

Celebration of Worship

January 31, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Reflection

Fred Rogers

“Anything that’s human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting, and less scary.”

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

People: We bring hope for health and wholeness.

Leader: What afflictions do you bring to worship? Physical pain?

People: From illness and injury.

Leader: Emotional pain?

People: From sad and scary situations.

Leader: Mental pain?

People: From disease of many kinds.

Leader: With all of these afflictions, it is a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

People: But where else would we be? We yearn to know God’s powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.

Leader: In today’s gospel, a person with an “*afflicting spirit*” interrupts Jesus.

People: And Jesus sets the person free.

Leader: And where does the miracle of this story and our stories begin?

People: When we bring all of whom we are – Hopeful, afflicted, bold, into relationship with the Divine.

Leader: So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves,

People: Hopeful, afflicted and bold.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Song

Here I Am to Worship

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: Gracious God and Divine Healer, we confess that sometimes we yearn for you to wave a magic wand on our wounded lives to remove our pain, illness, and suffering. We hear the gospel story of the one seeking healing from Jesus and assume you will perform a similar miracle for all of us – if we just pray hard enough! And we do pray! Open our eyes to recognize the teachings and tools you have given us with which to seek healing in the midst of our afflictions and diseases. You whisper to us that wholeness requires self-care and rest. You nudge us toward caregivers who can support and advise us.

You breathe unto us energy to move and stretch and reach toward health. You place in us an urgency to seek justice so that all may enjoy adequate health care. Renew our spirits in the midst of our diseases and afflicting spirits. Transform us, for the health of your creation. Amen.

Assurance of Blessing

Leader: In the midst of struggle, disease and affliction, know that you are made in God’s image and God sees you as whole and good. So may you celebrate God in your midst through opportunities of wholeness and justice. 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

Scripture Reading

Psalms 111:1-10

Special Music

Everywhere I Go

arr. Natalie Sleeth

Vocal Ensemble

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

Authority
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

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

Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* # 268

Benediction and Postlude

Here I Am to Worship by Tim Hughes

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted,
Glorious in Heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor.

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens
Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance
Through the silent fields of space:
We, Your children in Your likeness,
Share inventive powers with You.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of
Since the childhood of our race;
Known the ecstasy of winging
Through untraveled realms of space;
Probed the secrets of the atom,
Yielding unimagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction
Or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
May it challenge us anew:
Children of creative purpose,
Serving others honoring You.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
Each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
Till our goals and Yours are one.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, January 31st</u>	<u>Next Sunday, February 7th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</i>	<i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 111</i>	<i>Psalms 147:1-11</i>
New Testament	<i>1 Corinthians 8:1-13</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 9:16-23</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 1: 21-28</i>	<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>

MEMORY VERSE

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, January 31

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 10:15 A.M. Church of God by Faith
- 10:30 A.M. Annual Meeting on Zoom and in person
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Social Room

Monday, February 1

- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms
Session Meeting on Zoom

Tuesday, February 2

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

Wednesday, February 3

- 6:30 P.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, February 4

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary

Friday, February 5

- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, February 6

- 8:00 A.M. ESW Tamale Fundraiser in the Kitchen/Social Room
- 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 Today, 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. 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.
5. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues this Tuesday, with Max Lucado's DVD on GRACE, "Coming Clean Within Grace that Abounds"
"See to it that no one misses the grace of God" Hebrews 12:15 NIV
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82829064485?pwd=aXY5eVITVXpYMTThLZE dJaHFGMnA1QT09>
6. ADULT EDUCATION: this Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm
Join us as we learn about renewable energy options that are being promoted for churches and individuals by the Rochester Area Interfaith Action Group. Our guest speaker will be Jim Tappan
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPCzhQbKx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
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.

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