

Celebration of Worship

July 28, 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

Jean-Pierre Ruiz

Complex as their relationship may be [the Pharisees and Jesus], their differences do not prevent them from sitting together at table, and thus they continue to teach by their example even now.

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 – from Psalm 145

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: and all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling

People: and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: You open your hand,

People: satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Leader: The Lord is just and kind.

People: The Lord is near to all who call on God.

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

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Invocation

Leader: Lord of Hope and Peace, we have come this day asking for your mercy. Grant us your pardon. We have come this day seeking peace in our lives; grant us peace. Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you. For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” – the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Where do you want to see justice and renewal?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel – God's radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own.

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

O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High

Insert

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 3:14-21

Luke 11:37-44

Sermon

Inside Out

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

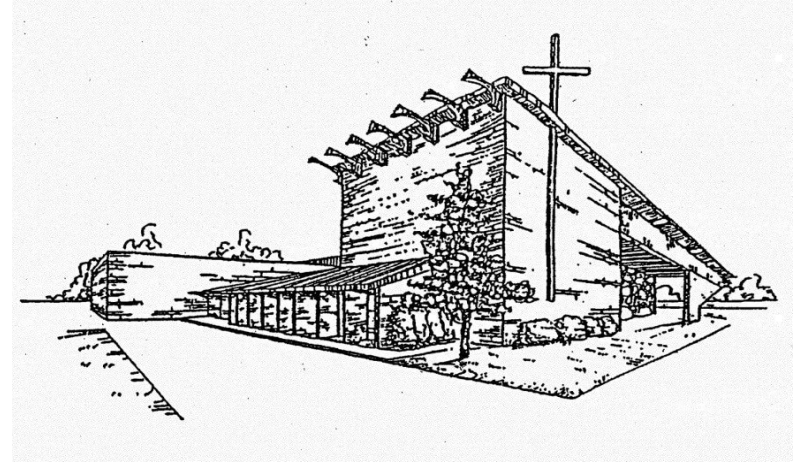
All: O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.

Hymn *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* Insert

Benediction

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word.
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28

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

Tuesday, July 30

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

Wednesday, July 31

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

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

Thursday, August 1

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

Saturday, August 3

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

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

1:00 P.M. Worship & Music Advent Planning Retreat in Room 9/10

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/UCzM5thYxua2HQSFP6P71wA>
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.
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.

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