# Celebration of Worship

# **September 10, 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

## **Words of Welcome, Announcements and Moment for Mission**

**Reflection** John Pauling, *Living by Kairos Time in a Chronos World* "*Kairos* is the deepest and truest form of time. Understanding that is the

"Kairos is the deepest and truest form of time. Understanding that is the first step. But then actions, habits, and practices are necessary to actually reorder and reorient our lives in accord with this deepest reality. Though the jealous god of *chronos* demands our time down to the milliseconds measured by the newest atomic clock, we have a God who has dethroned *chronos* and returned him to his proper place in service to *kairos*, which makes time a gift."

# Ringing of the Bell

**Song** 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.

Call to Worship Psalm 149

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

People: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Leader: Let them praise the Lord's name with dancing, making melody to the Lord with tambourine and lyre.

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in the Lord's people; the Lord adorns the humble with victory.

**Hymn** Arise, Your Light Is Come! # 411

## **Prayer of Invocation**

Leader: Lord, our God, we trust your promise to be among us as we gather. We come in the name of Christ, drawn by your Spirit, eager to hear your Word. Fill our hearts with your Spirit and prepare us for faithful service. Amen.

## **Prayer of Confession**

All: Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; we're driven by the need for still more – and it easily seems to control us. We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become and for losing our way without even realizing it. Forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one we need. Amen.

Moment of Silence

How has God been faithful to you this past week?

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God

who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now,

accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of God

**Children's Time** 

Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Insert

Scripture Reading Romans 13:8-14

Anthem Sing Joyful Praise Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Chancel Choir

Sing joyful praise, our voices raise to celebrate this day in song!

Sing joyful praise, our voices raise to Thee; O, sing joyful praise to the Lord this day.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee;

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, because he trust in Thee.

Trust in the Lord forever, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!

Trust in the Lord forever! Arise and sing! Sing for joy!

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Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Sing joyful praise to the Lord!

Scripture Reading Exodus 12:1-14

Sermon A New Way to Keep Time Pastor Nadia Mullin

**Affirmation of Faith** The Confession of 1967

All: God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

**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**

**Blessing of the Offering** 

All: These offerings we present to you, O Lord. May they be used for ministries of love and reconciliation through this community of faith. Amen.

**Hymn** The Day of Resurrection # 118

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** 

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# Lectionary Passages

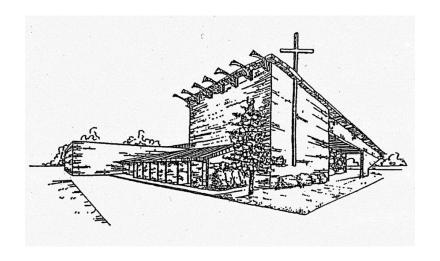
	Today, September 10th	September 17th
Old Testament	Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm	Psalm 149	Psalm 114
New Testament	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35

## **Memory Verse**

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

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## Arise, Your Light Is Come

# 411

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey. Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door. Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

## **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.

# The Day of Resurrection!

# 118

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light.
And, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin; Let the round world keep triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

#### **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. A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION for our new Pastor, Nadia Mullin, will be held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Following worship and installation, there will a luncheon served in the Social Room. If you would like to attend the luncheon, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office (265-9700).
- 3. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY begins this Tuesday with *Psalm 139* as we start a series on David. All women of the church and their friends are welcome to join us in Room 9/10 on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 for song, study, prayer and fellowship.
- 4. MORNING MUSICALE will meet this Wednesday in the Sanctuary at 10:30 for a musical program lasting about an hour. All are invited to attend and enjoy the music.
- 5. ADULT ED. begins next week following the worship service, looking at this summer's reading book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren. Join us in Room 9/10 for discussion on chapters 2, 5 and 7.
- 6. KENYA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FUND: We are currently sponsoring 6 very needy children in the Nairobi, Kenya area (graduates of the Kikuyu Thogoto elementary school where we provide lunches) to attend high school and would like to also sponsor a 7th for their next school year which starts in January. Our goal is to collect \$5000 this year and would appreciate it if you would prayerfully consider giving a generous voluntary contribution. Thank you!
- 7. 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.
- 8. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS have resumed. The church office is now open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm.

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## Today, September 10

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

## Monday, September 11

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10 and on Zoom

#### Tuesday, September 12

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees Meeting in Room 9/10

## Wednesday, September 13

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 10:30 A.M. Morning Musicale in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at the home of Meg Marsh
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

#### Thursday, September 14

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:30 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

#### Friday, September 15

- 10:00 A.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

#### Saturday, September 16

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

#### Sunday, September 17

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Book Discussion
- 2:00 P.M. Youth to "Ballet Poulet"
- 3:00 P.M. Cherry Ridge Worship



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