

Summer Worship Celebration

Sunday, September 12, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM

Our Lord was a Lord who turned things upside down
and inside out
a man who dined with sinners
a man who befriended prostitutes and tax collectors
a man who was called a heretic
a man who broke Sabbath rules
a man who turned water into wine.

And he bids us to follow him
to turn things upside down and inside out
to go where the hurting us
to change water into wine
to change who we are into the Kingdom of God.

- by Ann Weems

Celebrating God's Presence

The Prelude –

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Greeting –

Rev. Carl Richter, Sr. Pastor

Gathering Song #2165 (SB) "Cry of My heart"

Welcome to Worship –

ONE: We are called to be followers of Jesus.

MANY: **But following Jesus isn't easy.**

ONE: It takes dedication, courage, energy, and time.

MANY: **But it might change our lives.**

ONE: Come on, give it a try, see what happens.

MANY: **We come, seeking wisdom and guidance along the way.**

The Opening Hymn #11 (NCH) "Bring Many Names"

The Gathering Prayer

Teach us your names, O God, spoken in acts of mercy and justice.

May we learn your names, O Jesus, by trusting who you for us and for all.

Help us recognize your names, Holy Spirit, in the renewing of our lives and communities. Give us courage and strength to follow in hope and love. Amen.

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

Celebrating God's Love

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...

Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

The Anthem -

"Holy Is Your Name"

The Good News -

"Who Are You, Jesus?"

Meditative Music -

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Sending Us Forth...

ONE: Go now in the peace and goodness of God, the love and being of Christ, and the vision and encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

The Hymn of Witness #2242 (SB) "Walk With Me"

"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...

Proverbs 31:10-31

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Psalms 1

Mark 9:30-37

CRY OF MY HEART

Refrain:

It is the cry of my heart to follow you. It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you.

Refrain:

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that you do.
Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to you.

Refrain:

BRING MANY NAMES

Bring many names, beautiful and good, celebrate in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God. Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day, planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play: Hail and Hosanna! Strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child, feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled: Hail and Hosanna! Warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care, calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair: Hail and Hosanna! Old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move, saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have: Hail and Hosanna! Young growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known, joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home: Hail and Hosanna! Great, living God!

WALK WITH ME

Refrain:

Walk with me, I will walk with you and build a land
that God has planned where love shines through.

When Moses heard the call of God he said, "Lord, don't send me."
But God told Moses, "You're the one to set my people free."

Refrain:

Now Peter was a most unlikely one to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the rock.

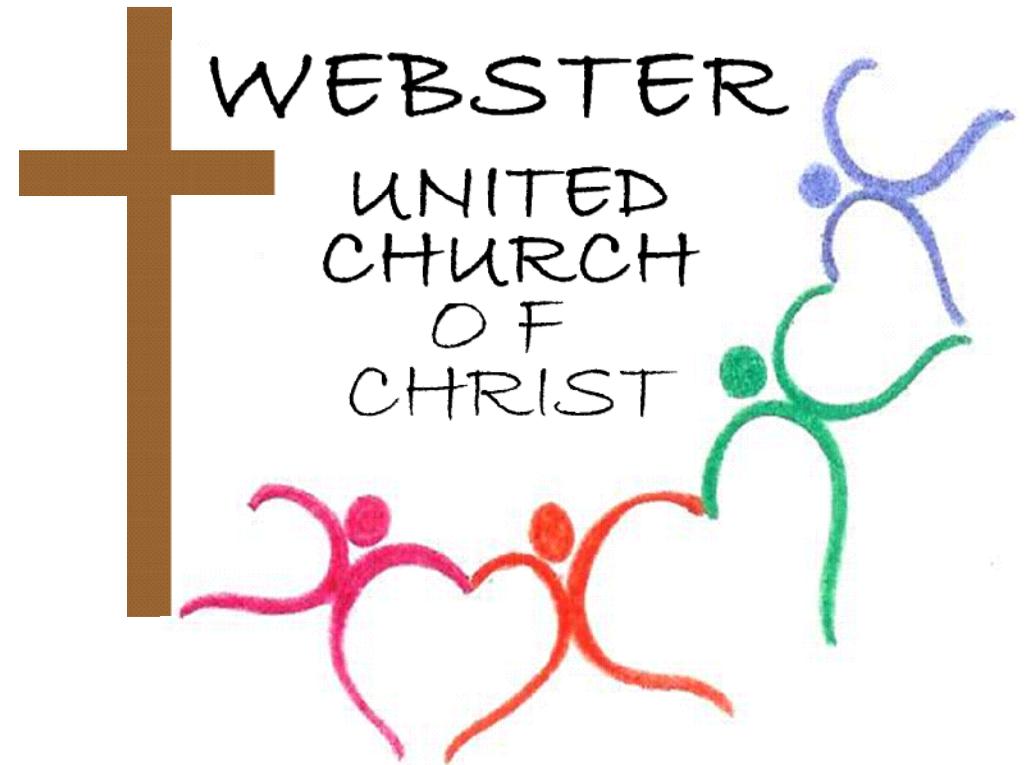
Refrain:

Young Mary Magdalene was sure her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door.

Refrain:

And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,
The witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

Refrain:



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