

**WEBSTER GROVES**  
**CHRISTIANCHURCH**  
 An Open & Affirming Congregation  
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**August 9, 2026**

Welcome/Brief Announcements

Jeff Moore

Prelude

*Kum Ba Ya*

Arr. R. Hartsell

Opening Prayer

Janie Joplin

\*Opening Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

CH 4

Children's Moment

John Gerdes

Scripture Reading

Psalm 85

Janie Joplin

Table Talk

**"Oops, We Did It Again..."**

Jeff Moore

Invitation to Discipleship

Jeff Moore

\*Hymn of Invitation

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

CH 487

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jeff Moore

Communion Hymn

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

CH 425

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

John Burney

Offering Our Gifts & Commitments

Jeff Moore

Prayer over the Offering

\*Doxology

Prayers of the Community

Jeff Moore

*This morning, we are praying with and for the people and churches of Korea, 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

*Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill*

CH 506

\*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): Sara Webb

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 AUGUST 9, 2026

**Based upon Psalm 85**

God of Justice and Mercy,

Your love for us is encompassing and empowering. It is truly amazing that throughout history testimony in scripture and beyond tells us that as you promised you remain with your people. You have kept that promise despite human failings. When we turn to you, we are always welcomed. When we fall adrift you bring us back. When we lose heart and cannot feel your presence, we can depend upon the fact that your love is working in the darkness to get us through our trials. We gather in this lovely church building as your church, your people today. We praise you and thank you for your steadfast love and grace, for forgiveness, and for a light on our path. Open our hearts, minds, and spirits to your holy word. Fill us, giving each one of us exactly what we need for our faith journeys and bless our congregation as we strive to be faithful in a challenging, unsettled, and broken world. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen

## **Psalm 85**

### **New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

#### **Prayer for the Restoration of God's Favor**

##### **To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin. *Selah*

<sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

<sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us.

<sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

<sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again,  
so that your people may rejoice in you?

<sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him  
and will make a path for his steps.