

# Celebration of Worship

August 23, 2020

9:30 A.M.

## Thought for Reflection

“See to it that no one misses the grace of God.”  
Hebrews 12:16

**Prelude**                      *The Extatic Shepherd*                      Scott  
   Sally Turner - Flute

**Welcome**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Invocation**

Leader: Eternal God, meet us here today and show us the gifts we have to offer in the service of your kingdom – resilience, clear-sightedness, courage, compassion – setting the stage for a just world for all. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Who do you say I am?

**People: Some say Moses; some say Elijah, Prophet who comes with a word from the Holy.**

Leader: Who do you say I am?

**People: Some say Messiah, some say “Human One”; some say Healer, who shares the life of the Holy.**

Leader: Who do you say I am?

**People: Some say Emmanuel, God with us; some say Wisdom, teacher of truth; some say Ruler of Peace, Bringer of Justice.**

Leader: And you, Webster Presbyterian Church, who do you say I am?

**People: You are the Body to which we belong. We are your members, each needed, treasured. In you we are transformed into your Hope, your Love, your Vision. You are the One we long for, the One we seek here today, the One who empowers our lives.**

Leader: Come, let us worship!

**Opening Hymn**                      *Take My Life*                      # 391

**Prayer of Confession**

**All:** Eternal God, our world has dealt so “shrewdly” with your people that your renewal seems impossible. Fears of economic uncertainty confront us all and seem to limit our choices. Fears of immigrants and strangers in our midst seem to require walls. Fears about changing traditions seem to require blocks to new family expressions. We lament our fear, Lord, but we don’t push through the fear. Let us open ourselves to serving you.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The God of Moses and Miriam, “I AM WHO I AM,” makes a way for you. God holds your hand and insists upon life. You are a channel of God’s love now and always. Praise be to the God of life who is now and forever..

**Gloria Patri**

**Children’s Time**

**Special Music**                      *Faith*                      McKlveen  
   Bell Choir

**Scripture Readings**                      *Exodus 3:1-15*  
   *Romans 12:9-21*

**Scripture Reading**                      *Matthew 16:21-28*

**Hymn**                      *Open My Eyes That I May See*                      # 324

**Sermon**                      *Who Do You Say God Is?*  
   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**                      *O for a World*                      # 386

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

## Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne; it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee; ever, only all for Thee.

## 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.

## Open My Eyes That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.

### *Refrain:*

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, My God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear\*;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear. *Refrain*

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with Thy children thus to share.. *Refrain*

## O for a World

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.  
O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.  
We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.  
The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.  
O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, August 23<sup>RD</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, August 30<sup>TH</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 1:8 – 2:10</i>	<i>Exodus 3:1-15</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 124</i>	<i>Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 12:1-8</i>	<i>Romans 12:9-21</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>	<i>Matthew 16:21-28</i>

## MEMORY VERSE

*"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

*James 5:16b*

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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 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 TODAY. Please email articles to the church office ([office@websterpres.org](mailto:office@websterpres.org) or [ghubbard@websterpres.org](mailto: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](mailto:tfargo@gmail.com)), or Alissa Mayer ([candamayer@rochester.rr.com](mailto:candamayer@rochester.rr.com)).
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.