

Celebration of Worship

June 23, 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

Reflection

Tim Chester - "A Meal with Jesus"

"Many people love the idea of the church as a community. But when we eat together, we encounter not some theoretical community, but real people with all their problems and quirks. The meal table is an opportunity to give up our proud ideals by which we judge others and accept in their place the real community created by the cross of Christ, with all its brokenness. It's easy to love people in some abstract sense and preach the virtues of love. But we're called to love the real individuals sitting around the table."

Ring of the Bell

Gathering Song

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.

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Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

People: Declare his deeds among the peoples. Let us worship the Lord!

Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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Invocation

Leader: Open our hearts today, Lord, to feel the power of your extravagant love for us. Help us to be free of our fears and prejudices so that we may see your love in action in the lives of others. Comfort and calm our spirits in readiness for us to become your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we doubt you and are people of little faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm us and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Does this justice include the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war?

Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust systems from which we cannot see our way clear. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Is God's love ever scandalous? How so?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love.

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

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.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Hymn

Hear the Good News of Salvation

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Scripture Reading

Psalms 9:9-20

Anthem

A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

Kathy Barbehenn

Brian Wren &

Robert Lowry

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50

Sermon

Simon's Scandalous Supper

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in “God the Father Almighty”?

People: That God is a God of love, and that God’s love is powerful beyond measure.

Leader: What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord”?

People: That having been raised from the dead, he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

People: That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ’s service.

Leader: What do you affirm when you speak of “the life everlasting”?

People: That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled. To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him we are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all eternity.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

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: Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to promote the peace, justice and healing you desire for us and your world. Amen.

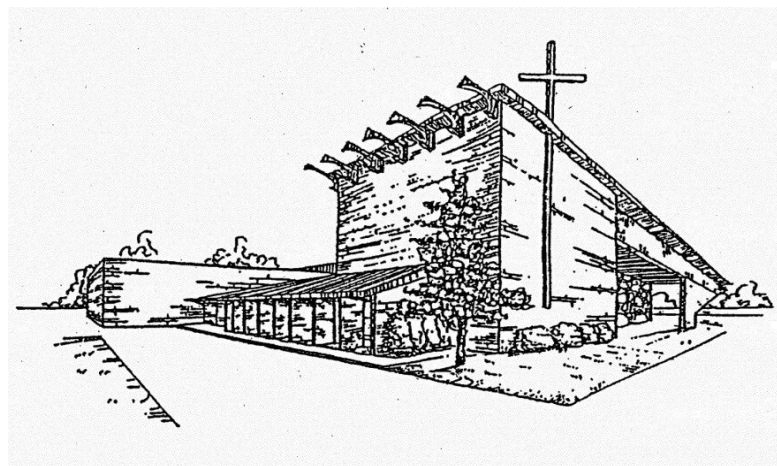
Hymn

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Benediction and Postlude

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Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
See, the streams of living waters springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.
Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

Hear the Good News of Salvation

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Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.
All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish. Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

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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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Refrain:
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain:
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain:

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, June 23

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed

Tuesday, June 25

5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, June 26

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant

8:00 A.M. WIC Social Services Program in the Social Room

5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10

7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Memorial Room

Thursday, June 27

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Saturday, June 29

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>

Sunday, June 30

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed

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>
2. FLOWERS this morning are given by Nancy Granger and Gayl Galen in loving memory of their dear friend, Jennifer Booth. The arrangement is by Sue Wrobleski.
3. VBS SIGN-UPS CONTINUE. This year's theme, "Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God," will be an exciting adventure for children in Pre-K through 5th grade on July 15, 16, 18 & 19. Registration forms are due by July 1st and can be found on the church website, in the Narthex, or by contacting the church office. Call Gayl Galen (738-4554) with questions.
4. THIS YEAR'S SUMMER MISSION supports two projects, Family Promise of Greater Rochester and the People's Pantry, two organizations which continue to see an increasing demand for food, housing, and counseling for homeless families in Rochester and surrounding areas. Envelopes can be found in the chair racks, or gifts can be mailed to the church. This year's goal is \$8,000.
5. HOPE MINISTRIES Garage Sale will be held in September. The final day for donation drop-off is this Wednesday from 3-5 pm, at the Knights of Columbus building basement, 1460 Ridge Road.
6. SCHOOL SUPPLIES for needy students served by the Williamson Come-Unity Center and Easter Service Workers are again being collected by the Mission Committee, beginning July 7th when store sales typically begin. Pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, colored folders, scissors, back packs, rulers, index cards, spiral notebooks, tissue packs, hand sanitizer, all in small, individual sizes or containers, are needed. Added this year are earbuds/headphones, paper clips and staples. Collection bins will be located in the upper and lower Narthex and outside the north entrance to the church.
7. THE MISSION COMMITTEE recently made extra donations to the Medical Benevolence Foundation for emergency medical supplies and treatments in Haiti, to the Outreach Foundation to aid struggling Christian churches in the Middle East, to ROCMaidan for emergency relief in Ukraine, and to the American Bible Society for Bibles in impoverished countries. These special donations were made possible by extra gifts that we received from church members. Praise God!
8. FREE YELLOW SHIRTS will be available this morning in the Narthex for members who would like to attend the Saturday morning 10:00 cheering section for Miracle Field athletes or other events where church members will be volunteering.