

# Celebration of Worship

August 20, 2023

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

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

## Words of Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

### Reflection

from *Unclobber* by Colby Martin, p. 33

“How many followers of Jesus - I angrily wondered, afraid of the answer  
– knew it was wrong to discriminate against people based on their skin  
color, but did nothing about it? How many stayed silent?”

## 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: in You, nothing will be able to separate us from the love  
of God.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, we come to You because

**People: with You, we will continue to learn and love.**

**Hymn** *Spirit* # 319

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Lord God, friend of those in need, Your Son, Jesus, has  
untied our burdens and healed our spirits, and yet we can  
ignore the burdens and broken spirits of our neighbors.  
We ask for Your forgiveness for those times when we are  
blind or indifferent to the vulnerability of brothers and  
sisters in need of compassion and assistance.**

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 the Peace of God

**Hymn** *Help Us Accept Each Other* # 358

**Scripture Readings** *Psalms 67*

*Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

**Special Music** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Converse  
Kathy Barbehenn, Ruth Fischer, Rose Fombe

**Scripture Reading** *Matthew 15:1-20*

**Sermon** *Did Jesus Change His Mind?*  
Rev. Anne Waasdorp

**Affirmation of Faith** *Psalms 23*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for His name’s sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

## 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 and Blessing of the Offering

**Hymn** *Open My Eyes That I May See* # 324

## Benediction

## Postlude



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### Lectionary Passages

Today, August 20<sup>th</sup>

August 27<sup>th</sup>

Old Testament  
Psalm  
New Testament  
Gospel

*Genesis 45:1-15*  
*Psalms 133*  
*Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*  
*Matthew 15:10-28*

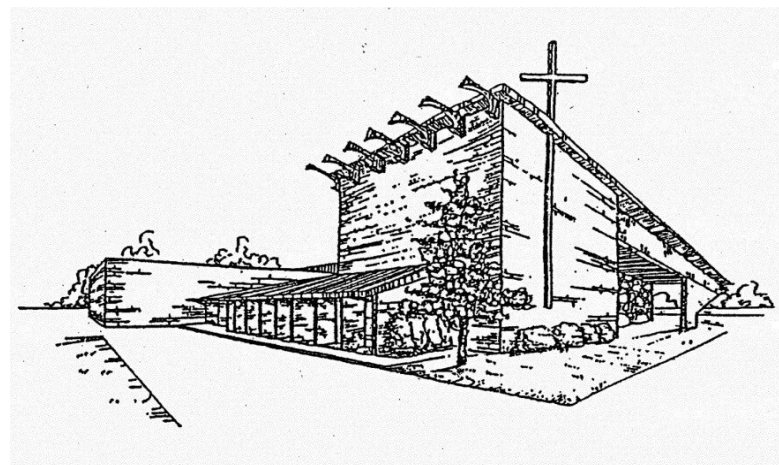
*Exodus 1:8 – 2:10*  
*Psalms 124*  
*Romans 12:1-8*  
*Matthew 16:13-20*

### 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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### **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.

### **Spirit**

# 319

**Refrain:** (sung after each verse)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free;  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,  
Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,  
And over the eons You called to each thing,  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand,  
And You gifted Your people with a law and a land,  
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
Then You spoke through Your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,  
Then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still,  
And down in the city You called once again  
When You blew through Your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes;  
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes;  
With bold new decisions Your people arise.

### **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.

### **Help Us Accept Each Other**

# 358

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are our ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let Your acceptance change us so that we may be moved  
In living situations to do the truth in love;  
To practice Your acceptance until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on.  
Renew us with Your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

### **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.

### **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!

## 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.
2. PASTOR NADIA MULLIN will begin her ministry with us tomorrow, and lead us in worship next Sunday morning. She is looking forward to learning our names and getting to know all of us. Please help her in this effort by wearing your nametags, located in the upper Narthex.
3. YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS of school supplies were packed and delivered to Williamson and Eastern Service Workers this past week. Thank you to all who participated.
4. SUMMER MISSION: Our special opportunity to help citizens in Ukraine during the war there continues for one more week. Our donations will provide medical supplies and food for those who have been badly impacted by that war. If you have not yet contributed, or would like to contribute more, 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. 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 will be discussed in the fall during the Adult Ed. offering time.