

**BE THE CHURCH! ...Live-Stream Sunday Worship -
May 2, 2021 - 10:00 AM**

Gathering Music

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Greeting

O God – when I have food,
Help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
Help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home,
Help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain,
Help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering,
Help me to destroy my complacency,
And bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough to help,
By word and deed, those who cry out –
For what we take for granted. Amen

~ Anonymous

Singing Praise! - “Sanctuary” (Lyrics below)

Welcome to Worship!

“I am the vine,” said Jesus, and God is the farmer.
“**I am the vine,**” said Jesus, and we are the branches.
People of the loving vine-grower...
gathered here to seek God’s care.
Open your hearts:
Let God’s love abide in us.

Song of Welcome! “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” (Lyrics below)

Gathering Prayer -

We come together to reconnect to the source of love. No one has ever seen you, God, but here, connected to one another we see you – in us! Grafted again to the true vine, strengthened to reach out like branches bearing fruit to the world. Be with us in our worship, so we can continue to live in your love – now and always... Amen.

Prayers and Meditations of God's People -

How was the week just passed?
Who is in need of our thoughts and prayers?

* Text prayer requests to 585-857-8267

Guided and Silent Meditation

The Lord’s Prayer (using words most familiar to you!)

Sharing God's Peace...

Scripture that Guides our Meditation: John 15:1-8 (NRSV)

Special Music “Children of God”

The Good News “All You Need Is Love”

Meditative Music

“What in God's Name Are We Doing?”

Sending Us Forth...

Friends, let us love...

not in word or speech, but in faith, in truth, and in action.

Go into the world in peace, to love and serve God.

Amen.

Song of Witness “O Blessed Spring” (Lyrics below)

We're Glad You're Joining Us!

Thank you!! If you are new or visiting our church for the first time, you can learn more about our church community by visiting our website at www.uccwebster.org. You will find information about our denomination and about monthly events and activities here at Webster UCC.

Texts for the coming week...

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

Psalm 98

John 15:9-17

SANCTUARY (SB 2164)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE YOU (NCH 4)

Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

O BLESSED SPRING (SB 2076)

O blessed spring, where Word and sign
embrace into Christ the Vine;
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this life-giving tree.

Through summer heat and youthful years,
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
the fruit will shout for joy again.

When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us warm, the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living tree,
be praised for this blest mystery:
that Word and water thus revive
and join us to the Tree of Life.