



WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

45 West Lockwood Ave. ♦ Webster Groves, MO 63119
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6th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ June 30, 2024 ♦ 9:30 a.m.

Our Mission:
We seek to live Christ's love, welcome all people,
and joyfully serve God.



As the music begins, let us use this time for quiet reflection and prayer, so that we, individually and as a great crowd of witnesses, may prepare ourselves to reaffirm our faith as the people of God.

✦ *When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart, organ

arr. Dan Miller

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Harriet Hall

(Please rise in body or spirit.)

L: Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**P: The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.
Yet we catch glimpses of God's mercy and care.**

L: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.
Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

**P: God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.
The needy and the poor are not forgotten.**

L: God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.
See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

**P: Surely God will meet us here in our faith community!
How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!**

✦ OPENING HYMN #620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
(see music in back of bulletin)

LAUDA ANIMA

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

L: All of us have faltered before the lions and giants
that seem ready to destroy us. *Continued >>*

L: Life's storms overwhelm us,
and fear takes a deadly toll.
Sometimes we are snared in the work of our own hands.
We forget the greatest source of help and hope.
In these moments together, we lay aside our doubts
and fear of judgment to open our lives to God.

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray:

**P: Help us, God,
for we do not have the wisdom to help ourselves.
When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet
and we are mired down in hopelessness and self-pity,
we need you.
When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us
because some of it is also in us,
we cry out for your saving mercy.
We confess that it is easier to see the problems
than the promise.
We have been more ready to complain
than to accept your help.
O God, we open our hearts to you.
We want to be healed. Amen.**

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: God has listened to us.
In spite of all we have done or not done, God accepts us.
This is a day of salvation, when brokenness is mended,
problems are seen in a new light, and fierce winds are stilled.
God does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
God's affection for us is limited only by our failure to respond.
Accept the gift of God's love, for it is everything we need.

✦ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
P: And also with you.



1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
 2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.



Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
 I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:



Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!



How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Harriet Hall

L: Let us pray:

Holy God,
 we know that our own words lack knowledge
 whenever we try to speak of you or to you.
 Yet we are drawn into your presence
 and desire to understand all your mysteries.
 So now, by the gift of your Holy Spirit,
 speak your words and we will listen carefully,
 responding in awe and gratitude.
 Through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30

Pew Bible, pg. 505
 Harriet Hall

¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

³O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. *Continued >>*

⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

⁷By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:21-43

Pew Bible, pg. 39

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. *Continued >>*

³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYER FOR INTERCESSION

L: God of mercy and of grace
you have spoken in voices loud and voices small.

**P: Listen now,
not to the deserving of our voices,
but to the yearning of our hearts.**

L: God of truth and of grace,
by the strength of your voice the earth gives life.

**P: Listen now,
not to the strength of our demands,
but to the passion of our longings.**

L: God of wisdom and of grace,
by the Spirit of Christ your Word echoes in this people.

**P: Listen now,
not to the logic of our cases argued
but to the hope of our belief that you hear us.**

L: We pray for the church, O God:
In our prayers for the church
we long sometimes for simpler days gone now
when church seemed more an accepted part of daily life and routine.
Give us grace to reclaim the good in that memory
and wisdom to meet the challenges of this day.
The world is more complex now, as is living in these days.
As a congregation of your people, keep us dreaming. *Continued >>*

**P: We want to be
a voice for truth,
a place of justice,
a balm of healing,
a sanctuary of mercy,
a people of nurture
where children are seen as signs of your kingdom,
where noble ideals are fostered in the days of youth,
where faithfulness is encouraged among adults and
where the wisdom of long years is cherished.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit of Christ,
move among us,
that in these days
when it is so easy not to be the church
we might be your brave and faithful people.

Not for the church alone, O God,
but for the world we also pray:

We are grateful for leaders
who long in their deliberation to do your will.
Fill them with grace and strength in their conviction.
In matters that divide persons of goodwill,
give patience and understanding and direction.

We find on all sides of the streets we drive
people who are afraid,
people who are angry, and
people who are afraid and angry;
but also we see signs of goodwill and hope.
Restore this community to a place
of security and fair play.

We recognize around the world
in the pictures we see,
people whose lives are shattered by war and famine
and people whose lives are racked with pain and disease;
but also we see signs of peace and plenty and healing.
Restore this good earth
to a place of peace and goodwill among all people. *Continued >>*

L: Hear now our prayers

(JOYS AND CONCERNS)

for those who grieve,
for those who are anxious,
for those who are lonely,
for those who are tired,
for those who are confused,
for those who are addicted,
for those who are guilty.

Give us grace to be answers to the prayers we make.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERING INVITATION

L: We are invited, even urged, to open our hearts wide
and to place no boundaries on our affection for God's people.
Let us then share generously our provisions with others.

OFFERING (For those not using the offering plate, your offering can be made
by texting ALMS to 73256 or using the QR code to the right)



OFFERTORY ANTHEM #793

"O Christ, the Healer"

ERHALT UNS HERR

Stanza 1 – solo

Song Lyu, cantor

Stanzas 2-5 – all

(see music in back of bulletin)

♠ DOXOLOGY

"With Grateful Joy"

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan



With grate-ful joy for you the source of all life,



we raise one voice to you from whom all bles - sings flow.



You are the Giv-er of life, you are the Lov - er of life,



the Good Sus - tain - er of Life. We live in you.

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Let us pray:

How grateful we are, O God,
that you call us to serve with the Holy Spirit,
who fills us with patience and generosity and genuine love.
We pray that all we return to you
will be used faithfully in ministry to the world.
In the name of Christ, we ask it. **Amen.**

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Friends, let us now be bold to pray as our
Savior Christ has taught us:

**P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sending

✠ CLOSING HYMN #805

"Come Sing to God"
(see music in back of bulletin)

ELLACOMBE

✠ CHARGE

L: In every circumstance, trust in God,
who has great power to save and keep us.

✠ BLESSING

L: May the power of God uphold you,
the peace of Christ rest upon you,
and the Holy Spirit defend you,
now and always.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Ellacombe"
Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart, organ

arr. Jon Spong

*You are welcome to stay for the postlude, especially when we have musical guests.
If you would like to respond at the end, please do so with an "Amen."*

Welcome to WGPC

- **FRIENDSHIP PADS:** Please sign the friendship pads located at the end of each pew.
- **CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP:** The nursery (designed for children from newborn through three) is open from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. But if you need to step out of the Sanctuary, the new Gathering Spot (formerly the front office) will be open with a comfy place to relax with toys, books, coffee, and a live-stream of the worship service.
- **COMMUNION:** Everyone is invited to participate in Communion including children and the unbaptized.
- **ASSISTIVE DEVICES:** Hearing devices, large print hymnals, and cushions are available. One of our ushers will be happy to assist you.
- **WELCOME BAGS:** If you are a visitor or know someone who might be interested in WGPC, please pick up a red welcome bag at our Welcome Station in the main hallway or at the church entrances.

Those Who Serve Today

Liturgist: Harriet Hall
Acolyte Team: Scarlett Haxel, Charlie Ringkamp, and Gracie Roudebush
Greeters: Linda McNeely
Ushers: Freda Cook, Dave Morris, Margy Beggs-Irwin, and George Irwin
Tech Team: Lia Fairbanks, Tom McNeely, Rob Meyer, Spencer Roudebush, Joey Stokes, and Dennis Wacker
Nursery Caregiving Team: Anna Stokes, Jennifer Blumenkemper, Debbie Goss, Tammy Graning, Harriet Hall, and Carrie Rao
Flower Deliverers: Brenda Dribin and Linda McNeely
Office Assistance: Leigh Porter

The Chancel Flowers

The white rose on the Chancel this morning is in celebration of the birth of Arthur Alexander Dillon, born May 16, to Megan and Paul Dillon.



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Online Worship: Our worship services are live-streamed and video recorded for viewing on our website (wgpc.org) and YouTube pages. Children's participation in the Scripture Conversation indicates implied parental consent to be recorded.

Resources: Some prayers and liturgical texts for worship are provided by: Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2 © 2014; Westminster John Knox Press from Book of Common Worship © 2018.

June 30, 2024 Announcements

FELLOWSHIP

Hale Parking Lot on Thursday, July 4th

The City of Webster Groves asked if they could use WGPC's Hale Parking Lot on July 4th for parade watchers with disabilities who require assessible parking. We will be glad to help. Our lot off Moody will be open, and church members are also welcome to use the staff spots located in the parking lot behind church (also off Moody Ave).

MISSION

AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE
Thank you to all who participated!

You are lifesavers!

A graphic for an American Red Cross blood drive. It features the text 'AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE' in white on a red background. Below that, it says 'Thank you to all who participated!' in a white script font. To the right is a cartoon illustration of a red blood drop with a smiling face, arms, and legs, with the text 'You are lifesavers!' above it and a small heart icon.

Time to Gather School Supplies for Packing the Backpacks!

Donation deadline: Sunday, July 14

In July, we plan to pack 25 backpacks full of supplies for teens served by Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition. If you are able to help us collect 25 sets of supplies, please go to wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links (or use the QR code) and let us know which items you can purchase. Then keep an eye out for back to school sales, purchase your items, and bring them to the collection bin in the Mission Hub by Sunday, July 14. Thank you!



Sharing Love on July 4th

Are you looking for a way to support the LGBTQIA+ community during these challenging times? If so, the "You are Loved" group in Webster Groves welcomes all to walk in the WG July 4th Parade to share love and support (and candy!) with everyone along the way. As a More Light Presbyterian church, we are committed to showing love and respect for all of God's children and supporting efforts to make sure all feel welcome in our community! For more info and to sign up, see the Friday Flash.

Woods Chapel Renovation Project REVEAL!

Save the Date: Sunday, July 21!

11:15 a.m. to noon, in the Sanctuary

The Chapel Renovation Committee appointed by Session has been hard at work coming up a plan for using our Chapel to better support WGPC's mission of being a more open and welcoming congregation for the community in sharing Christ's love. After two years of planning and researching, a contractor - Interface Construction - has been selected! All are welcome to attend the Reveal on Sunday, July 21, when the architects will present the design plan for the Woods Chapel (name after early WGPC benefactors). You'll have an opportunity to ask questions of them, Pastor Ed, and the Chapel Renovation Committee. For more information about the planning process and the history of the Chapel, please see the Friday Flash. We look forward to seeing you then!

-Brian Tobin, President, Board of Trustees
Chair, Chapel Renovation Committee

Volunteers Need for Community Dinner with Berea Curby Presbyterian Church

Saturday, July 6, 2621 Utah St., St. Louis, 63118

WGPC has joined Berea Curby Presbyterian Church in their ministry to serve a community meal to their neighbors twice a month. Financial support has been provided thanks to our Comfort Trust Fund, and volunteers are needed to help with their next dinner on Saturday, July 6. Available shifts include:

1. Food prep - 9:30 a.m. arrival
2. Setup (cleaning tables and placing condiments) - arrival at convenience of volunteer between 10:00 a.m. and noon
3. Filling book bags - 11:00 a.m. arrival
4. Serving the meal - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
5. Clean up - 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer, please email **Beth Kazlauskas** at bok@wgpc.org.

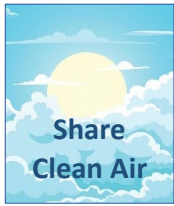


Give-A-Meal-A-Month July Menu

Help those served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries by purchasing a bag of menu items and dropping it off in the Mission Hub. July's menu is: canned chicken, brown or white rice, canned black beans, canned corn (low or no salt), and canned pineapple (lite or in fruit juice). Additional needs: toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Idling is Hazardous, Especially to Children!

Our WGPC Environmental Stewardship Committee reminds us that idling vehicles emit air toxins known to cause serious health effects. While this pollution impacts everyone, it is especially an issue for children. Monitoring at schools has shown elevated levels of benzene, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, and other air toxics during the afternoon hour coinciding with parents picking up children. When children's developing lungs are exposed to elevated levels of these pollutants, they have an increased risk of developing asthma, respiratory problems, and other adverse health effects. Please help us dramatically decrease pollutants and children's exposure to them, by reducing idling, especially at WGPC when children are present. See the Friday Flash for links to articles with more information.



FAITH FORMATION

Wanted: YOUR Faith Formation Ideas!

Our Book of Order states that *"God calls the Church to continue the teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, guiding and nurturing one another through all the seasons and transitions of life."* (W-5.0203).

While our primary method of teaching is proclaiming the Word in Sunday Worship, our Adult Faith Formation classes help church members build up and live out our faith. **We are seeking people who would like to help plan and coordinate our Adult Faith Formation programs and classes!** As a committee member, you will not need to lead or teach classes (although that is welcomed). The committee will meet as needed, and you'll have the opportunity to collaborate with some of our excellent leaders and teachers. Please consider your calling to take part in this important ministry. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Buck at 313-213-5453 or jabuck51@gmail.com.

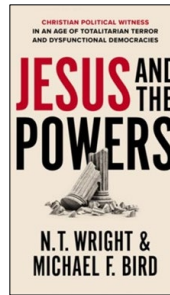


Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery

Public Witness Team's Book Discussion

Thursdays, August 1, September 5, and October 3 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

"Should Christians be politically withdrawn, avoiding participation in politics to maintain their prophetic voice and to keep from being used as political pawns? Or should Christians be actively involved, seek to utilize political system to control the levers of power?" Join in an online discussion of the book *Jesus and the Powers* by N.T. Wright and Michael E. Bird. For more info and to register, use the link in the Friday Flash or visit glpby.org/services/public-witness-book-study/.



Bulletin and Friday Flash Deadlines

Announcements for the bulletin and Friday Flash are limited to **150 words or less**. For Friday, July 5, or Sunday, July 7, please submit them by the end of **Monday, July 1**, to allow for the holiday schedule. For the bulletin, email baf@wgpc.org. For the Friday Flash, email chb@wgpc.org. If you'd like the announcement to appear in both, please email to both addresses.

The Church building will be closed on Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

TEXT: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834, alt.
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

LAUDA ANIMA
 8.7.8.7.8.7

Stanza 1 – solo
Song Lyu, cantor

Stanzas 2-5 - all

793 O Christ, the Healer



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for
2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies
3 How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our
4 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -
5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com -



health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
knowl - edge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those
nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -



be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.
clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit considers not only the infirmities of individuals but also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshiping communities are called to continue Christ's healing work in the world.

Come Sing to God

805

(Psalm 30)

1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
 2 In my suc-cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
 3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
 I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
 My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
 In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
 But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
 Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.

yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
 Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868

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