

# Celebration of Worship

May 5, 2024

9:30 A.M.

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

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Reflection

Susan Hedahl

“Given the grim stereotypes often applied to Christian faith by outsiders, these words of Jesus effectively combine human action (the fulfilling of his commandments) with a radical human emotion as their effect (joy). Abiding in Jesus, the risen Lord, is not a matter of grim-faced respectability or dour commandment-keeping. It is a joy, a holy hilarity!

## Ringling of the Bell

## Gathering Song

*Be Still for the Presence*

Insert

## Call to Worship

Leader: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

**People: to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: We praise the Lord with joyful noises, joining the symphony of the earth:

**People: the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.**

Leader: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

**People: we greet you with joy, our living God!**

## Hymn

*All Are Welcome*

Insert

## Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Loving God, we enter this space today with grateful hearts and songs of praise. We know that You are a Wonderful Counselor and Mighty God, the Everlasting One and Proclaimer of Peace. Guard our hearts and minds from the distractions of this world: all the busy-ness of our to-do lists and things left undone, all the elements of consumer culture that would have us look at our neighbor to see what they have that we don't, all the things that pull our attention from You. Guide us in this time of worship to center our lives in You, to remember Your great love for us, and to be encouraged in our love of one another. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

**People: Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

For what or for whom would you lay down your life?

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

**People: Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.**

Leader: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away and we are made new.

**People: Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.**

## Gloria Patri

Insert

## Passing of the Peace

## Children's Time

## Hymn

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

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## Scripture Reading

*Psalms 98:1-9*

## Anthem

*This Moment of Remembrance*

Don Besig &

Chanel Choir

Nancy Price

We give thanks for the meal that we share at the table which Christ has now prepared.

We all are made welcome. We all are made whole.

The gift we receive from our Lord renews every soul.

We give thanks for this cup and this bread. By the grace of our God we now are fed.

We come as disciples. We come now in faith.

This gift we receive from our Lord will cleanse us this day.

Come and taste the promise of forgiveness, for the Lord is surely in this place.

And now, in this moment of remembrance,

we are touched and blessed by God's unending grace.

We give thanks for the peace we have found in this place where God's love is all around.

We come with rejoicing. We come now with praise.

This gift we receive from the Lord redeems us today.

**Scripture Reading**

*John 15:9-17*

**Sermon**

*But I Chose You*  
Pastor Nadia Mullin

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

**Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** (sung)

**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**

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**Blessing of the Offering**

**All: Take our gifts and bless them with your courageous love, oh Holy spirit, that our communities may dance with radical transformation. Possibility, sweep into our lives, shake us up, and set us free! Amen.**

**Service of Holy Communion**

Insert

**Hymn**

*Earth and All Stars*

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**Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**

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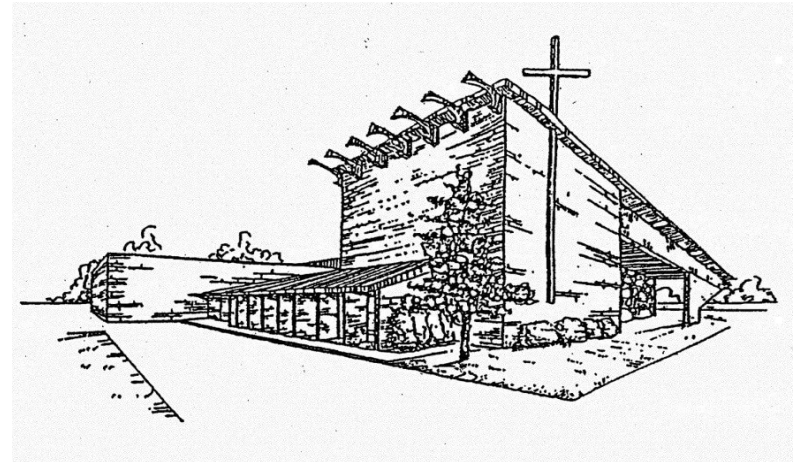
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## Service of Holy Communion

### Invitation

Pastor: This is the joyful feast of the people of God! According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

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: Holy, holy, holy Lord, ...  
we praise you for your love;  
bringing order out of chaos,  
breathing life into dust,  
leading captives into freedom,  
calling wandering children home,  
giving bread to the hungry,  
giving drink to the thirsty,  
raising the dead to life.

With the saints in heaven and on earth, we praise you, saying,  
**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Thank you, thank you, thank you, Lord ...  
We thank you for Jesus,  
word made flesh,  
light of the world,  
living water,  
shepherd and gate,  
way and truth,  
bread of heaven,  
cup of salvation,  
resurrection and life.

### The Words of Institution

Pastor: Take this bread and cup – a feast of grace;  
Take our hearts and lives – an offering of praise.  
Hear us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Spirit, Spirit, Spirit, come ...  
come and live in us:  
in this bread;  
in this cup;  
in your people;  
one in the body;  
one in the blood;  
one with Christ;  
one in ministry;  
in this place  
in every place;  
in this world;  
in the world to come.  
Blessing and glory,  
wisdom and thanksgiving,  
honor and power,  
forever and ever! Amen.

### The Distribution of the Elements

You will be receiving the elements in your seats today.  
When you receive the bread, hold it so we can all partake together at the same time.  
Please do the same with the cup after you receive it.  
Gluten-free elements are available upon request to the server.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Most Holy God, you have given us the one bread and the one cup and made us one in Christ. Help us to bring your joy and salvation to all the world. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Hymn

*Earth and All Stars*

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Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

### **Be Still for the Presence**

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.

### **Gloria Patri**

# 579

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.

### **Jesus, Thy Boundless Lord to Me**

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Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare.

O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!

Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live, myself to Thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but Thy pure love alone.

O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure and my crown!

All coldness from my heart remove. May every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is Thy way! All fear before Thy presence flies.

Care, anguish, sorrow melt away where-e'er Thy healing beams arise.

O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire or seek, but Thee.

### **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.

### **Earth and All Stars**

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Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets sing to the Lord a new song!

Hail, wind and rain, loud blowing snowstorm sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvelous things. We will sing praises with a new song!

Steel and machines, loud pounding hammers sing to the Lord a new song!

Limestone and beams, loud building workers sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvelous things. We will sing praises with a new song!

Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes sing to the Lord a new song!

Athlete and band, loud cheering people sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvelous things. We will sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom sing to the Lord a new song!

Daughter and son, loud praying members sing to the Lord a new song!

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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.  
You can live-stream 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. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in the Sanctuary:  
Today the ONE in Christ Committee will report the results of their year-long exploration into whether we are living into our identity statement: "We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all."  
Next Week in Room 9/10 we continue our look at Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*, chapters 40 & 41, as a preview to Pentecost. Can we unlock our inner vacuums for the Spirit to enter and fill? Join us for the discussion.
3. A SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM LIFESPAN, sponsored by King Circle this Thursday at 10:00 a.m., is open to the congregation, friends and neighbors in our community. Lifespan, a member of the American Society on Aging, helps older adults and caregivers take on the challenges and opportunities of longer life. Speaker Justin McCabe will give us an updated program on scams in a game called "Name that Scam". There will also be time to learn about Lifespan's other services and help available to seniors, their families and caregivers. Sign up in the Narthex for this important informational opportunity to let us know you are coming.
4. OUR SPRING WORKDAY will take place this Saturday from 9 am to noon. Please consider joining us for all or part of the morning to help maintain our beautiful church. This event is organized by the WPC Trustees, and is supported by our scout troops that utilize the church. A list of jobs and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. We hope to see you there!
5. YELLOW ROSE DEDICATION is next Sunday. This is an opportunity for us to honor or remember those who have been important to us by donating to the WPC Endowment Fund in their name. To donate, please use the envelope in the chair rack, send in a check noting that it is for 'Yellow Rose', or click the 'Give' button on the church website.
6. SPRING & SUMMER CLOTHES FOR CAMERON are being collected through the month of May. Gently used or new items are needed for men, women and children, with the greatest need being men's clothing. Check your closets, visit discount stores such as Savers and Goodwill, and place your donations in the blue collection tubs located in the upper and lower Narthex. Cameron is located in a high poverty area of Rochester and our donations are much needed and appreciated.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 5 - Communion Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. – WPC's Identity Statement in the Sanctuary

### Monday, May 6

- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Memorial Room
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10

### Tuesday, May 7

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 90 in the Social Room

### Wednesday, May 8

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at the home of Elaine Wilbert
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol Leaders in the Basement Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, May 9

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:30 A.M. Membership Committee in the Church Office
- 10:00 A.M. Lifespan Speaker in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Glory Bells to Marquis at the Woods
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Friday, May 10

- 9:30 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Club on Zoom

### Saturday, May 11

- 9:00 A.M. Church Workday  
Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZlS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>  
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, May 12 - Yellow Rose Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. – Book Discussion in Room 9/10