

Celebration of Worship

August 6, 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. Tania Yadira Marquez of the Unitarian Universalist Church
“Food for us comes from our relatives, whether they have wings or fins or roots. That is how we consider food. Food has a culture. It has a history. It has a story. It has relationships.”

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

People: We gather with them in heart and mind.

Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

People: As part of that body we join in its unity.

Leader: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Leader: Let us worship together; let us share God's bounty.

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Holy God, we ask You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this wine to the souls of all those who receive it, that they may drink in remembrance of the blood of the Lord which was shed for them.

Hymn *Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord* Insert

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us again. Transform us to servants of Your righteousness, by the power of Your son. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May Almighty God forgive our sins, grant you full assurance of pardon, strengthen and confirm you in all good words, and bring you everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Passing of the Peace of God

Hymn *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* Insert

Scripture Readings *I Corinthians 10:16-17*

John 6:35

Isaiah 53:5-12

Special Music

I Remember

Stephen Sondheim

Kathy Barbehenn

Sermon Scripture

Luke 15:15-24

Sermon *The Lord's Supper & The Touch of Grace*

Min. Jarmani Dozier

Affirmation of Faith

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church (universal), the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing Joys and 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 and Blessing of the Offering

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Invitation to the Table

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

You will be served the bread and juice at your seats.

A gluten-free option is available upon request to the server.

Please hold the elements until all are served and the pastor invites you to partake.

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord.

People: Amen, Amen and Amen.

Hymn

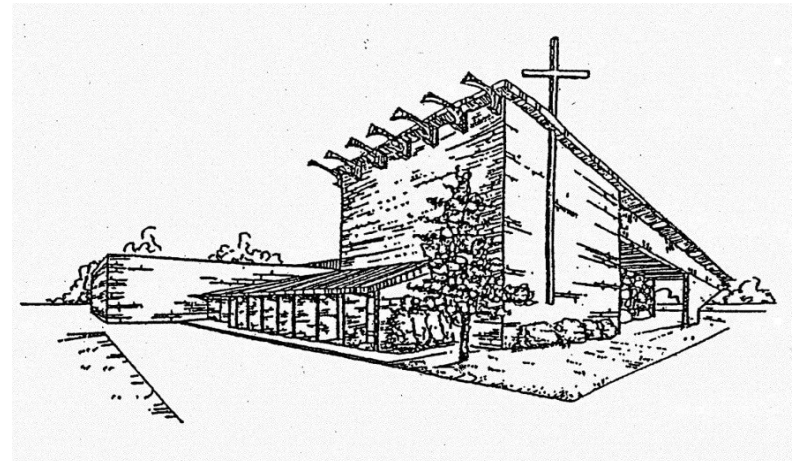
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Benediction

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

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.

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire; with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
Now work too hard for Him; in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)
By Your body broken for us, by Your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine You gave them, Christ, You came as Light from Light.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages; "I am with you; do not fear!"

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in Your name to share
Bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell Your love and care.

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.

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The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet's word You spoke of old and You speak still.
Established is Your law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea or land.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul.
Your love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, August 6th</u>	<u>August 13th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 32:22-31</i>	<i>Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 17:1-7, 15</i>	<i>Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 9:1-5</i>	<i>Romans 10:5-15</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 14:13-21</i>	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>

Memory Verse

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed is the one that takes refuge in Him..
Psalm 34:8*

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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. OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION for needy students at Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers continues through next Sunday. 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.
3. 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. To date, we have received \$7698 toward our \$8000 goal. The small brown envelopes with the sunflower are in the chair racks for your donations.
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 are available in the Narthex or the church office and will be discussed in the fall during the Adult Ed. offering time.
6. 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.