


WEBSTER GROVES
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 An Open & Affirming Congregation
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

June 21, 2026

Welcome/Brief Announcements		Jeff Moore
Prelude		Lisa Cripe
Opening Prayer		Laura Stuetzler
*Opening Hymn	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	CH 108
Children's Moment		Robin Woodrome
Scripture Reading	Romans 6:1-11	Laura Stuetzler
Table Talk	"Living a New Life for God"	Jeff Moore
Invitation to Discipleship		Jeff Moore
*Hymn of Invitation	<i>In Water We Grow</i>	CH 375
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Jeff Moore
Communion Hymn	<i>Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters</i>	CH 365

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer
 Keiler Swartz
 Communion Meditation
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering Our Gifts & Commitments
 Prayer over the Offering
 Jeff Moore
 *Doxology

Prayers of the Community
 Jeff Moore
This morning, we are praying with and for the people and churches of Namibia, and for those countries under the siege of threats, war, and natural disasters

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us
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.

*Closing Hymn *I've Got Peace Like a River* CH 530

*Benediction
 Jeff Moore

Postlude
 Lisa Cripe

 * = Please stand if you are comfortably able.

CH—Chalice Hymnal CP=Chalice Praise Hymnal AAH=African-Amer. Hymnal

Greeter(s): Craig & Donna Wood
 Musicians: Lisa Cripe, Wind of the Spirit, WGCC Choir (Robin Woodrome, director), WGCC Celebration Ringers
 Prayer Composer: Devoree Crist
 Media/Streaming: John Pahl, Xander Gerdes

OPENING PRAYER 6-21-26

Reflecting on Romans 6:1-11

Beloved God, as your children we ask you to send your Holy Spirit into us and open us to your word. Because we are committed to Christ, we have the means to choose life over sin and death. We are struggling as a nation with the sins of injustice, indifference and complacency. But we can each choose to embrace it, ignore it as if it will go away, or we can join Jesus and oppose all that would be contrary to your vision of shalom. You are always in solidarity with the oppressed, the unloved, and the voiceless. So how can we who have died to sin through Christ go on living in it? Loving God, break our hearts open, so we can love as you love, and build up rather than tear down. In this way we choose life over death, love over hatred, action over disregard and neglect, and praise, honor and love you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Romans 6:1-11

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Dying and Rising with Christ

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For whoever has died is freed from sin. **8** But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.