

# Celebration of Worship

January 16, 2022

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

## Meditation

Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."

## Welcome and Announcements

## Minute for Mission

## Ring of the Bell

## Song

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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## Call to Worship

Leader: Our Mother-Father God has made us to be One Body with many members.

**People: United and uniting - this is our calling.**

Leader: God calls us to share our diverse gifts, activated by the one and same Spirit.

**People: United and uniting - this is our redemption.**

Leader: God longs for us to be united in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

**People: United and uniting - this is our worship.**

Leader: Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to create *the Beloved Community*.

## Invocation

Leader: O God, all people are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image. *We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny.* You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love. Let us know your presence among us now; let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love and transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action. Under the shadow of your wings in this hour, may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask this, inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr., and in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Hymn

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

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## Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God, we long to co-create with you the Beloved Community which looks to the common good; privileges all equal creating societal systems which celebrate the humanity and gifts of all. And yet we focus on our differences, envy each other's gifts, and devalue manifestations of you, O God, that are not like our own.

**People: Perhaps our sin is a slow wait for justice. We allow the voices of brothers and sisters who do not look like us, love like us, or worship like us to be silenced. Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Or perhaps we have kept silent ourselves in the face of their struggle for full human life. *For it is not solely hateful works and actions, but also appalling silence that follows the path of oppression.*

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Perhaps our sin is to give in to weariness, discouragement, and bitterness. You have called us to be *drum majors for justice, peace and righteousness*, yet the work of peace and justice overwhelms us at times. To build with God the Beloved Community seems impossible, and we grow weary. We cry, "Peace, peace," but there is no peace within us or around us. We find ourselves on the path of hatred and oppression, violence and war.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! God has promised, "I will not keep silent and I will not rest until the vindication of my beloved people shines out like the dawn and their salvation like a burning torch. My people shall no more be termed 'forsaken' and their land shall no more be termed 'desolate.'" We remember that you have given your Beloved people a new name: "My delight is in them."

**People: Thank you, God for delighting in us even now; for forgiving us our slow action, our silence and our weariness; for empowering our work and inviting us once again to create with you the Beloved Community you long for.**

## Gloria Patri

### A Social Distant Passing of the Peace

(Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed to the Shine Program)

**Hymn** *Spirit of the Living God* # 322

**Scripture Readings** *Isaiah 62:1-5*  
*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

**Anthem** *Alleluia, Praise* Douglas Wagner  
Chancel Choir

Alleluia, Alleluia, O praise the Lord,  
In songs that echo the joy we have this day.  
O celebrate the joy, with music ringing, ever singing now,  
O praise the Lord. Alleluia, O praise the Lord.

**Scripture Reading** *Micah 6:8*  
*Romans 10:9-13*

**Sermon** *Jesus Is Lord - The Fierce Urgency of Now*  
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** (Debts/Debtors)

### Offering

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors,  
mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website 'Give' button

### Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

**Hymn** *Give Thanks, O Christian People*

### Benediction

### Postlude

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### MEMORY VERSE

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...*

*God saw all that he had made and it was very good.*

*Genesis 1:1, 31*

### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, January 9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 62:1-5</i>	<i>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 36:5-10</i>	<i>Psalms 19</i>
New Testament	<i>1 Corinthians 12:1-11</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 12:12-31a</i>
Gospel	<i>John 2:1-11</i>	<i>Luke 4:14-21</i>

### **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.

### **Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**

Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living Word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.

### **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 of the Living God**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

### **Give Thanks, O Christian People**

Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day  
who heed the call to service and make it their life's way  
to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,  
to work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for leaders of our years  
who live to share with others our joy when Christ appears:  
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the faltering feet,  
to lead the followers forward our living Lord to meet.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord,  
who live each day believing in God's eternal Word:  
to share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed,  
to use the talents given to plant the gospel seed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship  
with all who trust our Savior their serving to equip:  
to ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress,  
to magnify God's message and Christ's great love confess.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by Live Streaming.
2. THE YELLOW ROSE on the Communion Table is in recognition of a gift to the Endowment Fund from Carol and Stu Cooper in celebration of their mother Marge Wells' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
3. SUNDAY SERVICES continue to be live-streamed.  
You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:  
**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>  
or **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
4. SERVICE GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP –  
Masks are required in the church building.  
ALL ARE WELCOME. No reservations needed.  
WPC remains open for in-person worship. Please worship at home if showing symptoms, or testing positive. It is recommended that everyone get the full dose of one of the approved vaccinations, wear a properly fitted high quality mask, such as the kn95, and practice good social distancing while at church. Stay healthy!
5. THE ANNUAL MEETING of Webster Presbyterian Church has been called by Session for Sunday, January 30, 2022, in the Sanctuary after the worship service for the purpose of receiving and approving the 2021 annual reports of the governing bodies and organizations of the church, receiving the 2022 church budget approved by Session, electing the 2022 members at large for the 2022 All-Church Nominating Committee, and bringing forth any other appropriate business to the congregation. The luncheon portion of the meeting has been cancelled due to Covid concerns.
6. ADULT ED. - Join us following the worship service:  
Today - "Let's Talk About It," a discussion (in Room 9/10) on the trend of mini-churches in American religion.  
Next Week - The Mission Committee presents John Sankok live-streamed from Kenya in the Sanctuary.
7. THE FEBRUARY *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is Thursday, January 20th. Please submit written items to the church office in person or email them to both [jchippero@websterpres.org](mailto:jchippero@websterpres.org) and [g Hubbard@websterpres.org](mailto:g Hubbard@websterpres.org) to ensure your articles are received.
8. FUNDS ARE BEING COLLECTED to help with the recovery from the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and nearby states. Donations made payable to WPC with "December tornadoes" in the memo line will be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance who already has people working in that area as first responders.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 16

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. "Let's Talk About It" in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship – Making Birdfeeders in the Social Room

### Monday, January 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### Tuesday, January 18

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

### Wednesday, January 19

- 6:45 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Committee Meeting in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Mission Committee Meeting in Room 9/10  
Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, January 20 - Pathway Deadline

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 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
- 6:30 P.M. Pinewood Derby set-up in the Social Room

### Friday, January 21

- 9:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in the Memorial Room
- 10:00 A.M. Fathers' Night Out in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Pinewood Derby in the Social Room

### Saturday, January 22

- 8:00 A.M. Pinewood Derby in the Social Room
- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

### Sunday, January 23 - Ordination and Installation of Officers

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. John Sankok via Zoom from Kenya in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship – Distributing Birdfeeders around Webster
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10