

Celebration of Worship

August 18, 2024

9:30 A.M.

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

Prelude *Trio in C* Haydn
Vivace, Andante

Words of Welcome

Reflection O. Benjamin Sparks

“Every flag of every nation, every symbol of every nation, every army and every congress or parliament of every nation will (we can depend upon it) be relegated to history’s garbage dump in the long haul. But the holy, universal church, eating the flesh of Jesus and drinking the blood of Jesus (in cathedral, in grass hut, in suburban splendor, or in city storefront) is forever.”

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song *Be Still for the Presence*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

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Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds. The Lord is gracious and merciful.

Hymn *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Insert

Invocation

Leader: O Lord, our God, though we are as little children, not fully able to discern the spiritual forces coming in and out of our lives, you have chosen us as your people. Give your servants understanding minds to discern between the good and evil surrounding us each day, that we may choose what is good and pleasing in your sight. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ’s presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world.

Moment of Silence

What does it mean for you to call
the bread we eat in communion “the body of Christ?”

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is gracious to us and gentle.

The Lord heals our souls with love.

The Lord is merciful, providing spiritual food for the hungry.

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

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Time

Hymn *Take My Life* # 391

Scripture Reading *Psalms 111:1-10*

Special Music *Trio in C* Haydn
Allegro Moderato

Annette Farrington and Sally Turner - Flute

Sarah Helmer - cello

Scripture Reading *John 6:51-58*

Sermon Realities of the Incarnation
Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which begins with the apostles and continues through all generations. God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website "Give" button. Thank you!

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Blessing of the Offering

All: We present these gifts, O Lord, asking that you will use them through the church to spread the abundance of your love and justice in the world, that all may taste your goodness.

Hymn *Alleluia, Laud and Blessing* Insert

Benediction

Postlude

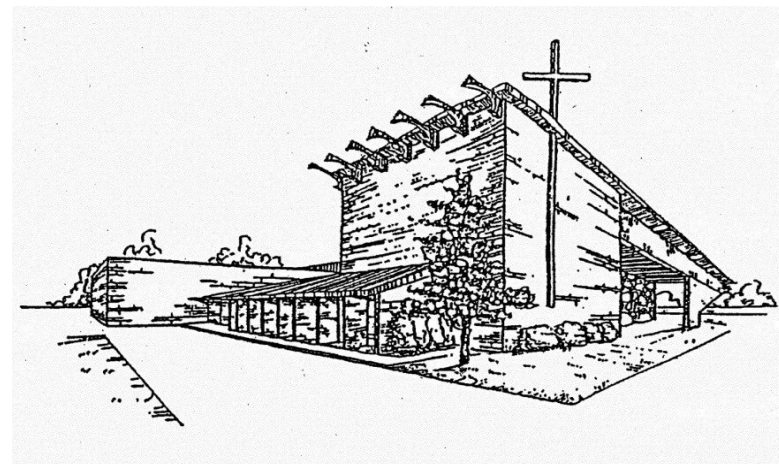
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Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only all for Thee,
Ever, only all for Thee.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 18

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

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, August 21

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant

8:00 A.M. WIC Social Services Program in the Social Room

5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10

6:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

Thursday, August 22

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

7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Saturday, August 24

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDlTWjZlS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>

Sunday, August 25

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

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 YEAR'S SUMMER MISSION supports two projects, Family Promise of Greater Rochester and the People's Pantry, two organizations which continue to see an increasing demand for food, housing, and counseling for homeless families in Rochester and surrounding areas. Envelopes can be found in the chair racks, or gifts can be mailed to the church. Thank you to all who have given or who still plan to give.
3. FOOD AND TOILETRY DONATIONS continue to be collected throughout the summer months. Current food needs are coffee, sugar, flour, canned beets, canned pineapple, cooking oil, and condiments. Current toiletry needs are baby diapers (size 6), baby wipes, toiletries, soap, and laundry detergent. The collection barrel can be found in the upper Narthex.
4. FALL LITURGIST VOLUNTEERS are needed. It's an easy job, but a very important one. If you've never been a liturgist before, we encourage you to give it a try. If you have an interest in signing up or would like to know more about it, please reach out to Heather Hewlett (heather.hewlett@yahoo.com).
5. NEEDED: 6 - 8 people on Saturday, September 7th, from 10 a.m. to Noon to help move small donated furniture items brought to Holy Trinity for their upcoming garage sale. Payment is a cool yellow shirt to wear that day and to keep forever, and the warm fuzzy you get to experience when you know you've really done something great. Little deeds bring great results and many hands make light work. Hope staff will be there, but they can't do it alone. If you can help for just two hours, please contact Bob Smith or Kathy Barbehenn, or contact the church office and we will make sure you get your shirt.

Memory Verse

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8 (NRSV)