

  
**WEBSTER GROVES**  
**CHRISTIANCHURCH**

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

**June 7, 2026**

Welcome/Brief Announcements

Prelude

Lisa Cripe

Opening Prayer

Susan Moore

\*Opening Hymn

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

CH 95

Children's Moment

Jeff Moore

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:1-9

Susan Moore

Table Talk

**"Turning the World Upside Down" Jeff Moore**

Invitation to Discipleship

Jeff Moore

\*Hymn of Invitation

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

CH 518

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jeff Moore

Communion Hymn

*Eat This Bread*

CH 414

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer

John Burney

Communion Meditation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 the Philippines, 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

*Shalom to You Now*

CH 436

\*Benediction

Jeff Moore

Postlude

*Shalom to You Now*

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): 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, Sarah Van Norman

## **OPENING PRAYER JUNE 7, 2026**

### **Acts 17:1-9**

God of perfect vision, isn't it just like Jesus and his followers to turn the word upside down with parables and speech that reveal the folly of the predominant world view? So it is in Acts and even today. Your divine view of the world, the world you created, is an equitable and just society where all are welcome, valued, and treated justly and the earth itself is precious and treasured and protected. This Way would be looked upon as disruptive to the status quo where some are privileged and others oppressed and exploited and the earth is seen as a possession. Be with us in Holy Scripture and in sacrament as we listen for your word for us and break bread together. As we share in your powerful, uniting love, allow us to see and live into your truth and thus be transformed. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

## Acts 17:1-9

### New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

#### The Uproar in Thessalonica

**17** After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup>And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead and saying, “This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.” <sup>4</sup>Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup>But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason’s house. <sup>6</sup>When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers and sisters before the city authorities, shouting, “These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.” <sup>8</sup>The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, <sup>9</sup>and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.