

Summer Worship Celebration

Sunday, July 25, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;
There's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgement given.*

- Frederick William Faber, 1814-1863

**This is just one of 150 hymns Faber wrote to coincide with the 150 Psalms!*

Celebrating God's Presence

The Prelude – Oleksandra Yurchenko

Greeting – Rev. Carl Richter, Sr. Pastor

* **Gathering Song #2055** (SB) "You Are My Hiding Place"

* **Welcome to Worship –**

ONE: God, we come to you for truth, that we might see clearly
and that we might understand.

MANY: **We come to you for comfort, that we might be sustained
and that we might be understood.**

ONE: We come to you for challenge, that we might be reminded that our ways
are not your ways, and that we can change.

MANY: **We come to you, Holy One, we come to you...**

* **The Opening Hymn #575** (NCH) "O For a World"

* **The Gathering Prayer**

Creator, you gather us here this summer morning and your presence is made known to us in the beauty that surrounds us – flowers, birds, rain and sunshine. Summer activities speak of life and joy in our community.

And yet, as we look around and listen to the news, we realize that all is not well in our world. Bless us with a spirit of discernment in our decisions, with compassion in our conversation, and with love in our listening. Hold us all in your hope. Amen.

Celebrating God's Love

* **Greeting One Another with God's Peace –** A wave. A nod. A sign of Peace...

Sharing our Journeys...

**You can text prayer requests to 585.857.8267*

- How was the week just passed?

- Who is in need of our guided energies, thoughts, and prayers?

- What's happening in the week ahead that we can help with?

Throughout our time of worship and praise, let's remember these people and situations!

Silent Meditation

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrating God's Faithfulness & Blessing

Guiding our meditation... 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (NRSV)

The Anthem - "Bow the Knee"

The Good News - "Justice Will Prevail"

Meditative Music -

Oleksandra Yurchenko

* **Sending Us Forth...**

ONE: May God's justice always prevail, and may we leave this place with
a commitment to see it done!

ALL: Amen.

* **The Hymn of Witness #23** (NCH) "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

"What in God's Name are We Doing?"

* **Sung Response –** "Sing Amen!"

Postlude

We're Glad You're Joining Us!

Thank you!! If you are new or visiting our church for the first time, you can learn more about our church community by visiting our website at www.uccwebster.org. You will find information about our denomination and about monthly events and activities here at Webster UCC.

Texts for the coming week...

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Ephesians 4:1-16

Psalms 51:1-12

John 6:24-35

YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

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O FOR A WORLD

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is loved and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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For the love of God is broader than the measure of our minds;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;
and our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.