

Celebration of Worship

September 20, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Thought for Reflection

“Science keeps religion from sinking into the valley of crippling irrationalism and paralyzing obscurantism...Religion prevents science from falling into the marsh of obsolete materialism and moral nihilism.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Meditation

Blaise Pascal

Time heals griefs and quarrels, for we change and are no longer the same persons. Neither the offender nor the offended are any more themselves.

Ringling of the Bell

Invocation

Leader: Liberating God, we seek your journey. With parted waters, set us free. With cloud and fire, guide us. With gushing waters, quench our thirst. With food from heaven, feed us. Draw us out with joy and singing, that we might know your ways. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 103: 1-7, 8-13

Leader: Our eyes are heavy. Our hope is soaring. We wait in the marketplace.

People: Our God is gracious.

Leader: Our feet are tired. Our expectations rise. We are hired first.

People: Our God is merciful.

Leader: Our backs are sore. Our spirits are low. We are paid last.

People: Our God is slow to anger.

Leader: Our tempers flare. Our anger rages. We take what belongs to us.

People: Our God abounds in steadfast love.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

Prayer of Confession

People: Paul said to his churches: “Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel...”

Leader; Let us spend a quiet minute reflecting on where we have failed to ‘strive side by side’ for the Gospel.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Beloved in Christ, rejoice! In grace and mercy, God abounds in steadfast love, forgives us, and sets us free to grow in grace. Bless God’s name forever!

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 105:1-6

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-16

Sermon

Think Kingdom Thoughts

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

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

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Benediction

Postlude

Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining;
Not in some heaven, light years away:
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, September 20th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 27th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 16:2-15</i>	<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45</i>	<i>Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16</i>
New Testament	<i>Philippians 1:21-30</i>	<i>Philippians 2:1-13</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>	<i>Matthew 21:23-32</i>

MEMORY VERSE

*"The Lord [says], I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with loving kindness."
Jeremiah 31:3*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today.
2. IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY has resumed on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Look for an email this week on how to make reservations to attend. This [Reopening Plan](#) link will give you the overall policy and guidelines for reopening the church.
3. SUNDAY SERVICES will continue to be 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 SESSION has called a Meeting of the Congregation of Webster Presbyterian Church on October 4, 2020 for the purpose of consenting or declining to consent Rev. Dr. Borduin Vanderzwan's request for the Dissolution of her call to Webster Presbyterian Church.
5. 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.
6. 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).
7. 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.
8. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY has resumed its 10:00 Tuesday morning sessions via Zoom. Tune in for "Soul Food" and bring your spiritual appetite. All women of the church are invited to participate. The Zoom link is below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85736775467?pwd=cTVkcUcvTGRQTXRQdEdlY0NuVzhmdz09> The password is bible.
9. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION has begun on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm via Zoom. This week the group discussion will be on KINDNESS. This is a continuation of "Living in the Light" from 101 Stand Alone Bible Studies. See you on Zoom!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3983403172?pwd=Y110TXlZyk2UHhIOXllam9uL0FsZz09> Password: worship
10. WHAT'S NEW IN RECYCLING? Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Sept. 30th at 7 p.m. to hear Tina Verna Stevens from the Monroe Department of Environmental Services talk with us on this and related topics. You are guaranteed to learn something new to help us all in taking care of God's earth! Any questions, contact Connie Rice at 703-0618 or connie56rice@gmail.com. The link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3983403172?pwd=Y110TXlZyk2UHhIOXllam9uL0FsZz09> Password: worship
11. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING collections are being taken now, instead of in the spring as has been our past practice. See the link below for an insert on this most worthwhile effort. Checks can be mailed to the church, with OGHS in the memo line, or you can visit the church website and look for the link "Give" on the Home Page.
https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/2020_oghs20_buidling_god's_household_bi_b&w.pdf
12. HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP of Route 250 by the church will be conducted on Saturday, October 3rd, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed, and first-timers are encouraged. Bring your own facemask. All other supplies will be provided. To participate, please contact Mark Pipal (787-4301 or pipalmw@yahoo.com).

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20

9:30 A.M. Worship Service on Zoom

3:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship to bury a Time Capsule

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom

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

Wednesday, September 23

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

7:00 P.M. Adult Christian Ed. on Zoom

Thursday, September 24

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

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

Friday, September 25

10:00 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, September 26

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, September 27

9:30 A.M. Worship Service on Zoom

3:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Road Rally