

Celebration of Worship

August 28, 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 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Henri Nouwen

“Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.”

Ring of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem. (*Psalms 122:1-2*)

People: **For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the house of scoffers.** (*Psalms 84:10*)

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good. (*Psalms 122:9*)

People: **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.** (*Psalms 92:13*)

Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, Lord. I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thy honor dwelleth. (*Psalms 84:4a, Psalms 26:8*)

People: **Let us worship God.**

Invocation

Leader: Hospitable God, You invite us to a banquet where the last may be first and the humble and the mighty trade places. Let us share Your abundance with no fear of scarcity; let us greet strangers as angels You have sent. Send Your Spirit now so that we may find a place at Your table and welcome others with radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.

Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* # 487

Prayer of Confession

All: We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light, but the seductive light too often captures us and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve You.

Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is Your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: You have lifted us and dusted us off, O Lord. You have claimed us as Your own. Let us celebrate Your love for us in lives of service to others, for You are with us always. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me* # 426

Scripture Readings *Jeremiah 2:4-13*
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Special Music *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach
Sally Turner - Flute

Scripture Reading *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Sermon *Serving God*
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

Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* # 361

Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in g minor* Bach

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 28th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 4th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Proverbs 25:6-7</i>	<i>Jeremiah 18:1-11</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 112</i>	<i>Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16</i>	<i>Philemon 1:1-21</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 14:1, 7-14</i>	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>

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. THE SEPTEMBER *PATHWAY* was sent out this week. Please take time to read it for updated information and all the opportunities that await as we begin the fall season.
5. SUMMER MISSION UPDATE: We have a great Halleluia to report as Summer Mission donations exceed the \$8000 goal and now total more than \$9600! Jennifer House and Keeping Our Promise will be very grateful. Praise the Lord and thank you to all who have so generously donated!

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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.

When Morning Gilds the Skies # 487

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

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.

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak # 426

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart.
O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.
O use me, Lord, use even me just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

How Firm a Foundation # 361

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 28

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 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

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

Thursday, September 1

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Saturday, September 3

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, September 4

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed

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