

Celebration of Worship

October 18, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Thought for Reflection

Thanks to the human heart by which we live,
Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, and its fears.
To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood
William Wordsworth

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Brief Introduction to Children's Sabbath

Meditation:

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
Romans 8:26

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Prayer

Leader: God, you are our refuge. When the world gets to be too much with us, we turn to you for consolation and healing. Help us today to hear your words of compassion. Enable us to be those who would willingly serve all people in need. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings and queens, God is the Lord of all life.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: God requires our faithfulness and our service. The Lord requires that we do justice and love mercy.

People: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives. We have come to praise God who walks daily by our side.

Leader: Let us worship God who is always with us.

Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* # 138

Prayer of Confession

All: We are so easily pulled this way and that way by those who would promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to have everything be whole and happy, and we don't know what to do, so we pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise. In our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on the shoulders of a few people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are very unreliable. Lord, help us. Turn us around. Help us know that you are our Lord and you have provided much for us. You have given to us abilities, and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who would bring peace and justice. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us to truly place our trust in you and to work in ministries that uplift people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Grace

Leader: The Lord has given to us gifts and abilities to work for peace and justice. You are especially blessed by God. Go into this world in confidence of God's presence and love. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Scripture Readings

Psalm 99: 1-9
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Music:

Lord, Make Us Worthy
Vocal Ensemble

Sleeth

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

The Character of Christ
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Offering

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

Closing Hymn

He Has Made Me Glad

Benediction

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory many not see,
Only Thou are holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and see;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad."
He has made me glad, He has made me glad;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 18

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
10:15 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
4:00 P.M. Youth Group, Geocache Event

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20 – Pathway Deadline

10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom
5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
7:00 P.M. Deacons in Room 9/10

Wednesday, October 21

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
Adult Education on Zoom

Thursday, October 22

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
6:00 P.M. Bell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, October 23

10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, October 24

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 25

9:30 A.M. Worship Service on Zoom
10:15 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
4:00 P.M. Youth Campfire

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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. It is requested that you make a reservation to attend. You may do so by calling the church office and speaking to Georgia, or by leaving a message on the answering machine by noon on Saturday.
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. A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by Session for Sunday, November 1 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing members-at-large for the 2020 Nominating Committee. It will be a Zoom meeting accessible by computer or by phone. Votes will be taken using the Zoom polling feature. A Zoom link will be sent via email the week before the meeting.
5. SOCIAL JUSTICE, SYSTEMIC RACISM, BLACK LIVES MATTER and more are current headlines. This Wednesday, October 21st, Adult Christian Education presents a panel of three from Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society. Roc ACTS is an “ interfaith community organizing project of multi-racial, interfaith, urban and suburban congregations and groups that will train and empower citizens to create systemic change and shape the political, social, and economic decisions that impact lives.” The city of Rochester is going through turmoil and change. How can we, a suburban, mostly white church, make a difference? Zoom in with your questions on Wednesday at 7:00!
6. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY has resumed its 10:00 Tuesday morning sessions via Zoom. “Knowing Jesus Again” is the topic for the month of October. All women are invited to participate. The Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85736775467?pwd=cTVkcUcvTGRQTXRQdEdlY0NuVzhmdz09> Password: bible
7. THE NOVEMBER PATHWAY DEADLINE is Tuesday, October 20th Please submit articles to the church office at office@websterpres.org.
8. WINTER CLOTHING FOR CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: Today we are beginning our annual collection of new and gently used fall and winter clothing for men, women and children for Cameron. Collection boxes are in the Narthex and upper hallway. Please bring in your donations no later than November 16. If you don't have anything in your closets to donate, you may consider buying something at a thrift or discount store to donate.
9. AS WE HAVE RESUMED IN-PERSON WORSHIP, 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).
10. 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.
11. 2020 third-quarter gift statements and 2021 pledge information were mailed out recently. Please check your mailbox and let us know your intentions for 2021 by mailing in your pledge cards or contacting Georgia in the main office via phone or email.

<u>Pledged through Sept. 30</u>	<u>Given through Sept. 30 toward Pledge</u>
\$ 355,575	\$ 267,998

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MEMORY VERSE

“In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence”.

Ephesians 3:12

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, October 18th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, October 25th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 33: 12-23</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 34:1-12</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 99</i>	<i>Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17</i>
New Testament	<i>1Thessalonians 1:1-10</i>	<i>1Thessalonians 2: 1-8</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 22: 15-22</i>	<i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>