

Celebration of Worship

October 17, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Reflection

Rachel Held Evans

From *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*

"I told them we're tired of the culture wars, tired of Christianity getting entangled with party politics and power. Millennials want to be known by what we're for, I said, not just what we're against. We don't want to choose between science and religion or between our intellectual integrity and our faith. Instead, we long for our churches to be safe places to doubt, to ask questions, and to tell the truth, even when it's uncomfortable. We want to talk about the tough stuff - biblical interpretation, religious pluralism, sexuality, racial reconciliation, and social justice - but without predetermined conclusions or simplistic answers. We want to bring our whole selves through the church doors, without leaving our hearts and minds behind, without wearing a mask."

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Announcement

Ring of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

People: But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

Leader: The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,

People: And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

Leader: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

People: But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"

Leader: Why are we here?

People: To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

Prayer of Invocation

All: Holy Dwelling Place, Your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek You, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in Your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice You desire for all. Shelter us with Your light, and clothe us with Your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. Amen.

Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* # 263

Prayer of Confession

All: Divine Shepherd, like sheep we go our own ways. With our heads to the ground and our attention turned elsewhere, we often fail to heed the gentle nudge of Your staff and Your calls for home. With so many things to distract us - work, school, and the general busyness of life - we lie unresponsive to Your calls to kin-dom service.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Words of Assurance

Leader: Protector Jesus, You came among us in order to shelter us from the cold of night and forests of danger. In Your presence, we are in green pastures! In You we are forgiven, and called once again to serve, and create with You a world of justice and peace for all.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

A Socially Distant Passing of the Peace

Hymn *The Church of Christ in Every Age* # 421

Scripture Readings *Job 38:1-7, 34-41*
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Anthem *Lord Jesus, We Are One with Thee* Buxtehude
Chancel Choir

Lord Jesus, we are one with Thee, O height, O depth of love!
With Thee we died upon the tree, in Thee we live above.
Such was Thy grace, that for our sake Thou didst from heaven come down;
Thou didst of flesh and blood partake, in all our sorrows one.
Lord Jesus, we are one with Thee! O height, O depth of love!

O, teach us, Lord, to know and own this wondrous mystery,
That Thou with us art truly one, and we are one with Thee!
Then, soon shall come that glorious day when, seated on Thy throne,
Thou shalt to wondering worlds display that Thou with us art one.
Lord Jesus we are one with Thee! O height, O depth of love!

Scripture Reading *Mark 10:35-45*

Sermon *The Frontline of Glory*
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

Hymn *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* # 308

Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare* Lemmens

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MEMORY VERSE

*The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!
Exalted be my Savior!
Psalm 18:40*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, October 17th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, October 24th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 53:4-12</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-9</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 91:9-16</i>	<i>Psalm 126</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 5:1-10</i>	<i>Hebrews 7:23-28</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:35-45</i>	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>

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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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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 Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

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.

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing away.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath and of the sinless Boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of His dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
Of Him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,
Of Him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.
For He who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

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 NOVEMBER *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is this Wednesday, October 20th. Please submit articles to office@websterpres.org.
5. ADULT ED. - Following worship
Today - “Putting God First” - A stand-alone Bible Study in Room 9/10.
Next Sunday - “The Poor and Needy” - Another selection from “100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies”. Join us in Room 9/10.
6. WINTER CLOTHING for Cameron Community Ministries: We are collecting new and gently used winter clothing for men, children and women until November 15th. Collection boxes are in the Narthex and outside the north door. If you don't have anything to donate from your closets, please consider purchasing an item or several.
7. HEART AND HAND has pillowcase kits for volunteers to sew available across the hall from the church office. When finished, they will be donated to Afghan refugees in our area. Thank you for helping with this project.
8. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is looking for individuals to serve as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for 2022. Please consider this opportunity and contact Kathy Barbehenn or Georgia Hubbard if you are interested.
9. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD BARREL DONATIONS. We are continuing to donate items collected to Hope House and the Webster Food Pantries. Donations of non-perishable food, personal care items, and cleaning supplies will do so much to help our neighbors in need. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 17

- 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. Bible Study – “Putting God First” - in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Bike Ride to Lollypop Farm

Monday, October 18

- 10:30 A.M. MVP Seminar in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Healing and Reconciliation Committee on Zoom
Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social and Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, October 19

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, October 20 – November *Pathway* Deadline

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
Boy Scout Committee Meeting in the Memorial Room

Thursday, October 21

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

Friday, October 22

- 6:30 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, October 23

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 P.M. Girl Scout Event in the Social Room

Sunday, October 24 – Bible Sunday

- 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. Bible Study – “The Poor and Needy” - in Room 9/10
- 3:00 P.M. Youth to Seneca Park Zoo