

Celebration of Worship

May 12, 2024

9:30 A.M.

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

Prelude *Prelude* Boulay

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Mitch Albom – “For One More Day”
“But behind all your stories is always your mother’s story,
because hers is where yours begins.”

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song *Be Still for the Presence* Insert

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

People: We delight in God’s Word; we meditate on God day and night.

Leader: Our worship grounds us in God like trees planted by streams of water.

People: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God’s presence.

Hymn *Shout to the Lord* Insert

A Litany for Mother’s Day

Leader: Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for mothers, for all they mean or have meant to us.

People: We thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have given, for the many times they gave us hugs and held us close.

Leader: Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for the qualities of mothers, for their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding, in so many ways reflecting who you are.

People: We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and for this special day of saying ‘thank you’ to them.

Leader: Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for the wonder of your mothering. As a mother protects her children, you watch over us day by day.

People: We thank you for your arms which always encircle and protect us. Your hands shield and deliver us from harm.

Leader: Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother’s day brings heartache rather than celebration. We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have died.

People: We thank you for your mothering heart and your tender love which nurtures all who feel abandoned and lost.

Leader: We wait with those who long to be mothers but as yet have not had their own children. We grieve with those who ache because they will never be mothers.

People: We thank you for their mothering hearts which long to be expressed. Lord, in your mercy, mother us all with your love.

Leader: We pray for those who struggle with the way their children have chosen to live their lives, and grieve with those who are orphaned or have a difficult relationship with their mother.

People: We thank you that when we long for a mother’s love, you do not abandon us. Lord, in your mercy, mother us all with your love.

Leader: May all of us have the comfort of knowing that your mothering love is constant, your understanding is perfect, and your compassion is never-ending.

People: We thank you that you gave birth to all of us with delight and joy. Lord, in your mercy, mother us all with your love. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Who is someone in your life who has prayed for you?

What did it mean to you?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Insert

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* # 403

Scripture Reading *Psalms 1:1-6*

Anthem *Standin' in the Need of Prayer* arr. Valerie Stephenson
Alleluia Bells

Scripture Reading *John 17:6-19*

Sermon *Christ Prays for Us*
Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the 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. Thank you!

Doxology Insert

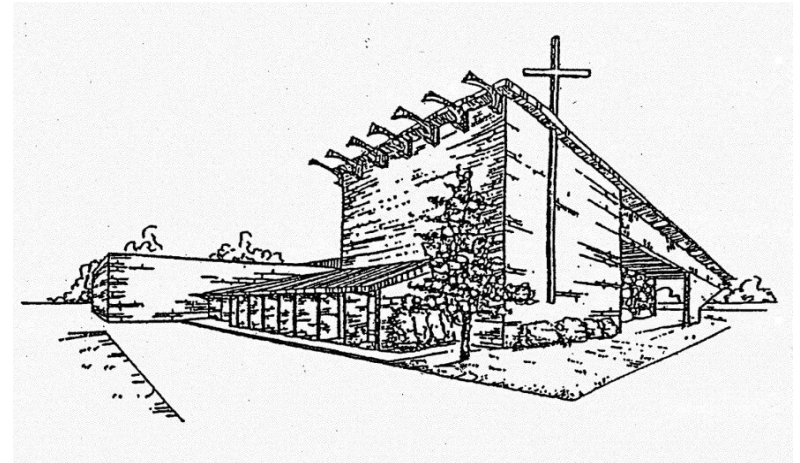
Blessing of the Offering and Yellow Rose Dedication

All: We thank you for the gift of our congregation and for its mission and work. Bless these yellow rose gifts to our Endowment Fund, that they might continue to further our life together and Jesus' call upon us. We praise you for these gifts, for those that gave them, and for all of the ways they will be used to advance your coming kingdom. We dedicate these gifts in your name and to your purposes. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* # 417

Benediction & Postlude *Fantasy* Florence Price

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Be Still for the Presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
 Come, bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
 In Him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Shout to the Lord!

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.
 All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
 My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
 Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord all the Earth let us sing -
 Power and majesty, praise to the King.
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
 I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
 Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Gloria Patri

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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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

403

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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 Is Made the Sure Foundation

417

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
 Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one.
 Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, come, O Lord of Hosts, today.
 With Your wonted lovingkindness hear Your people as they pray,
 And Your fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here bestow on all Your servants what they ask of You to gain,
 What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain,
 And hereafter in Your glory evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father; laud and honor to the Son;
 Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
 One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

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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.
You can live-stream 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.
2. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in Room 9/10:
Today we continue our look at Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*, chapters 40 & 41, as a preview to Pentecost. Can we unlock our inner vacuums for the Spirit to enter and fill? Join us for the discussion.
3. THANK YOU TO ALL who helped yesterday with our Spring Workday. Much was accomplished with the help of the Trustees, the scouts and you!
4. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US this Saturday at 9:45 a.m. behind Holy Trinity Church to assist in a drive-by food collection to benefit Webster residents facing hunger. Between 10 and 12 noon we will collect from cars, bring it by cart to Hope Ministry's food storage area, check it for acceptable date stamps and safe packaging, weigh it and stock shelves. The work is easy and the fellowship is grand. Please contact Bob Smith, Kathy Barbehenn or simply let the office know. Improve your heart health. Helping our brothers and sister makes your heart feel warm and fuzzy.
5. THE JUNE PATHWAY DEADLINE is Monday, May 20th. This will be the last newsletter until September, so be sure to get your summer articles in for this issue by emailing them to both jchippero@websterpres.org and ghubbard@websterpres.org.
6. SPRING & SUMMER CLOTHES FOR CAMERON are being collected through the month of May. Gently used or new items are needed for men, women and children, with the greatest need being men's clothing. Check your closets, visit discount stores such as Savers and Goodwill, and place your donations in the blue collection tubs located in the upper and lower Narthex. Cameron is located in a high poverty area of Rochester and our donations are much needed and appreciated.
7. ROC RINGERS is offering two concerts for all interested: Friday, May 17th at 7 p.m. at 12 Corners Presbyterian Church on Winton Road S., and Saturday, May 18th at 2 p.m. at the Webster Library (please register on their website www.websterlibrary.org). Concerts are free and open to all.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12 - Yellow Rose Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. – Book Discussion in Room 9/10

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, May 15

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 8:00 A.M. WIC Social Services Program in the Social Room
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol Leaders in the Basement Room
- 7:30 P.M. ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

Thursday, May 16

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Glory Bells to the Village at Penfield (Atria)
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Friday, May 17

- 9:30 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, May 18

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnIXcDITWjZlS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday - Communion

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. – Book Discussion in Room 9/10
Men's Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room



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