

# Celebration of Worship

August 14, 2022

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

Rachel Held Evans in *"Faith Unraveled"*

As much as I struggle with the things I don't like about the Bible — the apparent contradictions, the competing interpretations, the troubling passages — I'm beginning to think God allows these tensions to exist for a reason. Perhaps our love for the Bible should be measured not by how valiantly we fight to convince others of our interpretations, but by how diligently we work to preserve a diversity of opinion.

## Ring of the Bell

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

## Call to Worship

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength.

**People: A very present help in trouble!**

Leader: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change,

**People: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea!**

Leader: The Lord of Hosts is with us!

**People: In God's presence we find our strength.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

## Invocation

Leader: God of all kindness, we thank You for the many ways Your love comes into our lives. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with song. Please accept our offer of prayer and praise this Lord's Day. Let our songs be filled with faith and gratitude. Let our giving be meaningful and our petitions heartfelt. But above all let our worship bear faithful witness to Him who is Lord and Savior and the reason we have gathered this morning. For here we would be still and know you. Amen.

**Song** *Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord*

## Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**All: Heavenly Lord, You alone know the signs of our times and the shape of the future. We predict the arrival of storms and we know the precise times of the rising and setting of the sun, and yet we miss the arrival of Your purpose and the radiance of Your presence.**

So many of our days are lived apart from You.

Forgive us for our neglect of our life in You. Forgive us for missed opportunities to meet the needs of neighbors and strangers.

Please unite us once more with Christ that He may fulfill His purpose in and through us, and in these moments of silence please begin to redeem and transform all our broken places.

## Silent Prayer

## Words of Grace

Leader: Jesus said, "Behold I make all things new!" And so forgetting what lies behind, we set our hearts and minds on the Godly things that lie ahead and let Christ fill our hearts with gratitude and hope.

## Gloria Patri

## Passing of the Peace

**Hymn** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

## Scripture Readings

From the Prophets *Jeremiah 23:23-29*

From the Letter to the Hebrews *Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2*

**Anthem** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* K. Lee Scott  
Vocal Ensemble

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be.

Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee,  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal,  
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be.

Help me now thy truth to see; I would be like thee,  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear,  
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be.

Show thy mercy tenderly; make me more like thee.  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be.

Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee.  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield.  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.  
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

**Scripture Reading** *Luke 12:49-56*

**Sermon** *Open to Interpretation* Rev. Bob Heppenstall

Text: "Why do you not know how to interpret the present time?" Luke 12:56

**Presbyterian Church USA Brief Statement of Faith** (Excerpts)

**All:** In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we believe in the one triune God, in Whom alone we trust.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners...

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church...

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen!

**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**

**Hymn** *For All the Saints* # 526

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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## 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.

## Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

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.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him. In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

## 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.

## We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch Your hands and side, nor follow where You trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief and may our faith abound  
To call on You when You are near and seek where You are found.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
May we behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

## 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!

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## MEMORY VERSE

*"I am the way, the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."  
John 14:6*

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, August 14<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 23:23-29</i>	<i>Isaiah 58:9b-14</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 82</i>	<i>Psalm 103:1-8</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2</i>	<i>Hebrews 12:18-29</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 12:49-56</i>	<i>Luke 13:10-17</i>
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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. 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>
3. FOR OUR CHILDREN - Children will remain in worship during the summer months. Worship bags containing puzzle sheets, story books and coloring pictures are available each Sunday in the back of the Sanctuary for children attending worship. These bags should be returned at the end of worship to be refilled for the following week.
4. SCHOOL SUPPLIES are being sorted today and tomorrow to send to Williamson and Eastern Service workers. Any last-minute donations need to be delivered to the church by tomorrow morning.
5. SUMMER MISSION - We are collecting for two projects this summer: Keeping Our Promise resettles refugees who have been our allies during wars in their countries, and Jennifer House provides housing, counseling, and additional help for women who have been incarcerated or otherwise disadvantaged. Please designate your gifts for "Summer Mission" in the memo line of your check, or use the small brown envelopes found in the chair racks.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### **Sunday, August 14**

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

### **Tuesday, August 16**

- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

### **Wednesday, August 17**

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant

### **Thursday, August 18**

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting in the Memorial Room

### **Saturday, August 20 - September *Pathway* Deadline**

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

### **Sunday, August 21**

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel