

Celebration of Worship

July 18, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Reflection

William Sloane Coffin

"It seems to me that in joining a church you leave home and hometown to join a larger world. The whole world is your new neighborhood ... all become your sisters and brothers in the new family formed in Jesus. By joining a church you declare your individuality in the most radical way in order to affirm community on the wildest possible scale."

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Song *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* # 398

Call to Worship

Leader: As God is our shepherd, we need nothing else.

All: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters, which renews and refreshes our spirits.

Leader: God guides us along paths of righteousness

All: And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.

Leader: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies. There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

All: Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we dwell in the house of God.

Prayer of Invocation

All: Caring and Gracious God, you are the shepherd who gathers us together today to celebrate with grateful thanksgiving the community in which we live. We are nourished by its diversity, brought about by the unique gifts each person contributes. Be with us in this time of worship and encourage us to never cease welcoming the strangers we meet and accepting the gifts they bring. Grant that they will enrich our lives and will be a reminder of the joy that comes when all will be one in you. Amen.

Hymn *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, we live in a diverse community. There are people of different colors and abilities. There are people with different sexual orientations. There are people on the left and the right, young and old, rich and poor. Yet our church doesn't reflect this diversity. We would love others as you do, but we can't. We've erected walls built upon our biases, fears, and insecurities that keep us apart. Forgive us that we cannot love as unconditionally as you. Help us to take down those walls so we may welcome the stranger and truly be one community together. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We know we fall short in our discipleship. We've confessed our sins before God. We look to God to repent of our sins and transgressions. By God's overflowing steadfast love and mercy we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22

Music Offering Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Hopson
Vocal Ensemble

Scripture Reading *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

Sermon *Jesus: Making Time for You*
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

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

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

Doxology and Blessing the Offering

Closing Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* # 343

Benediction

Postlude

There's A 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.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us;
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything –
No gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth-
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

| | <u>Today, July 18th</u> | <u>Next Sunday, July 25th</u> |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Old Testament | <i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i> | <i>II Kings 4:42-44</i> |
| Psalm | <i>Psalms 23</i> | <i>Psalms 145:10-18</i> |
| New Testament | <i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i> | <i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i> |
| Gospel | <i>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</i> | <i>John 6:1-21</i> |

MEMORY VERSE

*For you have been born again, not of perishable seed,
but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

1 Peter 1:23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether by Zoom or in person.
 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. NEW SERVICE GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP – Fully vaccinated? Masks are optional.
Not fully vaccinated? Wear your mask at all times in church.
ALL ARE WELCOME. No reservations needed.
 4. THE YELLOW ROSE in the Sanctuary is in grateful acknowledgment of a gift to the Endowment Fund from Thelma Leonhard.
 5. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is happening this week!! Please keep all our children, teachers and helpers in your prayers for a safe, joyful and rewarding week together.
 6. WEDNESDAY'S LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME at 7 pm on Zoom is the sixth in a 7-part DVD series "Jesus in Me – Experiencing the Holy Spirit," helping us discover how to better love and rely on the person of the Holy Spirit and embrace how much He loves us.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBpczhQbkx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
 7. FAVORITE HYMNS AND PRAISE MUSIC – What are your favorites? Your Music & Worship Team wants to know. We are putting together a list of your "Top 40" hymns and praise songs to be used for our church services in the future. Share your picks by:
 - Taking a simple survey at <https://forms.gle/p8oyGWpv59XyYvc6A>
 - Sending your favorites to Lee Ann Daigle, Georgia Hubbard, or members of the Music Team: Jackie Anderson, Todd Fargo, Sally Turner or Bob Blakey.
 8. THE SUMMER MISSION OFFERING IS IN PROGRESS! The two worthy local causes this summer are the South Wedge Food Program and Bellas Bumbas. Our goal is \$6000, and whatever we collect will be evenly divided. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution. For more information you may visit their websites: www.rocsalt.org/southwedgefoodprogram/
www.bellasbumbas.com
 9. SCHOOL SUPPLIES for needy students at the Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers will again be collected this year through August 15th by the Mission Committee. Check out the sales for crayons, pencils, markers, scissors, glue sticks, folders, and especially back packs, which can be purchased at the store Five Below for \$5.00 each. Many items can be purchased at the Dollar Store as well. Collection boxes are located outside the north entrance of the church and in both the upper and lower Narthex area.
 10. OUR WPC OFFICE is looking for a qualified person to fill a part-time position beginning in the fall. We anticipate this position would start at 10-12 hours per week during church office hours. An applicant must have good communication skills and a working knowledge and proficiency in the use of Microsoft Word as well as the ability to learn other programs and financial software currently used by the office staff. To learn more, contact Dan Marsh (760-9241) or Bob Smith (755-8700).
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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 18

- 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, July 19

- 10:00 A.M. VBS Volunteers in the Memorial Room

Tuesday, July 20

- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

Wednesday, July 21

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Ed. DVD on the Holy Spirit on Zoom

Thursday, July 22

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom

Saturday, July 24

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

Sunday, July 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

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