

# Celebration of Worship

May 16, 2021

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

## Reflection

Henri J. M. Nouwen

"If we think that a little praying can't do any harm, we will soon find that it can't do much good either. Prayer has meaning only if it is necessary and indispensable. Prayer is prayer only when we can say that without it, we cannot live."

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ringling of the Bell

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

## Call to Worship

Leader: We come and seek the ways of wisdom.

**People: We come as one Body in Christ.**

Leader: We come to find peace and sing songs of love.

**People: We come to be refreshed by the Spirit.**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

## Invocation

Leader: Life-giving God, your love and light guides us on the path of courage, compassion, generosity, and grace. Lead us as we seek to follow your transformative love that turns sorrow into joy, and despair into hope. O God, help us embrace your guiding love that calls us to live as your faithful witnesses who reflect your grace and redemptive love. Amen.

All: God, open hearts to receive your gracious love, and strengthen us to carry the Good News of your healing power found in the light, love and life of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Opening Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* # 473

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, we confess our doubts that stifle our joy. Forgive us when we lack faith in you, and comfort us when our fears outweigh our praise. God, forgive us when we fail to trust you, and help us when we do not live as your faithful witnesses. Guiding God, forgive us when we are self-consumed and lack the time needed to serve our neighbors.

**People: In these times, have mercy on us, O God, and encourage us to be your love-lived, by renewing us daily in your strength. We pray in His name. Amen.**

## Moment of Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: O God, hear our prayers of confession and forgiveness, and guide us from disbelief and distress by leading us into your hope-filled joy. God, we need your loving Spirit to be among us, to comfort us in our doubt, and to strengthen us in our faith. Amen.

## Gloria Patri

## Children's Time

**Scripture Readings** *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

*Psalm 1:1-6*

**Special Music** *Sonata for Flute* Bernedetto Marcello  
Sally Turner – Flute; Lee Ann Daigle - Piano

**Scripture Reading** *John 17: 6-19*

**Sermon** *On Their Behalf* Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

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

**Dedication of Yellow Rose Endowment Fund Gifts**

**Offering** Mail in your gifts or click the WPC website 'Give' button

**Doxology and Blessing of the Offering**

**Closing Hymn** *Amazing Grace* # 280

**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.

### For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth; for the glory of the skies;  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain: (after each verse)

Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.

For the joy of ear and eye; for the heart and mind's delight;  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild.

For Thy church and evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.

### 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.

### Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, May 16<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, May 23<sup>th</sup></u>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 1</i>	<i>Ezekiel 37: 1-14</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 1:15-17</i> <i>I John 5:9-13</i>	<i>Psalm 104: 24-34</i> <i>Acts 2: 1-21</i> <i>Romans 8: 22-27</i>
Gospel	<i>John 17:6-19</i>	<i>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</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. 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 in 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

### Today, May 16

- 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 Extreme Art Event Outside

### Monday, May 17

- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms
- WPC Reconciliation Committee Meeting on Zoom
- Book Club Room in 9/10

### Tuesday, May 18

- 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, May 19

- 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 20

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Girl Scouts Troop 355 in the Social Room

### Friday, May 21

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

### Saturday, May 15

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

### Next 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

## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.



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have been given by:

Brad & Kathy Adams in memory of their  
parents, Merwin & Norma Clark and  
Ross & Wini Adams;

Bob & Jackie Anderson in memory of their  
parents and Jackie's sisters;

Laureen Anthony-Palmer in honor of Sally Turner who has taught  
Bible Study and shared her faith with women of WPC for  
many years;

Bill & Betsy Barr in memory of Rob Wiley;

Joyce Bradstreet in memory of Bobbi Broussard, Donna Crissman  
and Jack Sorenson, and in honor of Wilma Brucker;

Wilma Brucker in memory and in honor of Sylvia Letter who taught  
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