

# *Celebration of Worship*

August 4, 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** *Consolation no. 4 in D<sup>b</sup> Major* Liszt

## **Words of Welcome**

**Reflection** S. Brian Erickson

“Sometimes life with Christ looks like the dead raised, mountains of transfiguring light, and the feeding of five thousand with last night’s leftovers. More often than not, though, it is as simple as breakfast by the sea. It is the mundane mingled with miracle, charcoal fires, and unbroken nets.”

## **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:** Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

**People: Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**Leader:** There is one body and one Spirit,

**People: just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,**

**Leader:** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,

**People: who is above all and through all and in all.**

**Leader:** Let us worship God.

**Hymn** *Christ, Be Our Light* Insert

## **Invocation**

**Leader:** God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think, and do. In Jesus’ Name we pray.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**All:** Merciful God, in Jesus we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace, that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

Moment of Silence

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

**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** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* # 359

**Scripture Reading** *Ephesians 4:1-16*

**Scripture Reading** *John 21:1-17*

**Sermon** Come and Have Breakfast  
Pastor Nadia Mullin

## **Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles**

**Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer** (Debts/debtors)

## **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: O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.**

## Service of Holy Communion

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## Hymn

*We Are One in the Spirit*

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## Benediction

## Postlude

*Praeludium in G Major*

Buxtehude

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 4

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

### Monday, August 5

7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10 and on Zoom

### Tuesday, August 6

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

### Wednesday, August 7

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 8

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

### Saturday, August 10

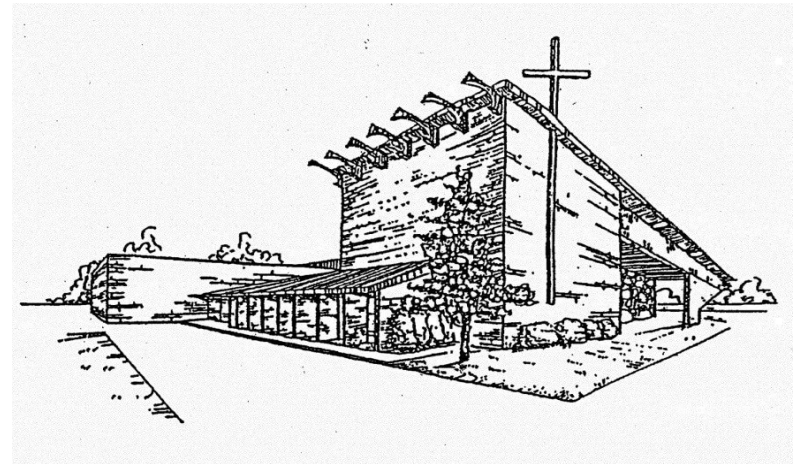
9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZlS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>

### Sunday, August 11

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## Service of Holy Communion

### Invitation

Pastor: The Holy One 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, our life-breath.

**People: To the One who sustains us, we rejoice in your presence!**

Pastor: With gratitude, O God, we remember that it is through you we are made truly alive. Every creature and creation – the tiny ones, the scaly ones, the human ones, the leafy ones – all that is has been shaped by you. There is nothing on this earth that has not been touched by your Sacred hand. In your love for us, you claim us – individually and as a whole – as your beloveds. You will for us life abundant and you invite us into co-working with you towards a world where harmony among all life is restored.

And yet, daily we turn away from you and one another. Destructive and divisive powers lure us away from connection and relationship. We forget that we need each other. We pretend that our lives are not deeply entangled. When injustice threatens our neighbors, we too easily cower or hide.

Like those who turned on Jesus when things became too difficult, we too are tempted to desert those most vulnerable. But you do not abandon us to our fear or sin. In the life of Jesus, Love enfleshed, we are shown that the invitation to join in your work of transforming and healing and restoring is always open. No matter our past; no matter our regrets; no matter the wrong done to us or the wrong we have done to others, you keep calling us back to you.

This relentless invitation of yours that entices with freedom and joy and forgiveness is such a threat to empire that it still attempts to crucify every incarnation of your love today. And so, we are reminded of the example given to us in the person of Jesus.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around table 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.” He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.”

And so in remembrance of the One who never gave up on love, we pray that the Spirit would make us one in our commitment to the liberation of all your creatures and creations. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, that through these ordinary gifts, we might taste a glimpse of your Kingdom. May they be for us a reminder of what we are capable of becoming and what we are capable of accomplishing together. 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, we give you thanks for this meal that nourishes us, body and soul. May it sustain us as we confront evil that keeps us from living the lives you intended for us and for all your creatures and creations. Until every life can be lived abundantly, be our guide, be our hope, be our comforter. Amen.**

Hymn

*We Are One in the Spirit*

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Benediction

Postlude

*Praeludium in G Major*

Buxtehude

### More Love to Thee, O Christ

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee; more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.  
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be; More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee; more love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise.  
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise.  
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee; more love to Thee!

### We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

### 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. THE YELLOW ROSE on the Communion Table is in acknowledgement and gratitude for a gift to the Endowment Fund by Barbara Hach in memory of our beloved church family members who have died this past year.
3. SCHOOL SUPPLIES for needy students served by the Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers are again being collected through August 13<sup>th</sup>. High priority needs now are folders with pockets and spiral notebooks, while pencils, crayons, and colored pencils are also much needed. Markers, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, index cards, tissue packs, hand sanitizer, all in small, individual sizes or containers, earbuds/headphones, paper clips, staples, and backpacks are also useful. Collection bins are located in the upper and lower Narthex.
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. Thank you to all who have given or who still plan to give.
5. 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.
6. FALL 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. 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](mailto:heather.hewlett@yahoo.com)).