

Celebration of Worship

January 24, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Reflection:

Martin Luther King, Jr.

“The past is prophetic in that it asserts loudly that wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows.”

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Silent Meditation:

Vaclav Havel

“Hope is a dimension of the spirit. It is not outside us, but within us. When you lose it, you must seek it again within yourself and in people around you – not in objects or even events.”

Ringling of the Bell

Invocation:

All: From deep within us we know of a loving presence. All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience so we cry out “God!” In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places.

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to respond to the call of God’s love,

People: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

Leader: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

People: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

Leader: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

People: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

Jesus Calls Us

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Prayer of Confession

All: Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others - some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace. God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit. Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God’s love. Amen

Moment of Silent Reflection

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.

Children’s Time

Special Music *It Is No Secret What God Can Do* arr. Sandra Gay
Betsy Barr & Dawn Wiley - Bell Duet

Scripture Reading *Psalms 62:5-12*
Jonah 3:1-5

Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* # 345

Scripture Reading *Mark 1:14-20*

Sermon *Why Follow?*
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

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

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

Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

Closing Hymn *Christ of the Upward Way* # 344

Benediction and Postlude

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call;
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord.
Let us, like them, without a word Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

Christ of the Upward Way

Christ of the upward way, my guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet may I place mine,
And move and march wherever You have trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet may I place mine;
And when Your last call comes serene and clear,
Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, January 24th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, January 31st</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 62:5-12</i>	<i>Psalms 111</i>
New Testament	<i>1 Corinthians 7:29-31</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 8:1-13</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 1:14-20</i>	<i>Mark 1: 21-28</i>

MEMORY VERSE

*"Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."
Ephesians 6:10*

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, January 24

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

10:15 AM. Church of God by Faith

4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Social Room

Monday, January 25

7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room/Memorial

Tuesday, January 26

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom

5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

Wednesday, January 27

6:30 P.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant

7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, January 28

7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom

7:00 P.M. Stewardship and Finance

Friday, January 29

10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, January 30

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether by Zoom or in person. Those choosing to attend in person are reminded to make a reservation to attend by calling the church office and speaking to Georgia, or by emailing the church office by noon on Saturday.
2. SUNDAY SERVICES 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>

3. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by Session for Sunday, January 31, 2021 following the morning worship, in-person and on Zoom for the purpose of:
 - 1) receiving & approving the Annual Reports of the governing bodies and organizations of the church;
 - 2) receiving the proposed 2021 church budget;
 - 3) electing a deacon and a trustee for 1-year terms and a Church Nominating Committee
 - 4) bringing forward any other appropriate matters.
4. ADULT EDUCATION: this Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 pm
Join us as we hear from Jed and Jenny Koball in Lima, Peru as they tell us about their ministry through the Joining Hands hunger initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer program in Peru.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPczhQbkx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
5. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues this week with Max Lucado's DVD on GRACE s we look at "The Grace – shaped life."
"See to it that no one misses the grace of God" *Hebrews 12:15 NIV*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82829064485?pwd=aXY5eVITVXpYMTlLZE dJaHFGMnA1QT09>
6. ANNUAL REPORTS are now available. A PDF attachment file has been e-mailed to all church members. Paper copies may be picked up from the bench outside the north church entrance. If you need a report delivered to you, please contact the church office.
7. BLANKET SUNDAY Once again, we are joining with congregations and groups across the U.S. to offer support to Church World Service so that they can reach out to people in need throughout the United States and internationally. You can donate by sending a check made out to 'WPC' with "Blankets" in the memo line, or by choosing the GIVE button on the church website and selecting the Blanket offering fund.