

Celebration of Worship

July 13, 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

Soren Kierkegaard

"When one has once fully entered the realm of love, the world –
no matter how imperfect – becomes rich and beautiful;
it consists solely of opportunities for love."

Ringling 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: We serve the Creator, who loves us into life.

People: We follow Christ, who loves us unto death.

Leader: We listen for the Spirit, who loves us into transformation.

All: We worship God, whose love knows no bounds.

Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, whose compassion embraces everyone,
gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear
and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation
that we may embody your merciful love and rejoice in
your astounding grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Call to Confession

Leader: Claiming us in love, God beckons us to grow into that love
and to reflect that love to others. Yet sin obstructs our efforts
and prevents us from living as God intends. In penitence and
faith, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, we have heard your command to love you, to
love our neighbor, and to love ourselves, yet we fall into
patterns of shallow devotion, false kindness, and self-
doubt. We have heard your call to do justice, to love
kindness, to walk humbly with you, yet we're drawn to
safety, not justice; apathy, not kindness; pacing, not
walking.**

**Hear our prayers, O God. Forgive us for what we have
done and for what we have left undone. Hear our
prayers, O God, and move us to deeper trust and more
faithful action.**

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. Receive
the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others, in the
name of Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

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 - *"God's Dream"*

by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Lord, by the power of your Spirit, give us your words of life
that our faith may increase and our hearts be made whole.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 56:1-8

Special Music

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

Vocal Ensemble

2nd Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon *A God Who Changes* Rev. Susan Frost
"Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say, 'The Lord will surely separate me from his people': and do not let the eunuch say, 'I am just a dry tree.'"
Isaiah 56:3

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn *I Will Come to You* Screen

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Christ has provided for us from his own table of blessing.
Anointing and abundance overflows! Let us offer our gifts
together from the bounty he has given.

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.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

All: Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we
could imagine and more blessings that we deserve.
Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you,
that your mercy may be multiplied and your blessings
abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* # 422

Charge

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit, go forth to serve your
neighbor, to love your enemy, and to embody God's mercy
in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

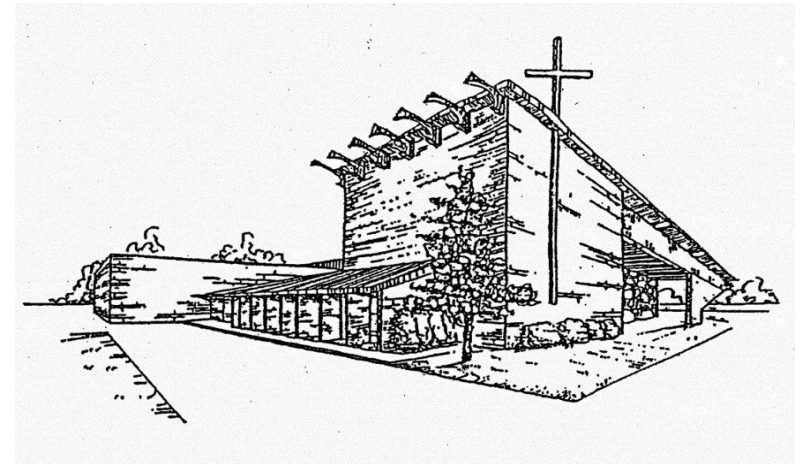
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo,
we are marching in the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

Benediction

Leader: The blessing of God, source of life, power of life, redeemer
of life, be with you now and always.

People: Amen.

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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living and sharing the love of God
through faith and action,
welcoming all.*

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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 FLOWERS on the communion table are given by Sue Wroblewski in loving memory of her husband, Dick.
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 10th. 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. We praise and thank all who have so far contributed \$5306, which puts us half-way toward this year's goal of \$10,000.
6. MUSICIANS AND LITURGISTS are needed to help with our summer worship services. Contact Lee Ann Daigle (ladaigle65@gmail.com) for music and Heather Hewlett (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 13

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
 10:45 A.M. Sermon Discussion in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 14

5:30 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Tuesday, July 15

5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
 5:30 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Wednesday, July 16

6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
 4:00 P.M. 200 Anniversary Committee on Zoom

Thursday, July 17

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
 5:30 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Saturday, July 19

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, July 20

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
 10:45 A.M. Sermon Discussion in the Sanctuary
 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge

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Lectionary Passages

	July 13 th	July 20 th
Old Testament	<i>Amos 7:7-14</i>	<i>Amos 8:1-12</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 82</i>	<i>Psalms 52</i>
New Testament	<i>Colossians 1:1-14</i>	<i>Colossians 1:15-28</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	<i>Luke 10:38-42</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*

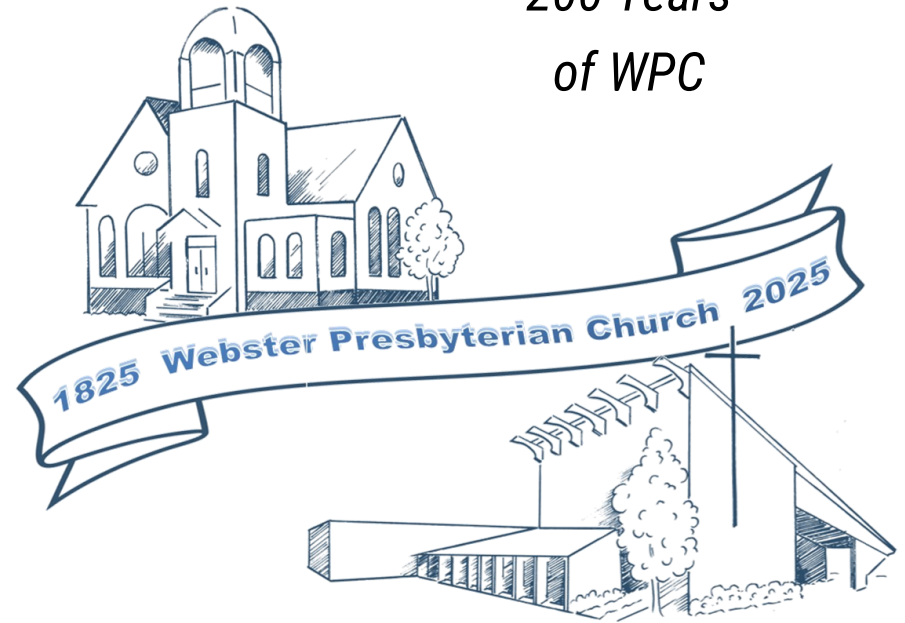
Sermon Study Questions

July 13th

1. Have you ever noticed that there are passages in the Bible that contradict themselves? Can you name some? How do you feel about this?
2. Deuteronomy 23 makes it very clear who should not be admitted into the assembly of the Lord. Not only did this include Eunuchs, but it also included Ammonites and Moabites. Ruth was a Moabite. She becomes the great-grandmother of King David. In the New Testament, Philip baptizes a Eunuch. What are your thoughts on this? How do we understand these changes to the rules?
3. Are there some other times in the Bible where God changed the rules? Can you name them? Why do you think the rules were changed?
4. Does the idea of a God who changes the rules make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?
5. What does it mean to you that the rules changed when the Israelites' context changed? Do you think God's rules continue to change?
6. When the Ethiopian eunuch asks, "What is to prevent me from being baptized?" Philip concludes that there is nothing. What sort of implicit or explicit restrictions does our church put on becoming Christian or becoming a church member? Are there certain restrictions that do seem necessary? Any that don't? Why?
7. How do you feel about Austen Hartke's conclusion:
"God is alive and active in our world, working for the good of all people, even going so far as to change or break the rules to make sure everyone is included."

It's a Celebration!

200 Years
of WPC



How many years has it been for you?

What can you share?

What brought you here?

What makes us dear to you?

We would like to include comments/stories from you in our 200th Anniversary Booklet!

Send us your stories by email to the Anniversary Committee at elainew@rochester.rr.com or to the church office.

Please submit your comments/stories by August 15th.

200 Years  Still Building

On this rock I will build my church Matthew 16:18b