

Celebration of Worship

August 30, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Thought for Reflection

Jacob Blake

Prelude

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Silent Meditation Howard Thurman – *Jesus and the Disinherited*
“Anyone who permits another to determine the quality of his inner life gives into the hands of the other the keys to his destiny.”

Opening Prayer

Leader: Lord of summer sunshine and autumn harvest, be with us this day as we gather to encounter your word and your way for us. Remind us that we can place our trust in your eternal love. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service. These things we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

People: Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.

Leader: By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus.

People: By our example others may be led to lives of peace.

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

People: Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn *Morning Has Broken* # 469

Prayer of Confession

All: God of love and mercy, be with us this day. We have faltered in our service to you. We create divisions between various people; we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make any attempt to understand. Our lives are in turmoil and we confess that we have turned away from you. It is fear and anger that too often surrounds us, and our actions become based on those fears and anger.

Slow us down, Lord. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus who loved and healed others who were rejected by “polite” society. Remind us that we are called to be strong voices of hope for those who feel alienated and lost. We are called to be a home to strangers, to quench thirst and to give nourishment, to welcome and bring words of hope. Forgive us when we have forgotten these things. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Christ calls each of us into lives of service and hope. He equips us for these ministries and places us on the pathways of peace. Rejoice! You are called by God’s Son and blessed by him. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Special Music *I Am Thine, O Lord* arr. Sanders
Carina Phillips - Bell Solo

Scripture Readings *Psalms 105:1-5*
Matthew 16:21-28

Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* # 525

Scripture Reading *Romans 12:9-21*

Sermon *Spiritual Discipline*
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Offering Mail in your gifts or
click the ‘Give’ button on the WPC Website

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Closing Hymn *God Be with you Till We Meet Again* # 540

Benediction

Postlude

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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.

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

God Be with you Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again.
Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again.
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, August 30th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 6th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 3:1-15</i>	<i>Exodus 12:1-14</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45</i> ▶	<i>Psalms 149</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 12:9-21</i>	<i>Romans 13:8-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 16:21-28</i>	<i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>

MEMORY VERSE

*"The Lord [says], I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with loving kindness."*

Jeremiah 31:3

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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. NEXT SUNDAY we will celebrate communion during the virtual worship service. Join us virtually and be prepared with your own bread and cup as we celebrate the Lord's Supper "together."
5. DISASTER RELIEF FOR LEBANON: The recent massive explosion at the docks in Beirut, Lebanon has created a huge humanitarian crisis. If you haven't yet contributed to this relief effort and would like to do so, please respond this week by sending a check to our church made out to WPC with the memo "Lebanon Disaster Relief," or donating 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.
6.

*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).