

Celebration of Worship

July 21, 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

Brian Peterson

"We don't need to reject Martha in order to understand Luke's point about Mary, who is portrayed as a disciple sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to him. She violates the cultural expectations in ways that Martha does not. This is the sort of thing that Jesus does, breaking the cultural constraints and setting people free for the kingdom. That's necessary if we are actually going to love our neighbors and love God."

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.

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands.

People: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

Leader: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

People: We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Invocation

Leader: From the demands and pressures of this past week, we come, O Lord, seeking rest and renewal. Hear the cries of our hearts, our prayers, our needs. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Patient Lord, we schedule our lives down to the very second. We crowd in as much activity as we can and then wonder why we are so stressed out and tired. We are afraid to miss out on anything. And when it comes time to be with others, we spend our time worrying about details rather than longing for the visit. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details and miss the opportunity to sit at your feet, learning, listening, growing in our faith. Help us to place ourselves in your care. Slow us down, just a bit, so that we can see the wonders you have placed before us and truly enjoy and share the blessings you have given to us. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Are you more active or contemplative when it comes to your faith?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: On the seventh day of creation, God rested, creating a Sabbath, a time set apart for rest, to learn, to listen, to be quiet and at peace. Let Sabbath take root in your heart and in your life. Be at peace in God's love for you.

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

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

For All the Faithful Women

Insert

Scripture Readings

Psalms 89:20-37

Luke 10:38-42

Sermon

Letting Go

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: God sent his Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives. We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

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

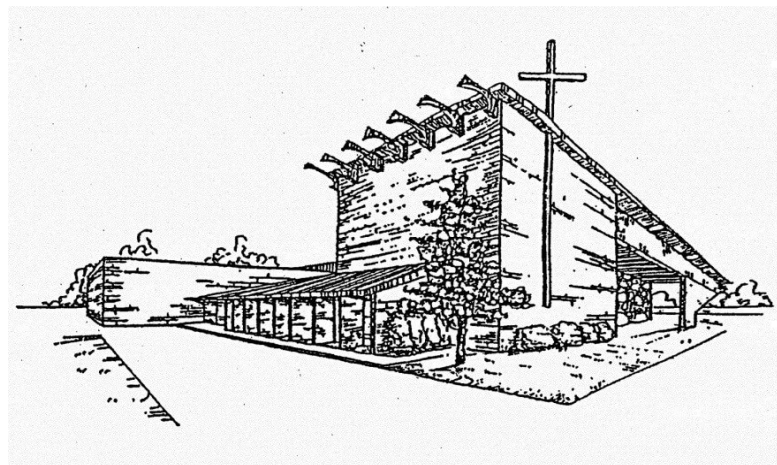
All: God of grace and God of glory, we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give. May we freely give with generous hearts, even as we have received what you have so freely given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen.

Hymn *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* Insert

Benediction

Postlude

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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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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. SCHOOL SUPPLIES for needy students served by the Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers are again being collected through August 13th. Pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, colored folders, scissors, rulers, index cards, spiral notebooks, tissue packs, hand sanitizer, all in small, individual sizes or containers, earbuds/headphones, paper clips, staples, and especially backpacks are needed. Check out the store Five Below where all backpacks are \$5.00, and many items can be purchased at the Dollar Store. Collection bins are located in the upper and lower Narthex and outside the north entrance to the church.
3. 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. We are close to 2/3 of the way toward this year's goal of \$8,000.
4. THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE will be gathering to talk about the upcoming Advent season and begin planning on Saturday, August 3rd. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Heather Hewlett or Pastor Nadia. More details to follow.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 21

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

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

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

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

Thursday, July 25

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

Saturday, July 27

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnIXcDITWjZIS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>