

WEBSTER GROVES
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

An Open & Affirming Congregation
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July 28, 2024

Brief Announcements		
Prelude	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	G. Root
Opening Prayer		Sally Smith
*Opening Hymn	<i>You Are My All in All</i>	CP 78
Children's Moment		Bob Rose
Scripture Reading	Mark 9:33-37, 42	Sally Smith
Table Talk	"Will the Children Be Alright?"	Breona Hawkins
Invitation to Discipleship		Breona Hawkins
*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Make Me a Servant</i>	CP 99
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Breona Hawkins
Communion Hymn	<i>Show Me Your Ways</i>	CP 136

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer Communion Meditation Prayer of Thanksgiving		Devoree Crist
History Moment	<i>On Communion</i>	Pat Roseman
Offering Our Gifts & Commitments Prayer over the Offering *Doxology		Breona Hawkins
Prayers of the Community		Breona Hawkins
	<i>This morning, we are praying with and for the people and churches of the Marshall Islands, and those countries under the siege of war and natural disasters</i>	
	The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us	
	<i>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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.</i>	
*Closing Hymn	<i>Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart</i>	CH 265
*Benediction		Breona Hawkins
Postlude		Lisa Cripe
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	*= Please stand if you are comfortably able.	
	CH—Chalice Hymnal CP=Chalice Praise Hymnal AAH=African-Amer. Hymnal	
Greeter(s): John Christensen		
Musicians: Lisa Cripe, Wind of the Spirit, WGCC Choir (Robin Woodrome, director)		
Prayer Composer: Devoree Crist		
Media/Streaming: John Pahl, Robin Woodrome		

Opening Prayer July 28, Sunday Worship

Inspired by Mark 9:33-37;42

Compassionate God, we gather together on this Sunday morning to honor the sabbath and take our rest in you. In our time of worship, we are renewed and prepared for service in the days ahead. Our calling is not to greatness, but rather to compassion. The path we choose makes a difference. We can follow Jesus and care for one another, especially for those who are most vulnerable. Or we can allow ourselves to be part of the Empire, and maintain a way that serves some and dismisses others. Give us Holy Spirit power to make the right choices so that the children and the children's children will all have a place to grow, to be safe and know you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Mark 9:33-37, 42

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33 Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" **34** But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. **35** He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." **36** Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, **37** "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

42 "If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.