

Celebration of Worship

September 19, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Reflection

From "Banished Knowledge", Alice Miller

"...It is absolutely impossible for someone who has grown up in an environment of honesty, respect and affection ever to feel driven to torment a weaker person in such a way as to inflict lifelong damage. [This person] has learned very early on that it is right and proper to provide the small helpless creature with protection and guidance; this knowledge, stored at that early stage in...mind and body, will remain effective for the rest of this life."

Welcome and Announcements

Song

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus challenges us in today's gospel:

People: Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Leader: Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking the child in his arms, he said to them:

People: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

Leader: We are still learning today what Jesus came to teach us two thousand years ago. To change the world we must change the way we love and welcome all children and all people!

People: May we learn to love all children and all people.

Invocation

Leader: Dear God, hear our prayer today.

People: God of compassion and justice, teach us the way to make the last first and to be servants of all. Guide us in your way of humility and service. Show us how to become disciples of Jesus, your child and our brother. We ask for blessings on all. And we pray that by your presence in this worship, we will be strengthened to walk in paths of righteousness. Amen.

Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Prayer of Confession

People: Dear God, we often have not welcomed the children as Jesus has commanded. Too many children in our community and world suffer from violence, abuse, neglect and poverty. We know that if we were to join together to welcome and care, to celebrate and honor our children, we would save ourselves and our world. We need forgiveness. We want to make amends. We want to change. We want to learn to welcome all your children, for in loving and caring for them, we welcome your reign of justice and peace.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We give thanks for our savior and teacher, Jesus Christ, who was born among us as a child needing nurture and care, and grew to reveal your power to make all things new. We give thanks and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven and given strength to grow in discipleship. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

A Social Distance Passing of the Peace

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

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Scripture Readings

Psalm 1

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Chancel Choir

arr. Parker
(words on next page)

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

On the Way

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 and Blessing the Offering

Closing Hymn *Take My Life* # 391

Benediction

Postlude *Fantasia in G Minor* Bach

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Be Thou My Vision arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

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.

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.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

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.

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee; swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee; filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose; every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only all for Thee; ever, only all for Thee.

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 OCTOBER PATHWAY DEADLINE is tomorrow, September 20th. Please submit articles to office@websterpres.org.
5. ADULT ED. - Following worship in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Today - 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.
Next Sunday - "How do we think biblically and theologically about creation?" will be the topic in the DVD series "Creation Care," looking what is unique about Christian creation care compared with other approaches to environmental issues.
6. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS A FALL SERIES THIS TUESDAY, "The Wisdom and Lessons from Women of the Bible". This week – "Women of the Covenants."
7. YOUR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION TEAM has invited Adrienne Daniels, Manager of Bereavement and Grief Services for Rochester Regional Health Hospice, to join us again this Wednesday evening, September 22, at 7:00 pm. via ZOOM. You may remember her from the Grief Workshop that she conducted for us in June. This time she is going to facilitate a group discussion on "Getting Unstuck." She describes it this way: "Sometimes we feel bound by deep grief and emotions. How can we release that which we feel is holding us back and create movement toward personal growth and possibility?" Please join us to explore this important topic.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Monday, September 20 - October Pathway Deadline

- 11:00 A.M. Book Club in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Healing & Reconciliation Team on Zoom
Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, September 21

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in the Chapel & Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, September 22

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 6:30 P.M. Nominating Committee in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Speaker on "Grief – Getting Unstuck" on Zoom
Scout Troop in the Social Room

Thursday, September 23

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:15 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 25

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
- Time TBD. Youth to Stokoe Farms

Sunday, September 26

- 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. "Creation Care" CD in Room 9/10

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, September 19th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 26th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 11:18-20</i>	<i>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 54</i>	<i>Psalms 19:7-14</i>
New Testament	<i>James 3:13 – 4:3</i>	<i>James 5:13-20</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 9:30-37</i>	<i>Mark 9:38-50</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