

# WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

## October 18, 2026

Welcome/Brief Announcements

Jeff Moore

Prelude "Sanctus"

from German Mass in F- Franz Schubert

Opening Prayer

Deb Trautman

\*Opening Hymn

"He Leadeth Me"

CH 545

Children's Moment

Jeff Moore

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33: 7-23

Deb Trautman

Table Talk

"It Was Like This; And Like This"

Jeff Moore

Invitation to Discipleship

Jeff Moore

\*Hymn of Invitation

"Ours the Journey"

CH 458

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jeff Moore/Keiler Swartz

Communion Hymn

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

CH 419

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer

Keiler Swartz

Communion Meditation "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeff Moore

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 Democratic Republic of Congo, 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

"Wherever You Go"

CP 182

\*Benediction

Jeff Moore

Postlude

"Wherever You Go"

Lisa Cripe

\*= Please stand if you are comfortably able.

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

Greeter(s): Craig and 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

## **Exodus 33:7-23**

### **The Tent outside the Camp**

<sup>7</sup> Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. <sup>8</sup> Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. <sup>9</sup> When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. <sup>10</sup> When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tent. <sup>11</sup> Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp, but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent.

### **Moses's Intercession**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this

nation is your people.” <sup>14</sup> He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

<sup>17</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” <sup>18</sup> Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

<sup>19</sup> And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord,’ and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live.” <sup>21</sup> And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

## **OPENING PRAYER OCTOBER 18, 2026**

### **Exodus 33:7-23**

Ever Present God, when Moses spoke to you face to face he asked you to be with your people and you said yes. Though we can't see you face to face you reveal yourself to us in every blade of grass, in the sparrow, in the beating of our hearts, in our loved one's faces, in the changing of the seasons. If we pay attention we can see your glory in acts of love and kindness, in many blessings small and large, in grace bestowed when we don't expect it, and in the sharing of a meal. O God we are grateful to know you never leave us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit as we worship and hear your word. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ, AMEN