

Celebration of Worship

April 25, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Reflection

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: With grace flowing, the poet sings the opening lines of the famous prayer, “The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.”

People: We hear the psalmist’s contentment, and wonder about our own.

Leader: Settled in the grass, the psalmist rests, “God makes me lie down in green pastures. Leads me beside still waters. Restores my soul.”

People: We hear the psalmist’s deep need for rest, and wonder about our own.

Leader: With a deep sigh, the psalmist declares, “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me. You prepare a table before me. You anoint my. My cup overflows.

People: We recognize their bold courage of the psalmist, and wonder about our own.

Leader: Remembering God’s faithfulness, the psalmist finds words to carry with them, “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.”

People: We hear these words of a powerful faith and a deep trust, and wonder about our own.

Leader: Holy Spirit of Rest and Renewal, in this time of worship inspire us with words both ancient and new so that we may find the words that connect us to You.

People: Amen and amen.

Opening Hymn

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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Prayer for Pardon

Leader: Gracious God, we hear the comforting ancient poetry of the psalmist but wonder, is it true? Will you really provide for what we need? Will you bring us to a place of rest? Will you protect us from enemies, even when they share our dinner table? We confess that rather than being only filled with holy wonder, we are also filled with skepticism at the ancient words. We can quickly tally up the times we didn’t feel provided for or protected from danger. We count the times we could not catch a break when we desperately needed it. So Lord, shepherd our busy minds back to the here and now; help our spirits forgive the grudges we hold, and invite us to experience You as truly present. In these moments of quiet, offer us rest for a moment.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Beloved People of God, there is wisdom in our questions, but God is steadfast. God’s presence is unwavering and will accompany us through every terrifying valley. God’s spirit is unshakeable and will sit with us even in the presence of formidable foes. God’s love is relentless and will offer us goodness and mercy all the days of our life.

People: Amen and amen.

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 Readings

Acts 4:5-12

I John 3:16-24

Special Music

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Stephenson
Alleluia Bells

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Sermon

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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* # 379

Benediction

Postlude

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

Today, April 25th

Next Sunday, May 2nd

Psalm

Psalm 23

Psalm 22:25-31

New Testament

Acts 4:5-12

Acts 8:26-40

I John 3:16-24

I John 4:7-21

Gospel

John 10:11-18

John 15:1-8

MEMORY VERSE

*If you forgive others their sin,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

Matthew 6:14

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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.

In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,

And leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay.

One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread.

My cup with blessings overflows; Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.

O may Your House be my abode, and all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,

No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

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.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: (following each verse)

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,

Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

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 for the first time are asked to make a reservation to attend by calling or 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 SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM needs additional friends to help out with the virtual Sunday services. Training is easy and available. Please see Alissa Mayer or Todd Fargo if you are willing to be part of the effort to keep the Zoom worship services continuing.
4. WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME will look at two confessions of the church, *The Theological Declaration of Barmen* and *The Confession of Belhar*. Each represents an understanding of our faith in light of historical circumstances. Join Pastor Phil in reviewing and discussing these documents this Wednesday at 7:00 on Zoom.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPczhQbKx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
5. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for every Wednesday evening in May to attend the Learning for a Lifetime/Adult Ed at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald will conduct a series of four, one-hour sessions on Healthy Boundaries Training which she has custom adapted from her series for leaders of congregations. You will find this enlightening and informative. All are encouraged to participate.
6. YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY is coming up on May 16th. This is when gifts made in honor or remembrance of someone who has helped us in our Christian walk will be dedicated. These gifts to the WPC Endowment Fund may be made from now through May 10th using envelopes in the chair racks, sending the contribution to the church office noting who it is in honor of, or pressing the 'Give' button on the church's website.

7. HEART & HAND is currently sewing pillowcases for The Open Door Mission's Coldwater House, which provides temporary shelter for homeless women and children. If you are interested in helping, you may pick up as many kits as you would like to sew from the baskets in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, April 25

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 12:45 P.M. Youth to Horizon Fun FX

Monday, April 26

- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms
Rachel Circle at the home of Beth Petrino
- 7:15 P.M. Mission Committee on Zoom

Tuesday, April 27

- 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, April 28

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Ed. Study of Confessions of the Church on Zoom
Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, April 29

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:15 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 366 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, April 30

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

Saturday, May 1

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