

# Celebration of Worship

June 16, 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

Catherine E. Taylor

“Who are you really, Jesus?’ That may be the larger question behind the Pharisees’ queries in the wake of Levi’s banquet, a question that still rings true for many of the faithful in our congregations today. Most Christians can fill in the blank with the expected answers – Son of God, Redeemer, Savior – but until we wrestle with the question as if we were sitting with Jesus at the same table, our answers may remain rote and thin.”

## Ringling 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.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here

## Call to Worship

Leader: To the fisherman, Jesus said,

**People: “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”**

Leader: To the tax collector, Jesus said,

**People: “Follow me.”**

Leader: To the rich man, Jesus said,

**People: “Go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow  
me.”**

Leader: At the last supper, Jesus said,

**People: “Follow me.”**

Leader: To you and to me and to all of us, Jesus says,

**People: “Follow me!”**

## Hymn

*God Is Here*

# 461

## Litany for Father’s Day

One: On this Father’s Day, we remember our fathers. Our relationships with our fathers can sometimes be complicated.

**All: For some of us, our father’s love is like God’s love – too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.**

One: Some of our dads are here; we have lost some of our dads; some were never here.

**All: For some of us, God’s love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.**

One: Fathers play an important role and all of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

**All: On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers and father figures among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do. Amen.**

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, you are a blessing to all people, yet we choose sides and pit “us” against “them”. Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

Who would you sit next to at dinner with Jesus?

## Assurance of Pardon

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

**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** *Jesus Calls Us* Insert

**Scripture Reading** *Psalm 20*

**Anthem** *Hope Eternal* Cynthia Dobrinski  
*Alleluia Bells*

**Scripture Reading** *Luke 5:27-32*

**Sermon** *Dinner with Levi*  
Pastor Nadia Mullin

**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**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**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  
further your Kingdom and build your beloved community.  
Amen.

**Service of Holy Communion** Insert

**Hymn** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* # 145

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Laudation* Arnold Sherman

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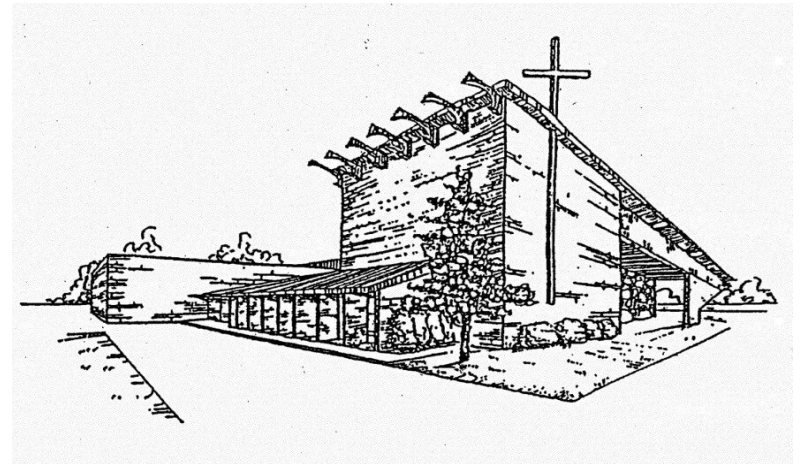
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## Service of Holy Communion

### Invitation

Pastor: Jesus calls all people to sit at table with him, the sick and the uncertain, the weak and the poor, the Pharisees and tax collectors. From north and south and east and west he calls us to come and sit at this table, the foretaste of the kingdom of God. On a night long ago, when Jesus sat at table with his disciples, they thought they were the hosts and he the guest. But then he broke the bread, and their eyes were opened and they recognized him. The guest became the host; the foolish one was revealed as Wisdom. To this table, to this banquet of Wisdom, he calls us again.

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 our great delight to praise you, O God. In the beginning of time, your wisdom danced through creation, calling forth light and life. Through wisdom, you formed us in your image, calling us to love and serve you. Foolishly we turned from you and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy. Yet you did not reject us, but continued to call us and claim us as your own.

We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us. We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness, and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock. We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise. We worshiped idols of our own making, and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you. At last, you emptied yourself of power and came to us as the child of Mary, holy God in frail and human flesh.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**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!**

Pastor: You are holy, O God of power and might, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the one who comes in your name. In his life he called unlikely people to follow him: fisherfolk, tax collectors, children, sinners, deniers, betrayers. On the cross he gave himself up to the powers of this world, showing in his body your great foolishness, O God, for loving such a wayward world. Yet by this very cross, O Wisdom from on high, you have undone and remade the wisdom of this world, drawing light from darkness, power from humiliation, life from death itself.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

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

Pastor: Come, then, life-giving Spirit, brood over these bodily things and make us into the one body with Christ, that we, who are baptized into his death, may walk in newness of life; that what is sown in dishonor may be raised in glory, and what is sown in weakness may be raised in power.

We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

### The Words of Institution

#### 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 loving God, you have given us a share of the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your joy and salvation to all the world. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Hymn

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

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Benediction

Postlude

*Laudation*  
Alleluia Bells

Arnold Sherman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### God Is Here

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God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,  
Here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold.  
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel. Help us work Your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive.  
We, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

### Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

# 145

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest.  
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
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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. VBS SIGN-UPS HAVE BEGUN. This year's theme, "Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God," will be an exciting adventure for children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade on July 15, 16, 18 & 19. Registration forms are available on the church website, in the Narthex, or by contacting the church office. Call Gayl Galen (738-4554) if you have any questions.
3. THIS YEAR'S SUMMER MISSION supports two projects, Family Promise of Greater Rochester and the People's Pantry, 2 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.
4. HOPE MINISTRIES Garage Sale will be held in September. The final day for donation drop-off is June 26, 3-5 pm, at the Knights of Columbus building basement, 1460 Ridge Road.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 16 - Communion

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed  
3:00 P.M. Worship Service at Cherry Ridge

### Monday, June 17

6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in room 9/10

### Tuesday, June 18

5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10  
6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, June 19

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant  
5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10  
7:30 P.M. ONE in Christ Committee Meeting on Zoom

### Thursday, June 20

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom  
3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1

### Saturday, June 21

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>

### Sunday, June 23

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