

# Celebration of Worship

September 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

**Reflection** "We must always take sides.  
Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.  
Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."  
Elie Wiesel – Holocaust Survivor

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ring of the Bell

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

## Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus asks the disciples:

**People: "Who do people say I am?"**

Leader: They answer, "Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah; and others say one of the prophets." But Jesus presses them:

**People: "Who do you say I am?"**

Leader: Peter answers, "You are Christ – God's anointed one, God-with-us!" Now Jesus pushes us: "What about you? Here in this moment, in this community. Who do you say I am?"

**People: You are Christ – God's anointed one, God-with-us!**

Leader: Let us worship God. Indeed, God is with us!

## Invocation

**All: Holy Wisdom of God, You call to us from the depths of our hearts where we long for connection with You and with one another. You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods where human pain and possibility are most urgent. You call to us from our sacred stories where God, Christ, Spirit create challenge, comfort. Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, and help us see with your eyes the ways which lead to beloved community where Christ Jesus is at the center.**

**Hymn** *He Has Made Me Glad*

## Prayer of Confession

**People: Christ calls on us to "lose our life in order to save it," to "take up our cross and follow" in the ways of justice and peace. Like the disciples before us, we are often amazed and overwhelmed by this command. We close our ears to such challenge and our hearts to such risk.**

Moment of Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's words and actions are never careless. In sending Jesus Christ to the world, God offers a model and a companion, a source of ever-flowing love and acceptance and wisdom. In Christ we are forgiven all our failings and given strength to start again.

## Gloria Patri

## Children's Time

## A Social Distance Passing of the Peace

**Hymn** *All Beautiful the March of Days* # 292

**Scripture Readings** *James 3:1-12*  
*Psalm 19:1-14*

**Anthem** *With a Voice of Singing* Shaw

With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of his name;

make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

**Scripture Reading** *Mark 8:27-38*

**Sermon** *A Divine Reality Check*  
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

## **Apostles Creed**

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **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**                    *Lift High the Cross*                    # 371

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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### **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.

### **He Has Made Me Glad**

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad."  
He has made me glad; He has made me glad;  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad; He has made me glad;  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

### **All Beautiful the March of Days**

All beautiful the march of days as seasons come and go.  
The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow,  
Hath sent the hoary frost of heaven, the flowing waters sealed,  
And laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.

O'er white expanses sparkling pure the radiant morns unfold;  
The solemn splendors of the night burn brighter through the cold.  
Life mounts in every throbbing vein, love deepens round the hearth,  
And clearer sounds the angel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."

O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows,  
Thyself the vision passing by in crystal and in rose,  
Day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim  
In ever-changing words of light the wonder of Thy name.

### **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.

### **Lift High the Cross**

Refrain:  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain:

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. Refrain:

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Your death has brought us life eternally. Refrain:

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. Refrain:

## 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 required in the church building.  
ALL ARE WELCOME. No reservations needed.
4. THE CHURCH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm. The office is closed on Mondays and Fridays.
5. ADULT ED. - Following worship in the Sanctuary & on Zoom  
Today - Guest speaker Dr. Elizabeth Gerhardt, Professor of Theology and Social Ethics at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, will be with us to look at the application of the theology of the cross to contemporary global justice issues and the church's response.  
Next Sunday - The Mission Committee will share the news of a new fund which has been established to support needy students in Kenya with their high school expenses.

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, September 12<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>	<i>Jeremiah 11:18-20</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 116:1-9</i>	<i>Psalms 54</i>
New Testament	<i>James 3:1-12</i>	<i>James 3:13 – 4:3</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 8:27-38</i>	<i>Mark 9:30-37</i>

## MEMORY VERSE

*This is what the Lord says ...*

*"I am the Lord your God who teaches you what is best for you,  
who directs you in the way you should go."*

*Isaiah 48:17*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 12

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Speaker Dr. Elizabeth Gerhardt in the Sanctuary & Zoom
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

### Monday, September 13

- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10  
Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

### Tuesday, September 14

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in the Chapel & Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Leaders in the Social Room
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, September 15

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 6:30 P.M. Nominating Committee in the Conference Room
- 7:00 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10  
Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room  
Scout Troop in the Social Room

### Thursday, September 16

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:15 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:30 P.M. Book Club in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Friday, September 17

- 9:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in the Social Room

### Saturday, September 18

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

### Sunday, September 19

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Mission Fund Presentation in the Sanctuary & Zoom
- 3:00 P.M. Youth to Fringe Festival