

Celebration of Worship

August 27, 2023

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude *Collecting Rainfall* Clayton Trumball

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Brene Brown, *Daring Greatly*

“We can choose courage or we can choose comfort.
But we can’t have both. Not at the same time.”

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: From the courts of Pharaohs to the reeds of the Nile River

People: We seek you, God.

Leader: From places of comfort and places of discomfort

People: We seek you, God.

Leader: From our deepest pain to our greatest joy

People: We seek you, God.

Leader: Wherever we are, whatever we might do,

People: Give us courage to be Your people.

Hymn *Gather Us In* Insert

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Living God, help us to hear Your holy Word with open hearts
so that we may truly understand; and understanding, that we
may believe; and believing, that we may follow in all
faithfulness and obedience, seeking Your honor and glory in
all that we do. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,

Forgive us;

For the things we have failed to do that we regret,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have acted without love,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have reacted without thought,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have withdrawn care,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have failed to forgive,

Forgive us;

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks
and unfulfilled hopes,

God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burdens.

Moment of Silence

1. What is something you need forgiveness for?
2. Who or what do you need to forgive?
3. Where have you seen God in the past week and where do you
hope God will show up in the coming week?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that
we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. To all
who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ
your sin is forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.

Passing the Peace of God

Children’s Time

Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me?* Insert

Scripture Reading *Matthew 16:13-20*

Special Music *Andante K.V. 315* Mozart
Sally Turner & Kat Joliff

Scripture Reading *Exodus 1:8 – 2:10*

Sermon *A New Way to Be Courageous* Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith from *Philippians 2:5-11*

**All: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not
regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but
emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born
in human likeness. And being found in human form he
humbled himself and became obedient to the point of
death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly
exalted him and gave him the name that is above every
name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and
every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus
Christ is Lord!**

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Invitation to the 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. Thank you!

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.

Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* # 446

Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in G Major BWV 541* J.S. Bach



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Lectionary Passages

Today, August 27th

September 3rd

Old Testament *Exodus 1:8 – 2:10*

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms *Psalms 124*

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26

New Testament *Romans 12:1-8*

Romans 12:9-21

Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20*

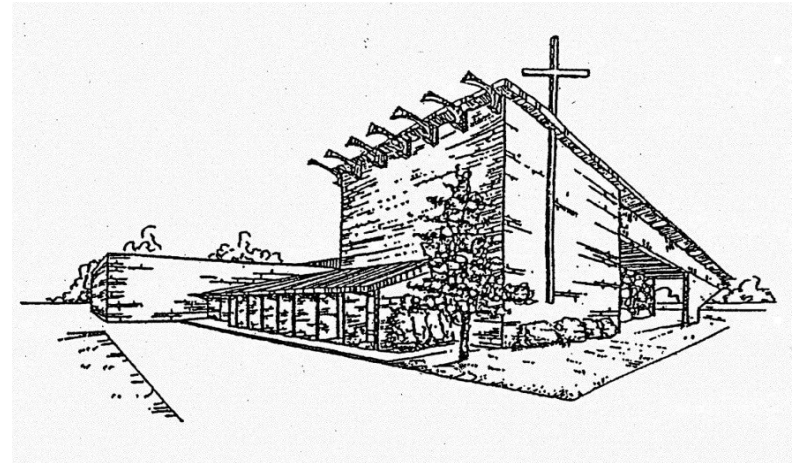
Matthew 16:21-28

Memory Verse

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed is the one that takes refuge in Him.*

Psalm 34:8

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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.

Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away;
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Will You Come and Follow Me

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus, I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed Thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake Thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all Thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters springing from eternal love,
Well supply Thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus, deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. 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/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future.
2. FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE are given by Joyce Bradstreet in memory of her husband Jack's birthday, and to the Glory of God.
3. PASTOR NADIA MULLIN has begun her ministry with us. She is looking forward to learning our names and getting to know all of us. Please help her in this effort by wearing your nametags, located in the upper Narthex.
4. SUMMER MISSION: Our special opportunity to help citizens in Ukraine during the war there concludes this week. Thank you to all who have donated to this worthy cause.
5. THE MISSION COMMITTEE will be sending \$500 to the American Red Cross in September to aid toward the fire disaster in Hawaii. If you would like to add to that effort, checks can be made out to WPC with "Hawaiian Aid" written in the memo line.
6. AN INCREASE IN FOOD INSECURITY is rising in our community of Webster. Help is much appreciated to aid in keeping up with the demand. Items needed include: sugar, flour, jarred spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, **coffee, shampoo & conditioner, facial tissue, feminine products, **bar soap & body wash, and mouthwash – (** items of particular need.)
7. SUMMER BOOK READING SUGGESTIONS
 - *"We Make the Road by Walking"* is written by Brian McLaren, author, speaker, activist and theologian.
 - *"Unclobber, Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality"* by Colby Martin re-examines the six Bible passages, known as the "Clobber Passages," that stand against the full inclusion of our LGBTQIA+ siblings, as well as his own story of being fired for his own views by the church he was serving.Both books will be discussed in the fall during the Adult Ed. offering time.