

Celebration of Worship

September 24, 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

Michael J. Chan

“An important lesson from the wilderness is that Israel does not travel alone, and neither do we. The God of the desert is a gift-giving, life-sustaining, and prayer-hearing God. But in the wilderness, the most difficult test is to believe that these claims are true.”

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

Psalms 103:2-4

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

People: We come to worship God who provides!

Leader: When the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, God provided manna and quail.

People: We respond to God's provision by gathering and harvesting all that God provides.

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

People: We come to worship and partner with God who provides for the long haul!

Hymn

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Insert

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of abundance, forgive us for embracing a worldview that capitalizes on scarcity. Help us to know that you have given us enough for our journey. You have created us wonderfully and uniquely. Forgive us for comparing ourselves with our neighbor when we are called to love them. Help us to embrace how you have made us as individuals who may bring our singular gifts to our common life.

Moment of Silence

Where do you place your trust?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved, you are enough. God loves you as you are for who you are. We, collectively, have enough and may share in a common life where all may flourish and live in harmony as our Creator intended and designed. You are forgiven and free to embrace the life that is uniquely yours.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of God

Children's Time

Hymn

Make a Joyful Noise to God

Insert

Scripture Reading

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Anthem

Bread of Angels
Alleluia Bells

William Payn

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

Sermon

A New Way to Trust

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

All: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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: Great God, please receive our gifts for the glory of your name and the blessing of your people. May we be dedicated stewards of your abundance and use these gifts for the benefit of your kin-dom. Amen.

Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* # 281

Benediction

Postlude

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Lectionary Passages

Today, September 24th

October 1st

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| Old Testament | <i>Exodus 16:2-15</i> | <i>Exodus 17:1-7</i> |
| Psalms | <i>Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45</i> | <i>Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16</i> |
| New Testament | <i>Philippians 1:21-30</i> | <i>Philippians 2:1-13</i> |
| Gospel | <i>Matthew 20:1-16</i> | <i>Matthew 21:23-32</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

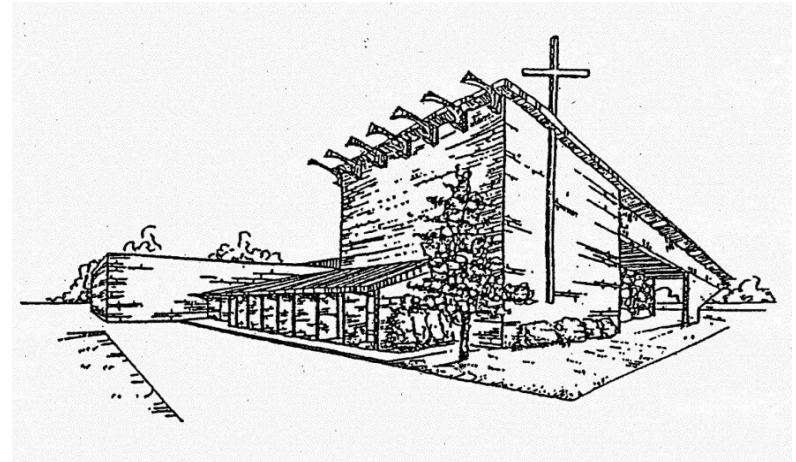
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Gloria Patri

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.

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

(to the tune of "For the Beauty of the Earth")

Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!

Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just;
Walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust.
Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies, and rejoice!

Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!
By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.

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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield; be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

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 this 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. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in Room 9/10
Today: We will continue our discussion of this summer's reading book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren, looking at chapters 8, 9 and 13.
Next Sunday and October 8th: Join us for a panel discussion on the book *UNClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* by Martin Colby. Our panelists will be Anne Waasdorp, Ralph Carter and Pastor Nadia. Please join us, even if you haven't read the book. This gathering will not be recorded.
4. 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!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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 in Room 9/10
Children & Parents' Chime Choir Rehearsal in Room 4
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Family Barbeque in the Social Room
- 5:45 P.M. GS Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

Monday, September 25

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
Rachel Circle Pot Luck Supper in the Memorial Room

Tuesday, September 26

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, September 27

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, September 28

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:30 A.M. Membership Committee in the Office
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, September 29

- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, September 30

- 10:00 A.M. Installation of Rev. Nadia Mullin in the Sanctuary followed by lunch in the Social Room

Sunday, October 1 - World Communion Sunday

- 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