

Celebration of Worship

August 17, 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

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension;
it is the presence of justice."

Ring 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 a world where lies surround us,

People: your word is like fire, God nearby!

Leader: In a world full of false prophets and empty promises,

People: your word is like fire, God nearby!

Leader: In a world where words don't have meaning,

People: your word is like fire, God nearby!

Leader: We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by your word.

People: We are here to worship the God who is nearby!

Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of Peace, your call, at times, appears to divide us
from one another. Help us to overcome our fears and
respond in courage. Give us faith to trust the unity that
is beyond our sight. Give us your eyes to recognize the
signs before us. We ask this in the confidence of your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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Call to Confession

Leader: Trusting in God's hope for us, let us come before God with
contrite hearts, asking for reconciliation and seeking peace.

Prayer of Confession

**All: God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care...our
doubt of your providence...our blindness to signs of your
love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life. We
separate ourselves from you and from others, and foster
divisions between those you love.**

**Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people
who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world. Through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God hears our confession, rejoicing as we ask forgiveness
and seek to change our ways to conform to God's will. God
acknowledges the forces that separate us; the Holy Spirit
works to bring peace. Rejoice in the knowledge of our
reconciliation.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

"Martin's Big Words"

by Doreen Rappaport

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Holy God, your Word is like fire. By the power of your Spirit,
illumine our sight and enflame our hearts, that we may live
lives more faithful to your will.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalms 82

Special Music

"I Am Not Okay"

by Jelly Roll

Todd Fargo – soloist; John Kubiniec - piano

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon

"Got Fire?"

Rev. Susan Frost

"I came to bring fire to the earth..."

Luke 12:49

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn

This Is My Song

Insert

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Mindful of the abundance we have received in Christ, we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

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.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

All: We trust, O God, in your provision and loving kindness. Use these gifts and our lives that we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in the confidence of your mercy and love. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives

Insert

Charge

Leader: God is present to us, calling us to attend to our lives and our world. Confident in God's provision and direction, we go forth inspired, seeking reconciliation in places of division, honoring the plight of those on the margins, and filled with gratitude for God's promises.

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.

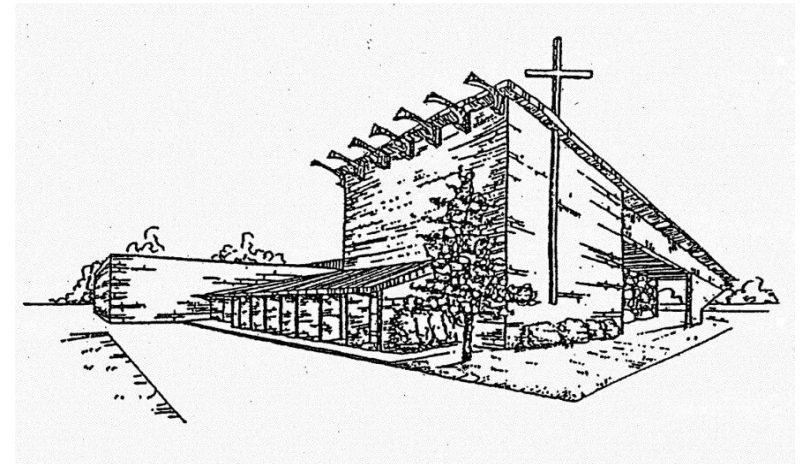
Benediction

Leader: May the God of creation and restoration give you confidence in the daily tasks set before you. The God of love and compassion assure you of your heritage as a child of God; the God of guidance and inspiration mold you in God's image; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you and remain with you always.

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 17

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
 12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
 5:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Monday, August 18

6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 20 - September Pathway Deadline

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

Thursday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 23

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, August 24

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

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>August 17th</u>	<u>August 24th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 5:1-7</i>	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19</i>	<i>Psalms 71:1-6</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2</i>	<i>Hebrews 12:18-29</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 12:49-56</i>	<i>Luke 13:10-17</i>

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. TODAY IS THE DEADLINE to donate School Supplies for needy children served by the Williamson Come-Unity Center in Wayne County, and by Eastern Service Workers in Rochester. Thank you to all who have donated to this worthy cause.
3. THE 2025 SUMMER MISSION PROJECT continues through next week. 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 \$9460 toward this year's goal of \$10,000.
4. THE SEPTEMBER PATHWAY DEADLINE is this Wednesday. Articles should be submitted to both jchippero@websterpres.org and ghubbard@websterpres.org to ensure they are received.
5. TOUR OF EGYPT? One of our mission budget partners, Hands Along the Nile, is leading a combination sightseeing/mission observation trip to Egypt from November 7th to 17th this fall that still has openings with a registration deadline of August 31st (SOON!). If interested in possibly going, for more information please contact one of the following;
 - 1) www.handsalongthenile.org/causes/insight-trips/
 - 2) info@handsalongthenile.org
 - 3) Call 703-875-9370 to talk to someone at Hands
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.

This Is My Song

to the tune "Be Still My Soul"

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine,
But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine,
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives

from Songs for the Holy Other 2020

to the tune "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Impartial, compassionate God of all lives,
in Christ you have shown us your love actualized,
Incarnate and weak in the arms of the poor,
destroying all systems that keep closed the door.

Unholy, unjustified fear we incite
when we shun our neighbors yet cling to our rights.
Your children still wander the streets left in pain.
We pass laws against them to prove our disdain.

Creator of beauty, we stand not in pride.
We do not assume you will stay on our side,
For yours is the sacred, untarnished by sin,
a refuge for outcasts that all may come in.

Our hope is your freedom for both great and small,
to strive for perfection and know all means all.
We challenge and question each law without grace,
affirming the image of Christ on each face.

All honor we give you. O help us to see
your children are worthy to claim victory.
And so let our actions flow out of our praise
to seek transformation, your Kingdom to raise.