

Celebration of Worship

October 31, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Reflection

Pauli Murray

"The community is based on equality, mutuality and reciprocity. It affirms the richness of individual diversity as well as the common human ties that bind us together."

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Hear the commandments of our God.

People: God is gathering the people! First, love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Leader: Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Recite the commandments to your children and hold them in your hearts.

People: Second, love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these calls to love. Amen.

Invocation

All: O Holy One, Source of all life and Ground of all love, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space with these, your people – our neighbors – to worship you. We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. As we worship you today, help us to respond to the call of love – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. May we be transformed from individuals to members of your one body. We pray for our nation that we be united as a people tied to a single garment of destiny. We pray for those elected officials who serve all citizens that they may be guided, not by ego, politics or money, but by compassion for all people. Guide us as families, as a community of faith, as a nation, to follow the path of love. Amen.

Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* # 260

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Again and again you call us to care for widows and orphans, to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers.

People: O God, we hear your call, but all around us we hear the cry that there is not enough for all, and that some are undeserving.

Leader: Again and again you call us to love you with our whole heart, understanding, and strength. Such love demands that we seek justice for those who are oppressed, poor and forgotten.

People: O God, we hear your call, but all around us are competing calls of worldly loyalties, political parties and public acclaim.

Leader: Again and again, you urge us to seek you first. We long to trust the path of love for you and our neighbors as ourselves.

People: Yet we fear that our "land of milk and honey" has become a land of moral famine and economic hardship, and we wonder at times if you have abandoned us.

Leader: Again and again you urge us not to lean on our own understanding, but in all our ways to acknowledge you.

People: And yet we are often distracted by the clamor of fear dressed up as reason.

Leader: As we prepare our hearts and minds in these days, you remind us to follow you so that it may go well for us, our neighbors, our nations and our world.

People: Yet too often we forget to observe your statutes of compassion and your ordinances of justice.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the word of God for this season and all seasons: "Do not be afraid. I will never leave you or forsake you." Know that our God who began a good work in us is able to complete it. As we open ourselves to the spirit of God, may we see more fully the wonder of God already at work in us. And so it is. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Leader: Let us pass the peace of God.

(Children in PreK through 5th Grade are dismissed to the Shine Program)

Hymn *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* # 367

Scripture Readings *Psalm 146:1-10*

Anthem *Built on a Rock* Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir

Built on a rock, the Church will stand, even when steeples are falling.

Built on a rock, in every land, Christ, our Lord, is calling;

Calling to the young and the old to rest;

Calling to the souls of those oppressed.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand. Christ, our Lord, is calling.

This is the house of living stone built for God's habitation.

He is a rock, on humble throne granting us salvation.

Whenever two or more come to seek His face,

God will be among them to show His grace.

He is a rock, and this His place, granting us salvation.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand firmly on one foundation.

Built on a rock in every land, this, God's new creation.

Together we have come for to give and receive.

In Christ, our Lord, we do believe.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand, this, God's new creation.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand. Christ, our Lord, is calling.

Scripture Reading *Mark 12:28-34*

Sermon *The Spiritual Northstar* 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

Hymn *More Love to Thee, O Christ* # 359

Benediction

Postlude

MEMORY VERSE

The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!

Exalted be my Savior!

Psalm 18:40

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, October 31st</u>	<u>Next Sunday, November 7th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</i>	<i>I Kings 17:8-16</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 119:1-8</i>	<i>Psalm 146</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 9:11-14</i>	<i>Hebrews 9:24-28</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 12:28-34</i>	<i>Mark 12:38-44</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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

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.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain: (after each verse)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of His friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them Refrain:

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and You.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,
This is the way we should live with You.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live with You.

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.

More Love to Thee, O Christ

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise.
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to 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:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/200521841> The password is worship.
Or you can watch them later at your leisure using Facebook or YouTube
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 - "Justice, Mercy, and a Humble Walk" - Another selection from "100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies".
Next Sunday - A sermon talk-back with Pastor Phil.
5. THANK YOU TO ALL who have turned in their 2022 pledges. We request that those who have not yet indicated your intentions to please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible. Follow-up calls will begin later this week.
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 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.
8. CLEANING SUPPLIES for Afghan refugees are being collected in tubs located in the Narthex. There will also be a drive-through drop-off on Sunday, November 14th, from 1 to 4 pm.
9. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES will again be collected for distribution to needy children in this country and abroad. Donations can be dropped off Sunday mornings, November 14th & 21st, or Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, November 16th through 18th, from 9 am to 3 pm.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Monday, November 1

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

Tuesday, November 2

- 6:00 A.M. Elections in the Social Room
- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

Wednesday, November 3

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

Thursday, November 4

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

Friday, November 5

- 9:00 A.M. Fathers' Night Out in the Social Room

Saturday, November 6

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

Sunday, November 7

- 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. Sermon Talk-back in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Service & Fellowship in the Youth Room