

# Celebration of Worship

September 18, 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** from *The Study Catechism* – Question 85  
What is the nature of resurrection hope? “Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it. It is the hope that evil in all its forms will be utterly eradicated, that past history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new. It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven and a new earth, in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving, and peace and justice reign on earth.”

## Ringling of the Bell

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

## Call to Worship

Leader: Divine Parent, You feel what we feel.

**People: Our joys and our pains are Yours too.**

Leader: Divine Healer, You delight in our wholeness.

**People: You are the balm for our heavy-laden hearts and souls.**

Leader: Giver of Life, You are able to renew us.

**People: We open ourselves to You, have Your way within us.**

## Invocation

Leader: Divine Nurturer, we are thankful that we can come to You any time. You have made it possible for us to come, as we are, however we are. We rejoice in knowing that You walk with us whether the road is rough or smooth. You are steadfast. Help us to nurture our relationship with You, ourselves, and each other so that we may be a balm when none can be found. Amen.

**Hymn** *Thy Word*

## Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**All: Source of Wholeness, we confess that sometimes our goals don't align with Yours, and we get lost. At times, we have pursued power, knowledge, and wealth instead of You who are the source of all. We know that You are the balm we need, and we turn ourselves towards You. You are**

**steadfast in Your love and justice. Help us to be the same, help us to be a balm to others as You are to us. Amen.**

Moment for Silent Reflection

## Words of Grace

Leader: The Divine One is steadfast in love, justice, and righteousness. Know that we are called and empowered to do the same. In a chaotic world, we can know peace, and in a chaotic world, we can be at peace. May God's grace be a balm for us, and may we be a balm to and for others. Amen.

## Gloria Patri

## Children's Time

(Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed to the Shine Program)

## Passing of the Peace

**Hymn** *Take My Life* # 391

**Scripture Readings** *Psalms 79:1-9 and Luke 16:1-13*

**Anthem** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Hopson

Chancel Choir

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come,

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

**Scripture Reading** *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1*

**Sermon** *Hope* Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

**Hymn** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* # 394

## 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** *To God Be the Glory* # 485

## Benediction and Postlude

**MEMORY VERSE**

*“...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted,  
forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”  
Ephesians 4:32*

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**LECTIONARY PASSAGES**

	<u>Today, September 18<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 8:18-9:1</i>	<i>Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 79:1-9</i>	<i>Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16</i>
New Testament	<i>I Timothy 2:1-7</i>	<i>I Timothy 6:6-19</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 16:1-13</i>	<i>Luke 16:19-31</i>



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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.

### **Thy Word**

Refrain: (after each verse)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

### **Take My Life**

# 391

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee; swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee; filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose; every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee; ever, only, all for Thee.

### **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.

### **There Is a Balm in Gilead**

# 394

Refrain: (after each verse)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,  
And if you lack for knowledge, He'll not refuse to lend.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all".

### **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.

### **To God Be the Glory**

# 485

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

## 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. THE CHILDREN'S SHINE PROGRAM has resumed. Children will attend worship with their parents until after the Children's Message, at which time they will be dismissed to the Shine Program with praise and prayer, Bible stories, music, crafts and outreach projects.
4. ADULT ED continues today, following the service with a discussion of the summer reading book, *Faith Unraveled: How a Girl Who Knew All the Answers Learned to Ask Questions* by Rachel Held Evans. Join others in Room 9/10 for a lively discussion on Part 2 – Challenge.
5. THE OCTOBER PATHWAY DEADLINE is this Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please submit articles to both [ichipper@websterpres.org](mailto:ichipper@websterpres.org) and [gghubbard@websterpres.org](mailto:gghubbard@websterpres.org) to ensure your items are received.
6. SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS - We would like to again offer people an opportunity to place fresh flowers on the communion table on Sunday mornings to honor or celebrate special people or events in their lives. The process, however, is changing as reflected in the steps below. We are asking you to:
  1. Sign up for a date on the Flower Chart located on the board outside the church office
  2. Call in your own order from your place of choice (Florist shop, Wegmans, etc.)
  3. Notify the church office of your desired wording in the Sunday bulletin
  4. Bring your flowers to the church before the service on Sunday morning. If delivery is a problem for you, you can contact Gayl Galen or Georgia Hubbard and they will be glad to help.Sundays when there are no fresh flowers, we have several silk arrangements that will be used.
7. KENYA STUDENTS - During September, we ask those who are willing to make a voluntary donation to fund high school students in Kenya who otherwise would have to end school at 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We are currently sponsoring 5 students, and hope to sponsor 2 additional students each of the next 2 school years. Thank you to those who donated last September or at other times since then!
8. CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. The office is closed Mondays and Fridays.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 18

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. In Room 9/10
- 1:45 P.M. Youth Fellowship to the Fringe Festival
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

### Monday, September 19

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms

### Tuesday, September 20 - October Pathway Deadline

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Mission Committee in the Memorial Room & on Zoom

### Wednesday, September 21

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 3:30 P.M. Alzheimer's Association in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, September 22

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 90 in the Social & Memorial Rooms  
Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. PNC in Room 1

### Friday, September 23

- 10:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in the Memorial Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

### Saturday, September 24

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

### Sunday, September 25

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. In Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Social Room