

# Celebration of Worship

October 24, 2021

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

## Reflection

Richard J. Foster, 1987

Shared at the October meeting of the Healing & Reconciliation Committee

“Human beings are such that life together always involves them in hurting one another in some way. People may want to disbelieve this, but even a brief exposure to real vulnerability will testify that it is so. In a desperate scramble to avoid this fact of life, people will remain distant and superficial with everyone. They will run to other churches or groups at the first sign of differences. They will clam up in a tight little shell that does not know how to cry...or laugh. Such a flight from reality is not life, but death... If we want life, we must be prepared to hurt and be hurt. We simply must make peace with this fact. Once we accept this as a true perception of ‘life together,’ we can exert our energies learning how to deal with it, rather than attempting to avoid it.”

## Welcome and Announcements

## Minute for Mission

## Ringing of the Bell

## Song

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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## Call to Worship

Leader: Sing aloud with gladness.

**People: God is gathering the people!**

Leader: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

**People: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!**

Leader: Those who are weeping, God will console;

**People: Those who get lost find a clear path home.**

Leader: Let us worship the god who gathers us!

## Invocation

**All:** Ever-calling God, we give thanks that You have gathered us into Your church and graced us with Your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of Your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of this new moment in Your church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that Your faithful people may be one in You. Amen.

## Hymn

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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## Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we want to be a church open to Your transforming love, yet cling to comfortable ways,

**People: Jesus, Heir of David, have mercy on us!**

Leader: When we want to honor Your “still speaking voice,” but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions,

**People: Jesus, Heir of David, have mercy on us!**

Leader: When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference,

**People: Jesus, Heir of David, have mercy on us!**

## Words of Assurance

Leader: Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the One who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.

## Gloria Patri

Leader: Let us pass the peace of God.

## Children's Time

Presentation of Children's Bibles

## Hymn

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

## Scripture Readings

*Job 42:1-6, 10-17*

*Psalms 34:1-8, 19-22*

## Anthem

*Seek the Lord*

John Carter

Chancel Choir

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
Let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him,  
And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.  
Seek the Lord.

## Scripture Reading

*Mark 10:46-52*

## Sermon

*Spiritual Vision*

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 and 2022 Pledges

**Hymn** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* # 462

## Benediction

**Postlude** *Fete* Langlais  
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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 24<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-9</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 126</i>	<i>Psalms 119:1-8</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 7:23-28</i>	<i>Hebrews 9:11-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>	<i>Mark 12:28-34</i>
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## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.



### **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.

### **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: (after each verse)

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.

All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

### **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.

### **Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: (after each verse)

"Come home, come home! You who are weary come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and  
for me?

O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and  
for 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.

### **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light.  
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee.  
Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief.  
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

## 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. ADULT ED. - Following worship in Room 9/10  
Today - “The Poor and Needy” - A stand-alone Bible Study.  
Next Sunday - “Justice, Mercy, and a Humble Walk” - Another selection from “100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies”.
5. TODAY WE ARE DEDICATING YOUR 2022 PLEDGES. If you have not yet had a chance to respond, please mail in or bring your pledge card next week to church to let us know your intentions for 2022.
6. 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.
7. WINTER CLOTHING for Cameron Community Ministries: We are collecting new and gently used winter clothing for men, children and women until November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.
8. 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.
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 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

### Monday, October 25

- 7:00 P.M. Rachel Circle “Movie Night” at the home of Beth Petrino  
Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social and Memorial Rooms

### Tuesday, October 26

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, October 27

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room  
Mission Committee in Room 9/10

### Thursday, October 28

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop in the Memorial Room
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in Room 9/10

### Saturday, October 30

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

### Sunday, October 31

- 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 in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Halloween Evening at the Nungesser Home