

Celebration of Worship

August 8, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude *I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me* arr. McChesney
Bell Quartet

Reflection Thomas Merton
"The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image. If in loving them we do not love what they are, but only their potential likeness to ourselves, then we do not love them: we only love the reflection of ourselves we find in them."

Welcome, Announcements and Moment for Mission

Ringing of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God.

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for your Spirit.

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: In your words, I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Prayer of Invocation

People: God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* # 483

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy One, we confess that we continue wars in our holy human family even though we know they cause unspeakable suffering. Our wars are not just with arms, but with public policy that harms the least of these. We are filled with sorrow for all the children in our human family who die on our watch. Many know the consequences of our actions and choices, yet still we do not change. Forgive us and lead us in the path of peace.

(Moment of silence and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Holy One, you make all things new; your mercy is new every morning. Let our cries of sorrow: "O our children, O our children", herald the way to compassion and courage as we work for a more just world. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Social Distance - Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading *Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2*

Music Offering *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. McKlveen

Scripture Readings *Psalms 34:1-8
1 Kings 19:4-8*

Sermon *Taste and See or See and Taste?*
Rev. Michael Fry

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

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

Doxology

Blessing the Offering

Closing Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* # 372

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.

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth.
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory.

The 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.

The 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.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart (in-a my heart).
Lord I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart (in-a my heart).
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.
In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart (in-a my heart).
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart (in-a my heart).
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, August 8th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, August 15th</u>
Old Testament	<i>I Kings 19:4-8</i>	<i>Proverbs 9:1-6</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 34:1-8</i>	<i>Psalm 34:9-14</i>
New Testament	<i>Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2</i>	<i>Ephesians 5:15-20</i>
Gospel	<i>John 6:35, 41-51</i>	<i>John 6:51-58</i>

MEMORY VERSE

*Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Psalm 96:1*

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. 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. THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES for needy students at the Williamson Come-Unity Center and Eastern Service Workers. 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.
5. 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
6. 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.

7. THE TRUSTEES NEED YOU - The Social Room floor is going to be replaced and the Trustees need volunteers to help with the preparation. If you are available on Wednesday morning, August 18th, please give Gary Maier a call (872-6185) to help with this project.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 8

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

Tuesday, August 10

- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:15 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, August 11

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant

Thursday, August 12

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

Friday, August 13

- 10:00 A.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room

Saturday, August 14

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

Sunday, August 15

- 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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