

Celebration of Worship

September 13, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Thought for Reflection

“However weak we are, however poor, however little our faith, or however small our grace may be, our names are still written on His heart; nor shall we lose our share in Jesus’ love.”

Charles Spurgeon

Prelude

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Silent Meditation

Tony Campolo

Those issues are Biblical issues: to care for the sick, to feed the hungry, to stand up for the oppressed. I contend that if the evangelical community became more Biblical, everything would change.

Invocation

Leader: Compassionate-One, Lover-of-Goodness, Patience-with Sinners -- Draw near to us. Surround us with confidence in your good news: that you love us as parents love their children; that your mercy is boundless and generous, that you beckon us always and will wait forever as we find our way back to you. Open our hearts to receive your compassion, and then show us how to forgive, so that we may be vessels of resurrection and hope in our troubled world. In Jesus’ name. Amen

Call to Worship

Psalm 103: 1-7, 8-13

Leader: Bless God, O friends: with all our strength, bless His holy name. Bless God, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts.

People: Bless God, O friends: with all our strength, bless His holy name. Bless God, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts.

Leader: Forgiveness flowing into healing, tireless goodness and joy;
Strength and youth of the Eagle’s flight.

People: Bless God, O friends; with all our strength, bless His holy name. Bless God, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts.

Leader: Vindication, justice for all those oppressed; Liberation from bondage, and guidance for the way; Unending mercy, steadfast love.

People: Bless God, O friends: with all our strength, bless His holy name. Bless God, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s love toward those who are faithful; As a parent has compassion for children, so our God has compassion for us.

People: Bless God, O friends: with all our strength, bless His holy name. Bless God, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts.

Leader: Let us Worship God.

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: Friends, in the scriptures, “Seven” is often seen as a perfect number, a mystical number, a number that points to infinity. So when Jesus tells his disciples to forgive “seventy times seven,” he is inviting people into a never ending, expansive dance of grace.

People: Confession, repentance, turning one’s life around to a transformed future; Forgiveness, resilience, opening one’s life to a new moment in relationship; all this may seem impossible, and yet Jesus calls us to profound, ever-evolving change.

Leader: Let's take a few moments to ponder our lives, personal and in wider community. Where do we need forgiveness? Where do we need to forgive? Where do our lives intersect in the wider community with structures, practices, and attitudes that deeply hurt our neighbors? Where must we seek forgiveness? Where must we seek to effect change? How have we been wounded with structures, practices, and attitudes of the wider community that need transformation? How may we begin to forgive?

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Holy one, You call us into this ever expanding dance of grace;
Turning "seventy times seven" is not too much when we follow your lead into a future of hope and peace. Glory be to the One who, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Scripture Readings *Exodus 14:19-31*
 Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me* # 426

Scripture Reading *John 14:15-21*

Sermon *If You Get My Drift – Help Is On The Way: Redux*
 Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Minute For Mission

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

Blessing

Closing Hymn *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* # 462

Benediction

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise.
Thou mine in heritage, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word.
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me see
Thine erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart,
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Day-spring from on high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn, unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief.
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, September 13th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 20th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 14:19-31</i>	<i>Exodus 16:2-15</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 114</i>	<i>Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 14:1-12</i>	<i>Philippians 1:21-30</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>	<i>Matthew 20:1-16</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. NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - Going forward this fall, the office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays.
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.

*A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25*

AS WE BEGIN reopening the church, 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. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY will resume next Sunday, September 20th. Look for an email this week on how to make reservations for in-person worship on Sunday mornings. In addition, the link below will give you the overall policy and guidelines for reopening the church.

Reopening Plan

6. CHURCH COMMITTEES AND GROUPS can now meet in person in our church building. Please contact Georgia in the main office to have the time and location of your meeting added to the church calendar.
7. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY resumes this Tuesday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Tune in for "Soul Food" and bring your spiritual appetite. All women of the church are invited to participate. Please read Exodus 16 and John 6 in preparation. The Zoom link is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87808111581?pwd=Nm1TK2R2a0pRZW9hN2UxNGxhZz1UT09Join> The password is bible.

8. WHAT'S NEW IN RECYCLING? Tina Verna Stevens from the Monroe Department of Environmental Services will discuss this and related topics at Adult Ed on Wednesday, September 30th at 7pm. Don't Miss It! Any questions, contact Connie Rice at 703-0618 or connie56rice@gmail.com. The link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3983403172?pwd=Y110TXlzYkp2UHhIOXllam9uL0FsZz09> Password: worship
9. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION kicks off this Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:00 p.m. The group discussion will be on COMPASSION, a much needed virtue in today's world. This is a continuation of "Living in the Light" from 101 Stand Alone Bible Studies. See you on Zoom!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87808111581?pwd=Nm1TK2R2a0pRZW9hN2UxNGxhZz1UT09Join> The password is worship.
10. NEW CUSTODIAN. We are pleased to welcome to our church staff our new custodian, Tina Brown! Tina brings over 10 years of hands-on hotel housekeeping and housekeeping supervision experience to WPC. Her official start date was August 31st.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13

9:30 A.M. Worship Service on Zoom

Monday, September 14

7:00 P.M. Session Meeting on Zoom

7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Parking Lot

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom

5:00 P.M. TOPS in the Parking Lot

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at the Golden Boys Restaurant

Thursday, September 17

7:30 A.M. Men's Study on Zoom

6:00 P.M. Bell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, September 18

9:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in the Social Room

6:00 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Parking Lot

Saturday, September 19

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, September 20

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom