

Celebration of Worship

September 17, 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 and Announcements

Reflection

Anna Marsh

“But also, we do well to remember that his text isn’t really about people – it’s about God. As the Israelites come to the shores of this water, pursued by their oppressors, there is chaos ahead, chaos behind – the only way out is through. And God makes the way.”

Ringling 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 103:2-4

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God’s benefits --

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Hymn

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

Insert

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Lord, our God, in the reading and proclamation of your Word, we pray you will illumine our minds and hearts so that we may hear and understand your Word, know and live according to your Word, and become living letters of your Word, equipped to follow Jesus in every part of our lives, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord, the living Word. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silence

What does forgiveness mean to you?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God’s Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of God

Children’s Time

Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Scripture Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Anthem

Wade in the Water

arr. Brad Printz

Chancel Choir

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children;
Wade in the water, God’s gonna trouble the water.

Jordan’s water is chilly and cold; God’s gonna trouble the water.
It chills the body but not the soul; God’s gonna trouble the water.

Jordan’s water is deep and wide; God’s gonna trouble the water.
Meet my friends on the other side; God’s gonna trouble the water.

If you get there ‘fore I do, God’s gonna trouble the water.
Tell all my friends I’m comin’ too; God’s gonna trouble the water.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

Sermon

A New Way Through

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

All: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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: Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer these gifts. Amen.

Hymn *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* # 115

Benediction

Postlude

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Lectionary Passages

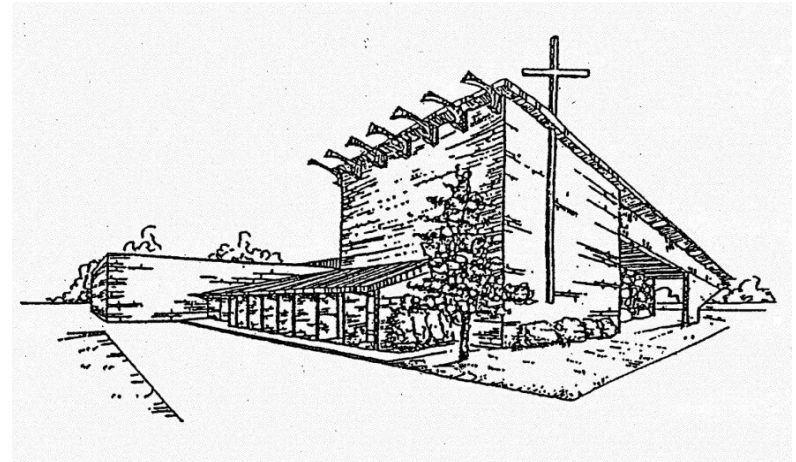
	<u>Today, September 17th</u>	<u>September 24th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 14:19-31</i>	<i>Exodus 1:2-15</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 114</i>	<i>Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 14:1-12</i>	<i>Philippians 1:21-30</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>	<i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>

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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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.

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.
Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love,
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on.
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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.

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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Come ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness.
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Let them, with unmoistened foot, through the Red Sea waters.
'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

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 30th, 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 has begun with *Psalms 139* with a series on David. All church women 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. ADULT ED. at 10:45:
Today: We will begin 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.
Next Week: We will continue our book discussion, looking at chapters 8, 9 and 13.
5. THE OCTOBER PATHWAY DEADLINE is this Wednesday. Please bring articles to the church office or email them to both jchippero@websterpres.org and ghubbard@websterpres.org.
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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Monday, September 18

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10 and on Zoom

Tuesday, September 19

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. GS Troop 90 in the Social Room
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, September 20 - October Pathway Deadline

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 8:00 A.M. WIC Social Services Program in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:30 P.M. ONE in Christ Group on Zoom

Thursday, September 21

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Friday, September 22

- 10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. GS Troop 489 in the Social Room

Saturday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 24

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Book Discussion
Children & Parents' Chime Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Family Barbeque in the Social Room
- 5:45 P.M. GS Troop 489 in the Memorial Room