

# Celebration of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

## Reflection

From the *Book of Common Worship*

An elderly woman, having lost her hearing and most of her sight, continued to request a ride to church every Sunday morning. A friend asked her why she bothered, since she could not hear the sermon, the prayers, or the music. She replied, "I go to show whose side I'm on." Sometimes it is as simple as that. In a society that is home to people of both no faith and faith in every sort of deity, we stand to be counted, at least once a week, among the congregation of Jesus Christ.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Moment for Mission

## Ring of the Bell

**Song** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* # 398  
(Please remain seated)

## Call to Worship

Leader: Here we gather for song and scripture, seeking comfort and hope, seeking to be inspired as well as challenged.

**People: Here we gather to retell the ancient tales and wonder how God's story continues to unfold.**

Leader: Today we tell the story of Pentecost, the story of the Holy Spirit rushing in like a wild wind and dancing like flames upon each of the disciples,

**People: And we ask ourselves where we see the Holy Spirit present in our world today.**

Leader: Today we tell a story of the Holy Spirit igniting hope again. We will hear Peter claim his identity, tell his story, and inspire others to see the Holy at work in the world,

**People: And we will ask ourselves if we are ready to share our own stories.**

Leader: Friends, welcome. Welcome to this place with all your questions, doubts and wonders, and find here an invitation to experience something ancient and something new. May we be open to the Spirit. May we be open to learning, and learning from one another. May we grow in faith, hope and love. Amen.

**Opening Hymn** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* # 326

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Spirit of God, our prayers often ask You to be present in our lives and in our world. But we confess that we are terrified that You might actually show up.

**People: We remember the stories of You appearing as a burning bush, and then Moses and Sarah leaving everything familiar behind.**

Leader: We remember the stories of You kindling the imagination of the prophets, and then each putting their lives on the line.

**People: We remember the stories of You igniting courage within Shiphrah and Puah, Deborah and Esther, Elizabeth and Mary, and then each challenging the status quo.**

Leader: We remember the stories of You sparking action within the early Church, compelling them all to embrace something completely foreign and new.

**People: We confess, Dear Spirit, we are afraid You will call us to move outside our comfort zones. We are afraid You will kindle a passion within us we will be unable to ignore. We are afraid that You will rearrange our lives beyond recognition. Forgive us for the fears that have been holding us back from inviting You truly into our lives.**

**Moment of Silence for contemplation of that which inhibits our connection to the Spirit of God.**

## Assurance of Grace

Leader: Beloved people of God, find comfort in the news that the Spirit of God may be a formidable force, but it moves alongside people and equips those who are open to the work ahead. Peter, known more for his denial and disbelief than his bravery, suddenly had courage with the Spirit alongside him. The disciples, not known for being gifted communicators, suddenly broke down barriers with the Spirit alongside them. Beloveds, do not be afraid. Remain curious. Be open to the surprise. Celebrate that God is indeed about to do a new thing in you.

## Gloria Patri

## Children's Time

**Scripture Readings**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*  
*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

**Special Music**

*Spirit Wind* John T. Bartsch, Jr.  
*Alleluia Bells*

**Scripture Reading**

*Acts 2:19a*

**Sermon**

*The Wonders of God* 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**

**Service of Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Words of the Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Wine**

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say:

**People: Hallelujah, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* # 466

**Benediction and Postlude**

### Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.  
There's a sweet expression on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

### Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
  
Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;  
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?  
I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling,  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!  
  
Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.  
  
Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame,  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

### 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.

### 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.

### O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!  
  
Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health and peace.  
  
Christ breaks the power of reigning sin and sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.  
  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, May 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Ezekiel 37: 1-14</i>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 104: 24-34</i>	<i>Psalms 29</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 2: 1-21</i> <i>Romans 8: 22-27</i>	<i>Romans 8:12-17</i>
Gospel	<i>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</i>	<i>John 3:1-17</i>

### MEMORY VERSE

*O my soul, bless God.  
From head to toe, I'll bless his Holy Name.*  
*Psalm 103:1*

## 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, led by Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald, is the final in a four-part series on Healthy Boundaries Training, an offering she has custom adapted from a program for leaders of congregations. Your HRSC Team encourages you to join us in courageous conversation about an uncomfortable topic. Join us at 7:00 on Zoom.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPCzhQbKx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
5. SUMMER CLOTHING FOR CAMERON: We are now collecting new and gently used men's, children's and women's summer clothing for the Clothing House at Cameron Community Ministry. Collection tubs will be outside the north door, in the Narthex, and in the upper hallway from now until June 14<sup>th</sup>.
6. WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL is closing permanently. They will be holding a sale to sell off items on Thursday through Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>. To attend the sale, you must sign up for a specific time slot via our Signup Genius Link. If you have questions or need assistance with the signup, call Laura Blair (bustarla@hotmail.com, 265-1578). Feel free to pass the word along to others who may be interested.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAEAF23A0F94-webster>

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost - Communion

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship to Fun Center

### Monday, May 24

- 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10 and on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms  
Rachel Circle in the Youth Room

### Tuesday, May 25

- 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, May 26

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

### Thursday, May 27

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Girl Scouts Troop 355 in the Social Room

### Friday, May 28

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

### Saturday, May 29

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

### Next Sunday, May 30

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

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