

Celebration of Worship

May 9, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Reflection

Lisa Heckman

"In a society that has you counting money, calories, pounds and steps, be a rebel and count your blessings instead.

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Song

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
(Please remain seated)

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Call to Worship

Leader: God speaks to the heart,

People: offering compassion and hope.

Leader: God enlivens the mind,

People: inviting curiosity and wonder.

Leader: God awakens all spirits,

People: fostering sacred connection.

Leader: God nurtures our strength,

People: creating unimagined possibilities.

Leader: God calls the whole world,

People: inspiring extravagant love.

Invocation

Leader: Creating Spirit, we join with the chorus of all of creation to celebrate your wondrous deeds. Fill us with Your joy and train our ears for harmony so that we may contribute to the world You are already creating. All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who revealed what is possible through love. Amen.

Opening Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: Unwavering God, we keep asking what it is that you most want us to do with our lives in hopes you might tell us something easier. Instead, You offer the same answer every time: Love one another as I have loved you.

People: We confess that our love for others is not always what we hope it would be.

Leader: We are quick to judge and slow to offer grace.

People: We are swift to anger and resistant to making amends.

Leader: We are prone to suspicion and resistant to building trust.

People: We hear the greatest commandment, and if we are honest, we are filled with hesitation because it means we must change. Unwavering God, in these moments of stillness, hear our struggles with the love you call us to practice...

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news. God's love is so extravagant and inclusive that it knows no bounds. It transcends borders and speaks a universal language. Abide in that love. Find joy in that love. Be renewed by that love. Replicate that love in the world. 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

1st John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Special Music

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Reading

Psalms 68:4-5

Sermon

Celebrate God - Encore

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

Earth and All Stars

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Benediction

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.

I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain ...
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean ...

Hymn of Promise

By Natalie Sleeth
Sung by the Vocal Ensemble

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see;
Unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown
which God alone can see.

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.

Earth and All Stars

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets
sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind and rain, loud blowing snowstorm,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain:

God has done marvelous things.
We will sing praises with a new song!

Steel and machines, loud pounding hammers
sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams, loud building workers
sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain --

Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes
sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band, loud cheering people
sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain --

Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom
sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son, loud praying members
sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain --

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, May 9th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, May 16th</u>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 98</i>	<i>Psalm 1</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 10:44-48</i> <i>I John 5:1-6</i>	<i>Acts 1:15-17</i> <i>I John 5:9-13</i>
Gospel	<i>John 15:9-17</i>	<i>John 17:6-19</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. EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING IN MAY at 7:00 P.M. on ZOOM, Learning for A Lifetime will feature our HRSC Team Coach, Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald, who will conduct a series of four, one-hour sessions on Healthy Boundaries Training custom adapted for our congregation from her Healthy Boundaries Training for clergy. Please join us.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPczhQbKx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
5. YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY is next Sunday. This is when gifts made in honor or remembrance of someone who has helped us in our Christian walk will be dedicated and added to the Endowment Fund. Gifts, 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, need to be received by May 10th for inclusion in the dedication.
6. WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL is closing permanently. They will be holding a sale to sell off items on Thursday through Saturday, June 3rd – June 5th. To attend the sale, you must sign up for a specific time slot via our Signup Genius Link below beginning tomorrow, May 10th. 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>

7. SUMMER CLOTHING FOR CAMERON: We are now collecting gently used and new 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 upper hallway from now until June 14th.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, May 9

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

Monday, May 10

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

Tuesday, May 11

- 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Ed. Committee on Zoom
Girl Scout Leaders in the Social Room
- 7:15 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, May 12

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Ed. Healthy Boundaries Training on Zoom
Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, May 13

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room

Friday, May 14

- 9:00 A.M. Heart and Hand on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, May 15

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

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