

Celebration of Worship

July 26, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Thoughts for Reflection

“There remains an experience of incomparable value. We have for once learned to see the great events of world history from below, from the perspective of the outcasts, the suspects, the maltreated – in short, from the perspective of those who suffer. Mere waiting and looking on is not Christian behavior. Christians are called to compassion and to action.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Letters from Prison)

“Get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”

John Lewis

Prelude

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Silent Meditation

Psalm 139:13-14

“...you formed my inward parts, you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Call to Worship

All: We have gathered together in the presence of God to offer our praise and our prayers. We come before God with confidence, knowing that even when we can’t find the words, God’s own Spirit is right here with us, praying in us and for us, giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings, and pleading for us before the throne of grace. So let’s come with joy to offer our worship to God who knows and loves us all.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life’s journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self-deception.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Paul assures us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to God’s will. In Jesus Christ, God calls us, and God conforms us to Christ so that in him we receive the promise of new life. As we dwell in the Spirit, let us also rest assured in the promise. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Scripture Readings

Psalm 128:1-6
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Special Music

Fantasy on Kingsfold arr. Wagner
Summer Bell Choir

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Sermon

Closing Arguments
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

Benediction

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace,
For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

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.

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.
For the facing of this hour.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!

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.
3. 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-thYxua2HQPSPF6P71wA>
4. AN INFORMATION MEETING for the congregation will be held immediately following today's worship service for a report on the recent Congregational Meeting, the pending hearing with the Presbytery Judicial Commission, and the upcoming Presbytery meeting.
5.

*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).
6. 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 16th. Collection boxes are located outside the north entrance to the church and, if it is open, in the church office. Basic supplies that can be used at home like pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, colored folders, scissors, back packs and spiral notebooks are needed. For the class room, teachers have suggested the following items: Individual tissue packs, small individual water color paint sets, 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
Smaller packs (e.g. 24 count crayon boxes, 6 count pens or pencils, etc.) as opposed to very large packs are much preferred.

7. 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 main entrances doors need refinishing
 Contact Dick & Tina McNeary @ 413-7809
 2. 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
8. 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.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, July 26th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, August 2nd</u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 29:15-28</i>	<i>Genesis 32:22-31</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 105:1-11, 45b</i>	<i>Psalms 17:1-7, 15</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 8:26-39</i>	<i>Romans 9:1-5</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</i>	<i>Matthew 14:13-21</i>

MEMORY VERSE

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

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