

Celebration of Worship

May 7, 2023

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

Marie Curie

“Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more so that we may fear less.”

Ringling of the Bell

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Call to Worship

Leader: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

People: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

Leader: We need not fear.

People: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

People: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. Amen.

Invocation

All: Gracious God, we now open our eyes, ears and hearts to listen to you. Please speak to us and give us Your word, for we cannot live on bread alone. Please light up our insides with the work of the living Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* # 260

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord of abiding Love and infinite Patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress and difficulties as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to You our concerns and our fears, and You offer Your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about You this week. We have let events and demands crowd You out of our thoughts and our actions, yet when we come to this, Your house, we again kneel in contrition, seeking Your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy.

Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which You bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Words of Grace

Leader: Even though we are a stubborn people, still God absolutely loves and forgives us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Anthem

Tree Song

Ken Medema

Chancel Choir and Children

I saw a tree by the riverside one day as I walked along,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, growing tall and strong.
“How do you grow so tall and strong?” I said to the riverside tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

I've got roots growing down to the water, I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
And the fruit that I bear is a sign of the life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sundown, I am nest for the birds of the heaven,
I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be, a strong young tree.

I saw a tree in the wintertime when snow lay on the ground,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, and winter winds blew all around.
“How do you stay so tall and strong?” I said to the wintertime tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

I saw a tree in the city streets where buildings blocked the sun,
Green and lovely, I could see it gave joy to everyone.
“How do you grow in the city streets?” I said to the downtown tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

Passing of the Peace of God

Scripture Readings *Acts 7:55-60*
John 14:1-7

Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* # 345

Scripture Reading *1 Peter 2:2-10*

Sermon *“God's Own People”*
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer 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

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and 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, 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

Pastor: 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 table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

(A gluten-free option is available upon request to the server.)

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord.

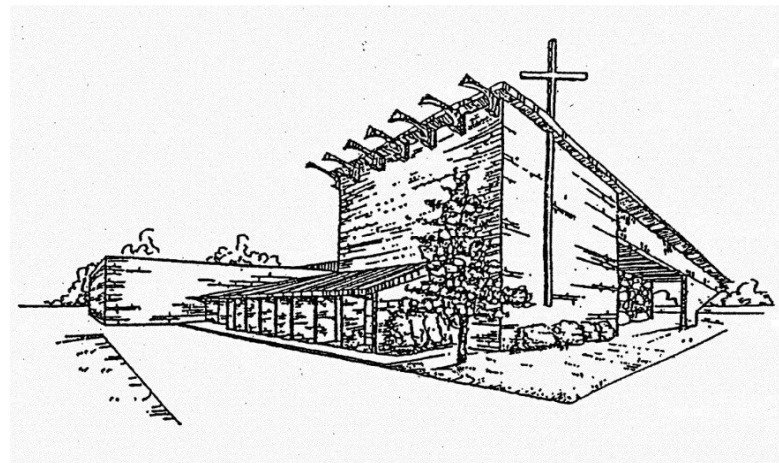
People: Amen, Amen and Amen.

Hymn *For All the Saints* # 526

Benediction

Postlude

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Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

260

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.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

345

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease.
Take from our souls the strain and stress and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb; let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind
and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

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.

For All the Saints

526

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. 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/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
 THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing.
2. ADULT ED. at 10:45: - Today Young Life leader Dustin Bailey will be with us in the Sanctuary and online to give us a general update as well as talk in some detail about their inspiring mission trip to El Salvador during the February school break.
3. A PROGRAM OPEN TO ALL will be hosted by King Circle this Thursday. Please RSVP today by contacting Sue Wroblewski at 545-4807 to hear speaker Natalia Logue, Director of Client Services from Caring Choices Pregnancy Help Center. We will start at 10 a.m. in the Social Room with refreshments followed by the program at 10:30.
4. A WPC MEN'S BREAKFAST REUNION will be held this Saturday, May 13th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Room. Sign up at the table in the Narthex to join the RC Flying and Driving Guys who will host the breakfast and then share a time with their drones and remote cars. If you have one or more of your own, bring them along. There will also be a set available for younger boys and girls to enjoy. For questions, contact Dan Marsh (760-9241) or Bob Kizer (967-5389).
5. SPRING WORKDAY is Saturday, May 20th. Mark your calendars to help the Trustees spruce up the church and grounds to make it a welcoming place to visit and worship. Refreshments will be provided.
6. YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY, when gifts will be dedicated, is May 21st. Envelopes are in the chair racks for donations to the WPC Endowment Fund honoring or remembering those who have made a difference in our lives as Christians. See the May *Pathway* for detail
7. SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING COLLECTION for Cameron Community Ministries continues through the month of May. New and gently used men's (especially needed), children's and women's clothing can be placed in the blue plastic collection tubs in the Narthex and upper hallway. Nothing in your closets? Consider purchasing one or more items at places like Savers, Goodwill, etc. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Young Life Speaker in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Social Room

Monday, May 8

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, May 9

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Leaders in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, May 10

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle t the Home o Elaine Wilbert
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Emergency Committee in the Memorial Room

Thursday, May 11

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal performance at Aaron Manor
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room

Friday, May 12

- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 2:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Social Room

Saturday, May 13

- 8:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast and Drones in the Social Room
- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

| | <u>Today, May 7th</u> | <u>May 14th</u> |
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| Old Testament | <i>Proverbs 4:10-18</i> | <i>Ezekiel 34:1-7a</i> |
| Psalms | <i>Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16</i> | <i>Psalms 66:8-20</i> |
| New Testament | <i>Acts 7:55-60</i> <i>1 Peter 2:2-10</i> | <i>Acts 17:22-31</i> <i>1 Peter 3:13-22</i> |
| Gospel | <i>John 14:1-14</i> | <i>John 14:15-21</i> |

MEMORY VERSE

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction
and faithful in prayer."
Romans 12:12*