

Celebration of Worship

August 3, 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

Richard Sibbes – Anglican Theologian (1577-1635)

"Measure not God's love and favor by your own felling. The sun shines as clearly in the darkest day as it does in the brightest. The difference is not in the sun, but in some clouds which hinder the manifestation of the light thereof."

Ringings 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: God has given us this day.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: God has gathered us in this place.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of Justice, we gather from all corners of the world knowing that you have made a new world possible even as we hold on to the old world. We pray for those in places where greed and evil still reign, for those who are still full of anger and wrath, for those who still act with malice, for those who still use abusive language, for those who still lie to others, for those who hoard treasures on earth. We pray with the knowledge that sometimes this is us. Don't give us up now. Clothe us with a new self, according to your image, so that one day there will be no more divisions among us. Amen.

Hymn

Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts

Insert

Call to Confession

Leader: Let us return to our God in confession, considering God's steadfast love.

Prayer of Confession

All: Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever. Beyond the cross, beyond the grave, beyond our sin, God's steadfast love endures forever. This is 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.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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

"The Big Umbrella"

by Amy June Bates

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart. As we hear the reading of your Word, remind us that we have been raised with Christ, and inspire us to seek the things that are above, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Hosea 11:1-11

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

"Emulating God's Hospitality"

Rev. Susan Frost

"And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'"

Luke 12:15

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn

You Are My All in All

Insert

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God cautions us against storing up riches for ourselves. Let us consider these things and give as our conscience directs us.

Sung Response

Give Thanks

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

Give thanks because we're 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

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

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Charge

Leader: Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are of God, and go forth to live lives worthy of your calling.

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.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,

we are marching in the light of God.

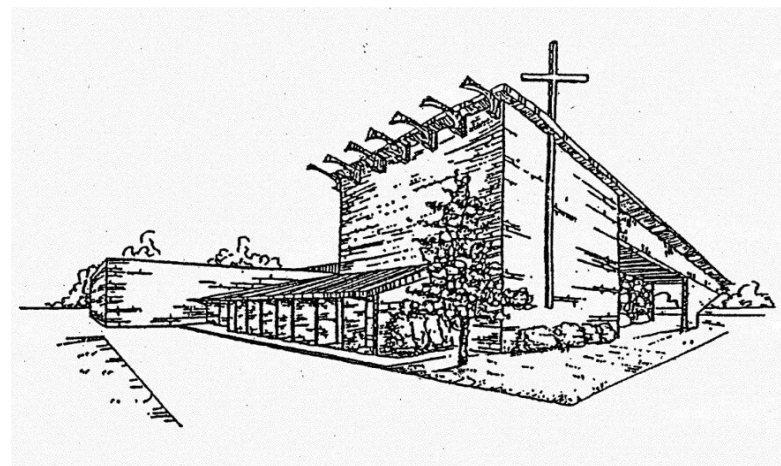
Benediction

Leader: May the God who gives us every good gift bless you and keep you in the mind of Christ, by the power of the Spirit who sustains us all.

People: Amen.

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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through faith and action,
welcoming all.*

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 3

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
5:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Monday, August 4

11:00 A.M. Hegedorn Memorial Service in the Sanctuary
7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10

Tuesday, August 5

5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Wednesday, August 6

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
9:30 A.M. Membership Committee in the Church Office
5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10

Thursday, August 7

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Saturday, August 9

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Social Room & Kitchen

Sunday, August 10

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
5:00 A.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>August 3rd</u>	<u>August 10th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Hosea 11:1-11</i>	<i>Isaiah 1:1, 10-20</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 107:1-9, 43</i>	<i>Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23</i>
New Testament	<i>Colossians 3:1-11</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 12:13-21</i>	<i>Luke 12:32-40</i>

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Memory Verse

*"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.
Today's trouble is enough for today."*

Matthew 6:34

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/UCzM5thYxua2HQSFP6P71wA>
2. THE FLOWERS are in memory of Dean Echevarria and in celebration of her life which was remembered in a service here this past Tuesday.
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 17th. 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 Chest in memory of Joyce Tompkins. We praise and thank all who have so far contributed \$7570, which puts us three-quarters of the way toward this year's goal of \$10,000.
6. 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.
7. FRIENDS AT HOME - The Deacons are reminding you to keep our Friends at Home in your thoughts and prayers. We would especially like to remember these church members on their birthdays. There is a basket of cards available for your use in the Narthex. It has been moved to the large welcome desk by the north entrance. Feel free to choose a card from the basket to remember these important members of our church. Addresses and birthdays for these folks can also be found in the basket. There are non-birthday cards too, if you would just like to send a note. We thank you for your help with this project.