

Celebration of Worship

November 7, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Reflection

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"We could not become like God, so God became like us. God showed us how to heal instead of kill, how to mend instead of destroy, how to love instead of hate, how to live instead of long for more. When we nailed God to a tree, God forgave. And when we buried God in the ground, God got up."

Welcome and Announcements

Instructions for New Communion Packages

Sunday School Announcement

Welcoming a New Member

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Unless our God builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

People: We have come into this house, built by the Holy One, to worship the God of Creation.

Leader: Unless our God watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.

People: We have come to listen to the stories of people who throughout the generations have shown us the way by their trust in the promises of God, who is always watching over us.

Leader: The widow who gives her last coin and Naomi and Ruth who are lifelong companions for each other remind us of the risks we are free to take with confidence that God is present through times of plenty and times of want, all along our journey through life.

All: So let us celebrate this gathering which can bind us together. Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with God's people here or throughout the nations. Let us worship God!

Invocation

All: Ever living God, instill in us, we pray, the trust and self-giving that Your Word imparts to us. Teach us again during this time together that You are always with us. Remind us that all that we have is a gift from You and is meant to be shared. The Holy Spirit calls and empowers us to live beyond our own desires. So send Your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we might be overcome with its liberating courage and sustenance.

Hymn

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Call to Confession

Leader: Christ has gone ahead to intercede for us. Christ has entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence (*Hebrews 9*). Let us confess our sin knowing that Christ is there on our behalf. Let us reconcile ourselves to each other and to Christ.

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, hear our confession of our sins.

Leader: We know that we are already rich, but refuse to see those in our midst who live on meager resources. In fact, we find it comes natural to ignore those who have the most to teach us. We don't want to acknowledge that it is often those with the least who give the most. It embarrasses us each time we are reminded of the examples of Ruth and the poor widow. We are experts with prayers that make us feel important, and we assume that special recognition is due to us. We expect special privileges. We speak of our belief that You will provide for all that we need – resources and partners on life's journey. Yet, we still don't give ourselves over to Your promises. Even with our wealth, perhaps because of our wealth, we need help to live faithfully.

All: Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to live boldly as witnesses to the strength we have in Christ Jesus.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Take heart. God gives new life, even to those who hold back from giving fully of themselves or who think God has abandoned them. Let yourselves be restored to God and each other, knowing that God will provide without limit.

Gloria Patri

Leader: Let us pass the peace of God.

Children's Time

Hymn *The Old Rugged Cross*

Scripture Readings *Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17*
Mark 12:38-44

Anthem *Bread of Angels* William Payne
Alleluia Bells

Scripture Reading *Psalms 127:1-5*

Sermon *About Architecture – About Building* 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

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 a 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.

Minister: Prayer of Thanks

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!

Hymn *He Lives*

Benediction

Postlude

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, November 7th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, November 14th</u>
Old Testament	<i>1 Kings 17:8-16</i>	<i>Daniel 12:1-3</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 146</i>	<i>Psalms 16</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 9:24-28</i>	<i>Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 12:38-44</i>	<i>Mark 13:1-8</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.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain: (after each verse)

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

O God, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life.
Let Your words be our prayer and the song we sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!

My sheep hear My voice, says the Lord. When I call them they
follow Me.
I will lead them to rest by the peaceful streams: hallelujah, hallelujah!

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.

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suff'ring and
shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners
was slain.

Refrain: (repeat after each verse)

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction
for me;

For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away, where His glory forever I'll
share.

He Lives

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain: (repeat after each verse)

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me, I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing,
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

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 - A sermon talk-back with Pastor Phil
Next Sunday - Resettling Afghan Refugees in Rochester
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

MEMORY VERSE

Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

Monday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 9

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
Girl Scout Leaders Meeting in the Social Room
- 7:15 P.M. Trustee Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, November 10

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, November 11

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in the Memorial Room
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee Meeting in the Youth Room

Saturday, November 13

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

Sunday, November 14

- 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. Resettling Afghan Refugees in Rochester in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. Youth Leaf Raking