

# Celebration of Worship

July 6, 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

Mother Teresa

"If everyone could see the image of God in their neighbor,  
do you think we would still need tanks and generals?"

### Ringin' of the Bell

### Gathering Song

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel God's mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

### Call to Worship

Leader: In Christ, the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

**People: Through Christ, God reconciled all things to Godself.**

Leader: In Christ, we find our beginning, our purpose, and our own being.

**People: We are Christ's body, eager to serve.**

### Prayer:

**All:** O God of the unimaginable, you come to us as the hungry visitor in need of shelter and the woman sitting at your feet, craving to learn more. You make yourself at home among us, learning our names and our stories, dwelling with us wherever we lay our head, and making miracles out of the mundane and saints out of the ordinary. Thank you for showing up in the holy spaces and the unexpected places. May we show up in this world like you. Amen.

### Hymn

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

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### Call to Confession

Leader: Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Lover. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

### Prayer of Confession

**All:** Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Listen, I will tell you a mystery! By his body and his cross, Jesus reconciles all who were once estranged. Christ in you is the glory of God. Believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### 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 – "Mother Teresa" by Mary Nhin

### Prayer of Illumination

Leader: O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace.

**All: Amen.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading

*Genesis 1:1-27*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading

*Colossians 1:15-20*

### Sermon

*"Created in the Image of God"* Rev. Susan Frost

*Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image,  
according to our likeness..."*

*Genesis 1:26a*

## 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: In gratitude for all that God has done for us, let us present our gifts to God.

Sung Response

*Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

Let the poor say, "We are rich

because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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**MOVING IN GOD'S WAY**

Hymn

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

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Charge

Leader: Go in peace.

**Sung Response** *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,  
we are marching in the light of God.

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we are marching in the light of God.

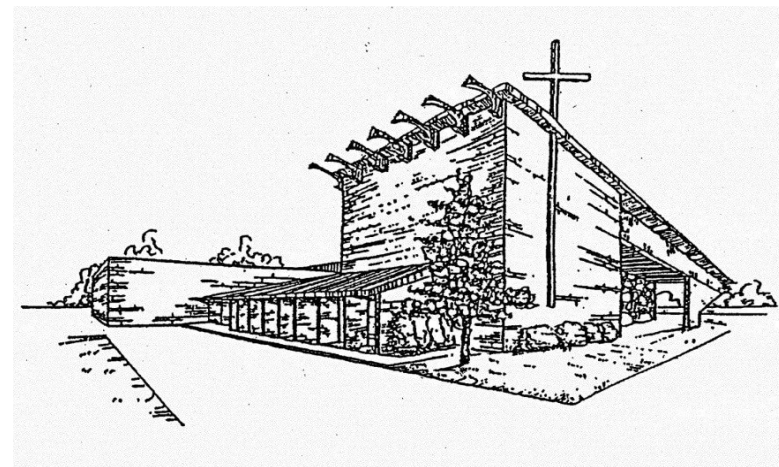
**Blessing**

Leader: The God of reconciliation bless you, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you, and the power of the Holy spirit strengthen you this day and forevermore.

**People:** Amen.

**Postlude**

## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: ...With the faithful of every time and place, we forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### Breaking of the Bread, Pouring the Cup

Leader: ...Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

#### Invitation

Leader: ...The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### Communion of the People

Leader: The body of Christ, given for you.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**People: Amen.**

#### Prayer after Communion:

**All: Giving God, living Lord, you have fed us with your body.  
You have poured out your life that we might live. We  
thank you, for we have tasted your goodness in this meal.  
Fed, we are strengthened; filled, we are renewed to share  
the abundance of your love with a hungry world. Amen.**

## Sermon Study Questions

July 6

1. Why do you think the writer of Genesis emphasized pairs of opposites like day and night, land and sea, male and female, when it is clear that many in-betweens exist, like dawn and dusk, marshes and estuaries, intersex and nonbinary people?
2. Can you name some examples of "black and white thinking"? Have you ever caught yourself using "black and white thinking"? When did this occur? What was the outcome?
3. In his book, *Transforming*, Austen Hartke points out there are three basic categories that theories about the image of God can be grouped into. (p. 62)  
These include:
  - We reflect the image of God in some way through a nonphysical characteristic we've been given.
  - God's image is stamped on us in a bodily sense: through our gender, the shape of our bodies, or even the way we walk on two legs.
  - Sees the image of God as something relational, which affects the way humans relate to God and to the rest of creation.Which of these do you relate to the most? Why do you think this is so?
4. Have you ever had someone use the Bible to criticize or condemn you for something? How did it feel?
5. What does it mean to you to be an image-bearer of God?

## 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. THIS AFTERNOON AT 3:00 Austin Hall will be giving his final piano recital here in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to come and enjoy his music.
3. CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS containing coloring/puzzle pages, crayons, pencils, and storybooks are available at the back of the Sanctuary for use during worship in the summer months. Please replace the tote bags when leaving so they can be replenished for the next week.
4. SCHOOL SUPPLIES for needy children served by the Williamson Come-Unity Center in Wayne County, and by Eastern Service Workers in Rochester are being collected through August 10<sup>th</sup>. Pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, pocket folders, scissors, rulers, index cards, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, all in small, individual sizes or containers, computer earbuds/headphones, and especially backpacks are needed. Look for the school bus in the Narthex to place your donations!
5. THE 2025 SUMMER MISSION PROJECT is underway now until the end of August. Monies collected will be divided between the Thogoto School in Kenya in memory of Eleanor Scott and the Webster Community Center in memory of Joyce Tompkins. This summer's goal is \$10,000.
6. MUSICIANS AND LITURGISTS are needed to help with our summer worship services. Contact Lee Ann Daigle ([ladaigle65@gmail.com](mailto:ladaigle65@gmail.com)) for music and Heather Hewlett ([heather.hewlett@yahoo.com](mailto:heather.hewlett@yahoo.com)) for liturgist.
7. A LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE is being formed to look at the current and future needs of WPC in a rapidly changing environment. Members representing all ages and interests in the church are needed. If you are interested in being part of this group, please see Pastor Susan or call the church office.
8. HOPE HOUSE is in urgent need of shampoo and conditioner, diaper wipes and size 6 diapers. Non-perishable food items are also welcome. Collection bins are located in the Narthex.

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, July 6

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

### Monday, July 7

10:00 A.M. VBS Volunteers in Room 1

### Tuesday, July 8

5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, July 9

6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant

4:00 P.M. 200 Anniversary Committee on Zoom

### Thursday, July 10

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

### Saturday, July 12

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

### Sunday, July 13

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

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## Lectionary Passages

	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	July 13 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	<i>II Kings 5:1-14</i>	<i>Amos 7:7-14</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 30</i>	<i>Psalms 82</i>
New Testament	<i>Galatians 6:1-16</i>	<i>Colossians 1:1-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 10:1-11, 16-20</i>	<i>Luke 10:25-37</i>

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## Memory Verse

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.  
Psalm 100:1-2*