

## Celebration of Worship

**August 29, 2021**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Prelude**                      *He Leadeth Me*                      arr. Penny Rodriguez

## Reflection

“Christian theology has a stake in the truths of history, in vital distinctions between just and unjust suffering, and in the obligations which persons and societies owe to identify, curb and remedy wrongs suffered by any of our neighbors.”

Donald W. Shriver, Jr. —

President Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary in New York

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ringling of the Bell

<b>Song</b>	<i>There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	# 398
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## Call to Worship

Leader: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

**People: Let us welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save our souls.**

Leader: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers, so you may be blessed in all you do.

**People: Pure religion is to care for orphans and widows and not to be stained by the world.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

## Invocation

**People: Creator God, You have loved us passionately into being. We come today seeking your presence and to know we are your beloved! Enter our Sanctuary and enter our hearts that we may look into your loving gaze and see ourselves reflected there as you see us. Let our love for you reflect and mirror your perfect love as we gather as your Beloved community.**

**Hymn** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

## Prayer of Confession

**All:** Dear God, you call us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. You call us to love the world with your passion and to let that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness and peace. Forgive us when our hearts are constricted with fear, and let your transforming grace open us to the world you cherish. Forgive us when we honor you only with our lips and not with our actions.

### Moment of Silent Reflection

## Assurance of Grace

Leader: Holy One, in Christ you have shown us the way into your Beloved Community of mercy, love and peace in which you are making all things new. We come to affirm our covenant and sacred promise to be in loving relationship with you. Thank you for giving us life. Open us, body, mind and spirit to your truth. Fill us with your grace so we can fall in love with your world and offer – and experience – forgiveness, reconciliation and hope.

## Gloria Patri

## A Social Distance Passing of the Peace

**Scripture Readings**

*Luke 6:27-38  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b*

**Hymn** *Here I Am, Lord* # 525

**Scripture Reading**      *Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

**Sermon** *"Whatcha Gonna Do?"*  
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**    *We Pray for Afghanistan's People Today*

## Benediction

**Postlude**      *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*    arr. John Innes

### **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.

### **Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

### **Here I Am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain -

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain -

### **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.

### **We Pray for Afghanistan's People Today**

We pray for Afghanistan's people today:  
For those who are fleeing – who know they can't stay;  
For those who face terror by day and by night;  
For those who can't leave and whose dreams can't take flight.

We pray for the people who fear what's in store,  
For dreamers and poets who grieve a closed door.;;  
For those who are hiding so no one will see  
The people they are – or who they hope to be.

We pray for gifts facing a world they don't know,  
Who still long to read and to learn and to grow.  
We pray for young women who live with the fear  
Their bodies, their voices may soon disappear.

We pray for young children whose first lullabies  
Were bombs and explosions and wounded ones' cries,  
And for those who served there, who see how it ends,  
Who ponder their service, who grieve for lost friends.

We weep for the places where war leads to war.  
We pray for your hand there to heal and restore!  
Bless all who seek justice and peace as your way.  
We pray for Afghanistan's people today.

## 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 –  
Masks are again required in the church building.  
ALL ARE WELCOME. No reservations needed.
4. THE SUMMER MISSION OFFERING IS CONCLUDING - 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. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider a generous contribution. For more information you may visit their websites:  
[www.rocsalt.org/southwedgefoodprogram/www.bellasbumbas.com](http://www.rocsalt.org/southwedgefoodprogram/www.bellasbumbas.com)
5. The Mission Committee is collecting voluntary contributions for the recent earthquake and flooding disasters in Haiti. If you wish to contribute, please make your check out to "Webster Presbyterian Church" and designate it for "Haiti Disaster Relief". Our combined contributions will be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which is already providing assistance and relief there.
6. YOU ARE INVITED TO A RECITAL of flute and piano music this afternoon at 3:00 in the Sanctuary, given by Sally Turner and Mary Ann Hargrave.
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.

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	Today, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Next Sunday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	<i>Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9</i>	<i>Isaiah 35:4-7a</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 15</i>	<i>Psalms 146</i>
New Testament	<i>James 1:17-27</i>	<i>James 2:1-17</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i>	<i>Mark 7:24-37</i>

## MEMORY VERSE

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

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 29

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom  
10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel  
3:00 P.M. Flute Recital in the Sanctuary

### Tuesday, August 31

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

### Wednesday, September 1

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

### Thursday, September 2

7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom

### Saturday, September 4

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

### Sunday, September 5 - 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

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