

Celebration of Worship

May 24, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Thought for Reflection

***As creatures made in God's image,
what responsibility do we have for the earth?"***

God commands us to care for the earth in ways that reflect God's loving care for us. We are responsible for ensuring that earth's gifts be used fairly and wisely, that no creature suffers from the abuse of what we are given, and that future generations may continue to enjoy the abundance and goodness of the earth in praise to God.

From *The Study Catechism – Question 19*

Prelude

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Preparation in Silence

Mother Teresa

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – Trees, flowers, grass – grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.

Call to Worship

Leader: We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!

People: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, before whom the earth quakes, and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!

Leader: God is Sovereign over the earth, Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans; God creates families for those who are alone.

People: God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of oppression.

Leader: God goes forth before the people, marching through the wilderness of their lives, bringing forth restoration and justice.

People: Sing praise to God, Rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in holiness.

Leader: Proclaim the power of God!

People: O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You give power and strength to your people.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory and pleasure. Forgive us for being self-absorbed and choosing to live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader As the Body of Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's witnesses. Each of us has our own story of what Jesus' life means for us. Through our life-stories we can convey hope to the hopeless, joy to the downtrodden, and peace where there is turmoil. Therefore, let us "clothe ourselves in humility," sharing the Good News of Christ, that we "may all be one." In this God is well pleased.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Special Music

Fantasie No 2
Grave - Adagio - Allegro
Sally Turner - Flute

Telemann

Scripture Readings

Psalm 68:3-10
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Scripture

John 17:1-11

Sermon

God Desires

Rev. Phil Davis

Offering

Mail in your gifts or look for instructions for online giving in the *May Pathway*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Closing Hymn

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Benediction

Postlude

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Come sing, O church, in Joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword —
His truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps.
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps.
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps --
His day is marching on. *Refrain*

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat.
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free
While God is marching on. *Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us this today.
2. THE CHURCH OFFICE is being staffed on a limited basis to receive emails (office@websterpres.org) and return your phone messages (585-265-9700). Please check your email regularly for special announcements and prayer requests. If you have not been receiving emails from the church, contact us with your correct email address.
3. FOR SECURITY REASONS, there will be a password required for all Zoom meetings, including Sunday worship service. Beginning May 31st, when you log into Zoom, you will be asked to enter a password. It will be **"worship"** for the Sunday services. You can expect to receive password information for any other church events using Zoom such as Adult Education, Prayer meetings, committee meetings, etc.
4. SUNDAY SERVICES are being live-streamed
You can watch them **live** at 9:30 using:
ZOOM <https://zoom.us/j/200521841>
or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>
Or you can watch them **later** at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>
or YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
5. Adult Ed is having a DVD series called 'A Clash of Kingdoms' at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights in May. This is an excellent study in which we will visit the sites where Paul preached to better understand his letters. Please join us! The link is <https://zoom.us/j/8020641367>.
6. IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S COVID19 REQUEST that we wear masks when out in public where we may be closer than 6 feet from one another, Heart and Hand is offering fabric masks to our congregation. They are available at two locations in Webster. Please call in advance.
East side - Stephanie Lux 1519 Fieldcrest Drive 733-1720
West side - Tina McNeary 1000 High Vista Trail 413-7809
7. HOPE continues to assist residents who are in need of food and other items.. The hours of service are: Monday 4-7 pm, Tuesday 10-noon, Wednesday 2-5 pm. If you would like to help by providing donations, all non-perishable food and hygiene items are welcome.
Currently, there is a higher need for -
Crunchy peanut butter Cooking oil Dish soap
Crackers Feminine products Size 5 Diapers
Clorox and Lysol wipes Cleaning products
You can bring the items during the times listed. If you pull up in front of HOPE House a volunteer will come out to your car to get the bags or boxes.

8. ALTERNATIVE SPRING WORKDAYS - Because there was no church workday this spring, we are looking for volunteers (individuals, families, and safe groups) to complete the usual cleanup on a flexible schedule. There are some chores that should be done, and the Trustees would so appreciate your help! Here are a few of the jobs and people to contact.
 1. The Narthex windows need cleaning inside and out.
Contact Stephanie Lux @ 733-1720
 2. The main entrances doors need refinishing .
Contact Dick & Tina McNeary @ 671-5232
 3. Grounds: **Please Contact For Directions:**
Bob Kizer @ 967-5389 or Tina McNeary @ 413-7809
Weed a garden
Edge a garden
Mulch
Move top soil to sign berm
Trim west side shrubs
Remove branches west of garage
At old sign location:
Remove post and properly terminate electric
Remove old sign shrubs and repair site
Playground drainage
Miscellaneous odd jobs

Thank you all.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, May 24th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, May 31st</u>
Old Testament		<i>Numbers 11:24-30</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 68:1-10, 32-25</i>	<i>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 1:6-14</i>	<i>Acts 2:1-21</i>
	<i>I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11</i>	<i>I Corinthians 12:3b-13</i>
Gospel	<i>John 17:1-11</i>	<i>John 7:37-39; 20:19-23</i>

MEMORY VERSE

*"...Neither height nor depth, not anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God."
Romans 8:39*

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