

Celebration of Worship

September 5, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Reflection

“Jesus made ‘the deaf to hear and mute to speak.’ There are many blocks to our hearing and speaking. Attentive listening is necessary before we can clearly proclaim the good news of salvation. Amid society’s clamor, listen for what God intends and then, without stammering, boldly announce the hope of the gospel.

From When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: To abide in you, to find strength in you, to worship you in these moments,

People: We gather, O God.

Leader: To challenge the evil around us, to bring healing to the hurt, to offer hope to the vulnerable,

People: We follow, Jesus, our Brother.

Leader: To learn how to live, to put away old gods, to stick with God in every moment,

People: We listen, Holy Spirit.

Invocation

People: Make your face to shine upon us, Lord, and be with us now. We have gathered to give you our praise. Our ears have been opened to the sounds of angels singing hosannas; our tongues have been loosed to shout “Alleluia!” We listen for your word that brings wisdom. We wait to confess again our faith. Shine your spirit upon us, Lord, and be pleased with our worship.

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* # 464

Prayer of Confession

All: Yes, Watcher of the faithful, we could put on the comfortable shirt of faith, but often prefer fear with its frayed cuffs and stains on the front. We could slip on the loafers of peace, but too often squeeze into the size-too-small dress shoes of anger. We could wrap truth around our lives, yet too often continue to punch holes in the belt of falsehood so it always fits.

Hear us, Faithful Heart, and rescue us from our worst selves. When we are lonely, help us to see you offer us your heart as a refuge. When we are broken, help us to accept your willingness to knit us back together. When we are afraid, help us to remember your promise to draw us into your embrace. When we are faithless, help us to hear you continue to call us to follow Jesus the Christ, the only Word we need in the midst of so many hollow promises. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Leader: As God listens to our voices and hearts, our brokenness is gathered up and we are made whole, as mercy and hope fill our hearts.

All: We are forgiven. We are transformed into new people.

Gloria Patri

A Social Distance Passing of the Peace

Scripture Readings *Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18*
James 2:1-17

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* # 513

Scripture Reading *Mark 7:24-30*

Sermon *“Was Jesus Really That Human?”*
Rev. Anne Waasdorp

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

Service of Holy Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right, and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity and made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Invitation to the Table

Minister: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

Minister: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say,

People: Amen, Amen, and Amen!

Closing Hymn

Spirit

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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.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.
Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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.

Spirit

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free;
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,
Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valley of sleep,
And over the eons You called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain:

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand,
And You gifted Your people with a law and a land,
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
Then You spoke through Your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain:

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,
Then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
And down in the city You called once again
When You blew through Your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain:

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions Your people arise. 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 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.
5. BEGINNING THIS WEEK, the church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays.
6. LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME - Adult Education begins next week on Sundays after worship in the Sanctuary. Plan to join us at 10:45 to hear guest speaker Dr. Elizabeth Gerhardt, Professor of Theology and Social Ethics at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester. She 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. Those unable to attend in person are invited to join us on Zoom.
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, September 5 th	Next Sunday, September 12 th
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 35:4-7a</i>	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 146</i>	<i>Psalms 116:1-9</i>
New Testament	<i>James 2:1-17</i>	<i>James 3:1-12</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 7:24-37</i>	<i>Mark 8:27-38</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 5

- 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, September 7

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

Wednesday, September 8

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle in the Memorial Room

Thursday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 11

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
- ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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. Adult Ed. Speaker Dr. Elizabeth Gerhardt in the Sanctuary

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