

Celebration of Worship

September 4, 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, Announcements and Moment for Mission

Reflection

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

“[God says] Discipleship is not limited to what you can comprehend – it must transcend all comprehension. Plunge into the deep waters beyond your own comprehension, and I will help you to comprehend even as I do. Bewilderment is the true comprehension. Not to know where you are going is the true knowledge. My comprehension transcends yours.”

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We find it easy to say, “Yes, we will follow Christ.”

People: But sometimes discipleship makes uncomfortable demands on us.

Leader: Yet, in all this, Christ calls us continually to follow.

People: He is present with us at all times.

Leader: Let us place our trust always in His guidance.

People: Let us open our hearts to His will and His ways.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Invocation

All: Loving Creator, maker of everything good, we are in Your hands. Be with us now as we gather ourselves to seek Your wisdom and strive to become the people You would have us be.

Hymn *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Prayer of Confession

All: Forgiving God, we have messed up in so many ways. You gave us a wonderful world, filled with beauty, power and majesty, and we have ravaged it, tearing away at its gifts with our own greed and cowardice. We have not treated this world or one another with compassionate love. We have turned our backs on situations of need in which we could have been instruments of help, healing and peace. We have neglected service to others and have focused our lives on accumulating things and status. We have chased after false gods – greed, power, fame. You are the potter, O Lord. You fashioned us, but we have focused on developing our flaws rather than working with our strengths.

Please forgive us, Lord. Refashion us to be Your people, celebrating Your love in service to others. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

Leader: God’s loving choice for you is peace and hope. God has fashioned you to be God’s people. Rejoice! For God is with you, reaching out to heal and care for you. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Sermon

Discipleship

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

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Invitation to the Table

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say

People: Amen, Amen, and Amen.

Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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Benediction

Postlude

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.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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.

Come to the Table of Grace

1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.
2. Come to the table of peace...
3. Come to the table of love...
4. Come to the table of hope...
5. Come to the table of joy...

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.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified.
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

MEMORY VERSE

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

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, September 4th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 11th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 18:1-11</i>	<i>Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18</i>	<i>Psalms 14</i>
New Testament	<i>Philemon 1:1-21</i>	<i>I Timothy 1:12-17</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>	<i>Luke 15:1-10</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. THE SEPTEMBER *PATHWAY* was emailed out August 25th and can also be found on the church website. Please take time to read it for updated information and all the opportunities that await as we begin the fall season.
4. THE CHILDREN'S SHINE PROGRAM resumes next Sunday. Children will attend worship with their parents until after the Children's Message, after which they will be dismissed to the Shine Program with praise and prayer, Bible stories, music, crafts and outreach projects.
5. CHURCH PARKING LOT - The church is nearing an agreement with a contractor to pave the parking lots this fall. Pending Session approval of a contract, there will be a short informational meeting on the plan and how you can contribute to it next Sunday in the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Adult Ed will follow in Rooms 9/10.
6. THE ADULT PROGRAM resumes next Sunday 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. We will begin with the Foreword of the book through Part 1 – Habitat. Join others in Room 9/10 following the parking lot presentation for a lively discussion.
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 8th 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. SUMMER MISSION UPDATE: We have a great Halleluia to report as Summer Mission donations exceed the \$8000 goal and total more than \$9600! Jennifer House and Keeping Our Promise are very grateful. Praise the Lord and thank you to all who have so generously donated.
9. CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are now Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. The office is closed Mondays and Fridays.

10. 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.Sunday's when there are no fresh flowers, we have several silk arrangements that will be used.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 4

- 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, September 6

- 1:00 P.M. FNO Practice in the Social Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Cub Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Wednesday, September 7

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 6:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
Session Meeting in Room 9/10

Thursday, September 8

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room

Friday, September 9

- 6:30 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, September 10

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 11

- 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. Parking Lot Informational Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 A.M. Adult Ed. In Room 9/10