WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

November 08, 2026

Welcome/Brief Announcements		Breona Hawkins
Prelude	*"Bless the Lord, My Soul"*	CP 4
Opening Prayer		Max Ott
*Opening Hymn	*"You Are My All in All"*	CP 78
Children's Moment		John Gerdes
Scripture Reading	Joshua 24:1-3a;14-25	Max Ott
TableTalk	**"Who Are You Willing to Serve"**	Breona Hawkins
Invitation to Discipleship		Breona Hawkins
*Hymn of Invitation	*"O Redeeming One"*	CP 75
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Breona Hawkins/Max Ott
Communion Hymn	*"We Remember You"*	CP 169

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer		Max Ott
Communion Meditation	*"We Remember You"*	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Breona Hawkins
Offering Our Gifts & Commitments		Breona Hawkins
Prayer over the Offering		
*Doxology		
Prayers of the Community		Breona Hawkins

This morning, we are praying with and for the people and churches of ***Samoa, 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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*	CH 344
*Benediction		Breona Hawkins
Postlude	*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*	Lisa Cripe

= 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), WGCC Celebration Ringers
Prayer Composer: Devoree Crist
Media/Streaming: John Pahl, Xander Gerdes

Joshua 24

The Tribes Renew the Covenant

24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the
elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented
themselves before God. [2] And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the
Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham
and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. [3] Then I took
your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of
Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, [4] and to Isaac I gave
Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and
his children went down to Egypt. [5] Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued
Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. [6] When I
brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians
pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. [7] When
they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and
made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes saw what I did
to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the wilderness a long time. [8] Then I brought you
to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they
fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of
their land, and I destroyed them before you. [9] Then King Balak son of Zippor of
Moab set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to
curse you, [10] but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I
rescued you out of his hand. [11] When you went over the Jordan and came to
Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, as well as the Amorites, the
Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the
Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. [12] I sent swarms of hornets ahead of
you that drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your
sword or by your bow. [13] I gave you a land on which you had not labored and
towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards
and oliveyards that you did not plant.

14 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in
faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River
and in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord,
choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served
in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you
are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord
to serve other gods, 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our
ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did
those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went
and among all the peoples through whom we passed, 18 and the Lord drove out
before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also
will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy
God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.
20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you
harm and consume you, after having done you good." 21 And the people said to
Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" 22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are
witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And
they said, "We are witnesses." 23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that
are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." 24 The
people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey."
25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and
ordinances for them at Shechem. 26 Joshua wrote these words in the book of
the law of God, and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak in
the sanctuary of the Lord. 27 Joshua said to all the people, "See, this stone shall
be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke
to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you if you deal falsely with your
God." 28 So Joshua sent the people away to their inheritances.

Death of Joshua and Eleazar

29 After these things Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being one
hundred ten years old. 30 They buried him in his own inheritance at Timnath-
serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

31 Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders
who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the Lord did for Israel.

32 The bones of Joseph, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were
buried at Shechem, in the portion of ground that Jacob had bought from the
children of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for one hundred pieces of money; it
became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph.

33 Eleazar son of Aaron died, and they buried him at Gibeah, the town of his son
Phinehas, which had been given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

OPENING PRAYER November 8, 2026 Sunday Worship

Reflecting on Joshua 24:1-3a;14-25

Eternal One, you are our God and we are your people. We choose to follow you through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, who guides our path. He taught us to love one another. It is love that leads us to service; it is love that connects us to you; it is love that gives us life. Our church family comes together to worship every week because we recognize that in community we can experience the fullness of relationship with you and we can help each other put aside any false gods that threaten it. In this day money, power, pleasure, and even a distorted love of country can become gods to follow if they are become so treasured that they dictate our choices in life. Help us to resist those worldly temptations. Bless our time together and give us wisdom to always choose what honors you, what builds up the body, and makes the world a better place for all. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.