
fire, O still, small voice of calm!

### 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.

### Eternal Father, Strong to Save

# 562

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.  
O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.  
O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bade its angry tumult cease and gave for fierce confusion peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.  
O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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### Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, August 13<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>August 20<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28</i>	<i>Genesis 45:1-15</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22</i>	<i>Psalms 133</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 10:5-15</i>	<i>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>	<i>Matthew 15:10-28</i>

### Memory Verse

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Blessed is the one that takes refuge in Him..*

*Psalms 34:8*

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4. AN INCREASE IN FOOD INSECURITY is rising in our community of Webster. Help is much appreciated to aid in keeping up with the demand. 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.)
5. 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 will be discussed in the fall during the Adult Ed. offering time.
6. THE TECH TEAM would appreciate an occasional break. 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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