

Celebration of Worship

August 16, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Thoughts for Reflection

“Our job on earth isn’t to criticize, reject, or judge. Our purpose is to offer a helping hand, compassion, and mercy. We are to do unto others as we hope they would do unto us.”

Dana Arcuri

Prelude *This Is My Father’s World*

arr. Krug

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Silent Meditation

Latorria Pier

“Rejoice and thank God in the midst of your storms. For those people who have been through hell and back but continue to have smiles on their faces, they are the examples of God’s grace and mercy.”

Opening Prayer

All: Gracious, Merciful and Almighty God, you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others, but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses.

Call to Worship

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth;

Leader: It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain, or through a crowded city street.

All: God meets us here. We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls, and the Breath of Our Lives.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn *Behold the Goodness of Our Lord*

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we try to go it on our own, lacking faith in divine providence,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: When we have not recognized God at work in the faith of others,

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: In all that we have done and all that we have left undone,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize Him in our admission of need.

All: Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of our guilt, and provides a way for us to walk on together.

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Scripture Readings

*Psalm 133:1-3
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

Special Music

Near to the Heart of God
Bell Quartet

arr. Lamb

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

New Compassion
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Offering

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Closing Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in g minor

Bach

Behold the Goodness of Our Lord

Behold the goodness of our Lord, how blest it is to be
A company of God's beloved, in holy unity.

Like precious oil upon the head, a healing for our strife,
It flows throughout our common bond, refreshing all of life.

As dew on Zion's mountain top brings freshness to its door,
Our Lord commands this in our midst and brings life evermore.

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.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. *Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today.
2. THE CHURCH OFFICE is being staffed during the summer on 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-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
4. THE SEPTEMBER *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is next Sunday, August 23rd. Please email articles to the church office (office@websterpres.org or ghubbard@websterpres.org), or bring them to Georgia in the church office Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning of this week.
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 COLLECTION DEADLINE IS TOMORROW for needy students at the Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers. Collection boxes are located outside the north entrance to the church. 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. DISASTER RELIEF FOR LEBANON: The recent massive explosion at the docks in Beirut, Lebanon has created a huge humanitarian crisis. The Mission Committee is giving you the opportunity to contribute to this relief effort. If interested, please send a check to our church made out to WPC with the memo "Lebanon Disaster Relief," or you can do it online via the church website. Monies collected will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance who will distribute it to their first responder partners in Lebanon for food, water, medical supplies, temporary housing, and other basic needs.
8. BELLAS BUMBAS - The Mission Committee recently approved and sent a donation to help with the shipping of "Bellas Bumbas kits" to Indonesia and Malaysia. Volunteers in those areas will receive the parts needed to assemble 3-4 of the toddler-sized wheelchairs for children in their communities with mobility needs. Everyone who is affected is extremely grateful to the members of our church. Check out the Bellas Bumbas Facebook page to see photos and videos!
<https://www.facebook.com/bellasbumbas>
9. FINANCIAL GIFT STATEMENTS were not mailed out this quarter to save the cost of postage. If you would like to receive a 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.

<u>Pledged through July 31</u>	<u>Given through July 31 toward Pledge</u>
\$ 276,558	\$ 215,156

This is a shortfall of \$61,402 on donated pledges.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, August 16th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, August 23rd</u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 45:1-15</i>	<i>Exodus 1:8 – 2:10</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 133</i>	<i>Psalms 124</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32</i>	<i>Romans 12:1-8</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 15:10-28</i>	<i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>

MEMORY VERSE

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

James 5:16b

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