Celebration of Worship

July 7, 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 Rachel Held Evans

"The Church is God saying, "I'm throwing a banquet and all the mismatched, messed up people are invited, Here, have some wine."

Ringing 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 come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

People: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

Leader: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

People: May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say

to us this day.

Leader: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

People: Let us gather to worship God!

Hymn All Are Welcome Insert

Invocation

Leader: We come to meet you, O God. We come to be nourished

by your word and by the sacred supper to which you invite us. May our worship bring you all the glory and honor. This

we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. Forgive us, we pray. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Who would you invite to the banquet God has prepared?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News! The old life is gone; a new life has

begun. You are not who you were; may you live into who you

can be. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: 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 / Come with Joy Insert

Scripture Reading Psalm 48

Anthem Sonata for Flute and Piano Poulence

2. Catilena

Sally Turner, flute; Kat Jolliff, piano

Scripture Reading Mark 14:12-25

Sermon Who's Coming to Dinner?

John Kubiniec

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Minute for Mission

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: Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you. May they be used to bring grace and healing to this hurting world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

Insert # 358

Hymn Help Us Accept Each Other

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Benediction and Postlude



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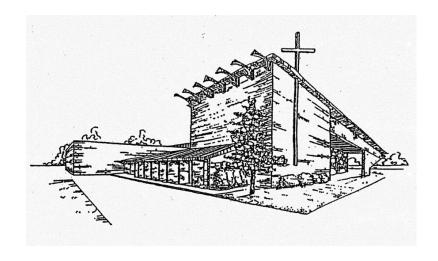
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Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor: Come to this table, not because you must, but because you

may; not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love God more. Come, because God loved you and gave Godself for you.

Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

Pastor: The Lord be with you, **People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

People: We open our hearts to you, O God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together.

People: To the One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks

and praise.

Pastor: God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence is but a

taste of the love you extend to us every day. By your very nature, you are always seeking us out – searching for ways to connect us and connect with us. You meet us in the most ordinary of places and you make them sacred. By your grace, we come to recognize the holiness that dwells in the world around us, in our neighbors, in our own internal depths.

Therefore, we join our voices with our people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you:

People: Holy, holy One, God of justice and love. Heaven and earth are full of your wonder. Hosanna, among us.

Pastor: Blessed are you, and blessed is your eternal table. You welcome all who thirst for justice and hunger to grow in love. You ask us to extend this same welcome to all our neighbors.

But God, since our beginning, we have struggled.

And so in your love for us, you took on flesh in Jesus. Through his life, you pointed to your presence on the margins. You revealed the sacredness of all life. You showed us how to live together, even among forces of destruction.

Believing it could transform the world, Jesus proclaimed the Good News. He called for the captives to be set free. He spoke of the lowly being lifted up. He talked of redistributing wealth and eradicating the causes of poverty. His commitment to practicing love knew no bounds – not even the bounds of death.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant."

In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ was birthed among us.

Christ was killed among us. Christ rises again among us.

Pastor: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. Make these ordinary

elements into the sacred gift of your presence with us once again. May they awaken us anew to your everlasting invitation into a life of resurrection. Enliven us in our pursuit of a world where all needs are met, power is balanced, and the worth of

every creature and creation is celebrated. 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: God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life, you make us one body. Bind us together by your Spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it be so.

Hymn Help Us Accept Each Other # 358

Benediction

Postlude

Help Us Accept Each Other

#358

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us.

Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe

We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let Your acceptance change us so that we may be moved In living situations to do the truth in love,

To practice Your acceptance until we know by heart The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on. Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7

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

Tuesday, July 9

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

Wednesday, July 10

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 11

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

Saturday, July 13

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

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDlTWjZlS2d

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Sunday, July 14

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. SCHOOL SUPPLIES for needy students served by the Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers are again being collected by the Mission Committee. Pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, colored folders, scissors, back packs, rulers, index cards, spiral notebooks, tissue packs, hand sanitizer, <u>all in small, individual sizes or containers</u>, 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.
- 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. FOOD AND TOILETRY DONATIONS continue to be collected throughout the summer months. Current food needs are coffee, sugar, flour, canned beets, canned pineapple, cooking oil, and condiments. Current toiletry needs are baby diapers (size 6), baby wipes, toiletries, soap, and laundry detergent. The collection barrel can be found in the upper Narthex.
- 5. SUMMER LITURGIST VOLUNTEERS are needed. It's an easy job, but a very important one. If you've never been a liturgist before, we encourage you to give it a try, and summer months are a great, low stress time to do that. If you have an interest in signing up or would like to know more about it, please reach out to Heather Hewlett (heather.hewlett@yahoo.com).
- THE ALLELUIA BELLS BELL CHOIR needs 1 new ringer. It is not necessary to have rung bells before, but an ability to read music and rhythms would be helpful. Contact Jackie Anderson (585-703-2381 or <u>iktanderson42@gmail.com</u>) for more information.

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free; The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, We'll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one, The love that makes us one.

All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and vision, rock of faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true, Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat, A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face.

Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are names, their songs and visions heard And love and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome; all are welcome in this place.