# **Celebration of Worship** July 12, 2020 9:30 A.M.

"The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image. If in loving them we do not love what they are, but only their potential likeness to ourselves, then we do not love them: we only love the reflection of ourselves we find in them."

Thomas Merton

#### Prelude

Welcome

### Ringing of the Bell

Silent Meditation

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

## Invocation

Leader: Loving God, you created life in us and all around us. Open us to receive your gifts of your world and your word, that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. Amen.

## **Call to Worship** (responsively)

- Leader: God has abundantly cast God's seeds of love and hope upon us.
- People: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.
- Leader: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.
- People: Let us sing songs of joy to God.
- Leader: Hallelujah!
- People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Let us worship God.

## **Opening Hymn** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

## **Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Gracious God, when we receive your word, may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us. May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We claim what the apostle Paul teaches: the Spirit of God dwells in you. You are forgiven and free. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

## Gloria Patri

## Children's Time

Scripture Read	lings Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11		
Special Music	<i>Sarabande</i> from <i>Partita for Flute in a minor</i> Sally Turner - F lute	J.S. Bach	
Scripture Read	ling Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23		
Sermon	<i>Cause to Wonder</i> Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.		
Offering	Mail in your gifts or look for instructions for online giving in the May <i>Pathway</i>		
Prayers of the People			
The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)			
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling		
Benediction			
Postlude			

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrow cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free; Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

## 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.

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves, excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast. Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be. Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

## The Session has called for a

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Time 11:30 am

Place Zoom Meeting, accessible by computer or by phone https://zoom.us/j/96647325536?pwd=cVd4a1MyNGtLSEtYNFNTU m0zaUIGQT09 Password 612380

Moderator Rev. Kirk Baker, Committee on Ministry

Purpose To consent or decline to consent to Rev. Dr. Lawrence De Vuyst's request for dissolution of his call to Webster Presbyterian Church

Voting procedures will be distributed by email and US mail prior to the meeting

Please check your email dated July 2<sup>nd</sup> and postal letter mailed July 3<sup>rd</sup> for further instructions.

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## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

Old Testament Psalm New Testament Gospel

<u>Today, July 12<sup>th</sup></u> Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 <u>Next Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup></u> Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

# MEMORY VERSE

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10



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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today.
- 2. THE CHURCH OFFICE is being staffed Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and additional hours as needed. As always, please check your email regularly for special announcements and prayer requests. If you have not been receiving emails from the church, please contact us with your correct email address.
- SUNDAY SERVICES are being live-streamed You can watch them live at 9:30 using: ZOOM https://zoom.us/j/200521841 The password is worship.
  - 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 PARKING LOT WORSHIP - For those who would like to park in the parking lot, the service will be broadcast on radio station 101.7 for audio reception. All service leaders, however, will be inside this week.

#### 4.

#### A generous person will prosper;

whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

AS WE BEGIN to anticipate the possibility of reopening the church sometime in the future, we are seeking individuals who have ideas and gifts to make worship services accessible for our congregation. If you are interested in acting as a liturgist, or providing special music or technology support on site, please contact Todd Fargo (tfargo@gmail.com), or Alissa Mayer (candamayer@rochester.rr.com).

5. FINANCIAL GIFT STATEMENTS are not being mailed out this quarter to save the cost of postage. If you would like to receive your statement, please call the church office and speak with Georgia or leave a message on the tape machine and one will be sent to you at her earliest convenience.

Pledged through June 30	Given through June 30 toward Pledge
\$ 237,050	\$ 188,955

- 6. WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ED. SESSIONS are taking a break during July and August. Stay tuned for new opportunities in the fall.
- 7. UPPER ROOMS for July & August and DAILY BREAD devotionals for June, July & August are available for pick-up from the bench on the north side of the church next to the driveway loop.

- 8. A VBS PROGRAM will not be offered this summer due to the Ciovud-19 and the social distancing requirements. Please know that we are looking ahead to Summer 2021 when we will safely be able to offer another exciting and fun-filled VBS program for your children.
- 9. SCHOOL SUPPLIES are again being collected for needy students at the Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers by the Mission Committee through August 16<sup>th</sup>. Collection boxes will be located outside the north entrance to the church and, if it is open, in the church office. At this time we are not sure what supplies are needed, but we will start with the basic supplies that can be used at home like pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, colored folders, scissors, back packs and spiral notebooks. For the class room, teachers have suggested the following items: Individual tissue packs, small individual water color paint sets, oil pastel crayons in small boxes, chop sticks for music class, plastic Easter eggs to use as a rattle for music class, 2 gallon zip lock bags, and hand sanitizers

All school supplies need to be in small individual sizes or containers

The list will be updated as we hear from teachers when and if schools are to open.

10. 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.

> Stephanie Lux 1519 Fieldcrest Drive 733-1720 Anita Brocker 991 Rousseau Drive 645-6358

- 11. 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 @ 413-7809
  - 3. Grounds: Please Contact For Directions:
    - Bob Kizer @ 967-5389 or Tina McNeary @ 413-7809 Weed a garden Edge a garden Mulch Trim west side shrubs Remove branches west of garage Playground drainage Miscellaneous odd jobs