

Celebration of Worship

May 18, 2025

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

Henri J.M. Nouwen

"We become neighbors when we are willing to cross the road for one another. (...) There is a lot of road crossing to do. We are all very busy in our own circles. We have our own people to go to and our own affairs to take care of. But if we could cross the road once in a while and pay attention to what is happening on the other side, we might indeed become neighbors."

Ringin of the Bell

Gathering Song *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks* # 106 – verse 4

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

People: for people near and people far, for people present and people to come, for the young and for those wise with age.

All: Come, let us praise the Lord; come, let us worship God.

Hymn *We Are One in the Spirit* Insert

Call to Confession

Leader: Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility. We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken. In faith and with confidence as beloved children, let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way.

Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community as we share your love with your people everywhere.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses. Therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

Sung Response

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Passing of the Peace

One: With thanksgiving, we rejoice in the reconciliation found in the forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ. Let us therefore be reconciled with our neighbors and share signs of Christ's peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

THE WORD

Children's Time Stu's Corner: *Love One Another*

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world.

All: Amen.

New Testament Reading *Acts 11:1-18*

Anthem *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess and striving so may love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

Gospel Reading *John 13:31-35*

Message

"Reflecting on 200 Years"

Youth and Adult Work Camp Memories

Ethan Fargo John & Elaine Wilbert Tony Hubbard

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Offering what we have for the sake of others is a discipline of pruning – letting go of our possessions, our time, and even ourselves – to extend the gospel witness into the world. Be generous in your ministry of giving. You need not fear; you abide in the vine.

Response

"Give Thanks"

Insert

Prayer of Thanksgiving / Dedication of Yellow Rose Offering

All: Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world. Today, we also offer up to you those offerings contributed to the Endowment Fund in honor and remembrance of those who inspired us in our faith journeys because of their dedication to you and your ministry. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

O for a World

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Charge

Leader: Jesus has loved us so that we may love others. Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Sung Response *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new; faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

Benediction

Leader: May God who has made you a new creation give you the grace to grow in faith, hope, love, and justice.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Yellow Rose Gifts have been given to the Endowment Fund from

Bob & Jackie Anderson in memory of
Family and Friends;

Kathy Barbehenn in memory of all those
we have lost and in honor of all those
who we love;

Joyce Bradstreet in memory of Janet McCandless, Eleanor Scott,
Jack Thomas and Kay Wahl;

Chuck Durand in memory of his parents;

Susan & Steve Frost in memory of George & Majel Pentz and
Thelma & Jack Frost;

Gayl Galen in memory of Jack & MaryGrace Thomas;

Karen, Matt & Tara Hunt and Brittney Smith in memory of
Dick Hunt;

Linnaea Nifong in honor of her grandparents;

Connie Rice in memory of Phyllis Smeltzer;

Arlene Sahmel in memory of Will Sahmel;

The Women's Bible Study in memory of Eleanor Scott and
Kay Wahl.



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. PLEASE JOIN US in the Sanctuary this morning after worship as we welcome Jed Koball, our PCUSA Global Ecumenical Liaison, on a video conference from Peru as he tells us about his ministry to the people in Peru. WPC has been supporting the ministry of Jed and Jenny for many years through our ongoing mission budget.
3. TODAY IS YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY. There is still time for you to make a contribution in honor or remembrance of people who have had an influence on your life as a Christian using the envelopes in the chair racks or mailing a check to the church.
4. THE JUNE PATHWAY DEADLINE is this Tuesday. This is the final issue until September, so please include all summer articles to both jchippero@websterpres.org and ghubbard@websterpres.org.
5. CLOTHING COLLECTION for Cameron Community Ministries - Our annual collection of gently used and new men's, women's, and children's spring and summer clothing has begun. Consider making a donation by going through your closets at home or making a purchase at a local discount or used clothing store. Please do NOT donate fall and winter items at this time, as Cameron only has limited storage. Blue plastic collection boxes will be in the Narthex and upper hallway until May 26. Thank you!
6. WEBSTER HOPE MINISTRIES is in need of size 6 diapers and wipes. Also welcome are canned goods (chicken, vegetables, gravy, tuna, red beans), instant rice, mac & cheese, and non-food items of shampoo, soaps/bodywash, toothpaste, and laundry/dish soaps.
7. UPCOMING DATES:
 - May 20th - June Pathway Deadline
 - June 1st - Communion Sunday
 - June 3rd - Women's Bible Study Brunch
 - June 8th - Music Sunday followed by the Church Picnic
 - June 15th - Last SHINE Class - Pancake Party!

Memory Verse

*It is the Lord who goes before you.
He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.
Do not fear or be dismayed.
Deuteronomy 31:8*

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 18 – Yellow Rose Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Jed Koball, missionary in Peru on Zoom in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge

Monday, May 19

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10

Tuesday, May 20 - Pathway Deadline

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 4:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in the Memorial Room
Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, May 21

- 6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 4:00 P.M. 200th Anniversary Committee on Zoom
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

Thursday, May 22

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, May 23

- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, May 24

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, May 25

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Family Bells in the Sanctuary

Lectionary Passages

	<u>May 18th</u>	<u>May 25th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Leviticus 19:9-18</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 34:1-12</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 24:1-6</i>	<i>Psalms 67</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 11:1-18</i>	<i>Acts 16:9-15</i>
Gospel	<i>John 13:31-35</i>	<i>John 5:1-9</i>