

Celebration of Worship

October 15, 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

Reflection

Anathea Portier-Young

It is easy to mistake our own creations for our God. It is tempting to shape our plundered riches, our wages, and even the reparations for our losses into an image that pleases our senses, mollifies our anxiety, and invites admiration from our neighbors. But that thing we have made from Egypt's gold is not our god.

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

Leader: Great God of all provision, we bring to you this day our gifts of traditional tithe.

People: May our material giving reflect not our bounty, but yours, O God.

Leader: Creator God, who has uniquely crafted each of us, we bring to you this day our gifts of talent.

People: May our creativity glorify your Creating Spirit, O God.

Leader: Merciful God, Alpha and Omega, we bring to you this day our gifts of time.

All: May we live as your people in every place, in every moment, from this day until our last.

Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* # 276

Prayer of Invocation

All: Lord of diversity and union, we call upon you this day to open our hearts to your love, our ears to your words, our eyes to see the needs of those both near and far, and our spirits to do your will. Be with us and give us courage and inspiration for the future of your world, O Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

People: To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Leader: Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.

People: Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone.

Leader: Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

People: But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

Moment of Silence

Where in your life do you need a new start?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of God

Children's Time

Hymn *Near to the Heart of God* # 527

Scripture Reading *Philippians 4:1-9*

Anthem *The Peace of God* John Rutter

Chancel Choir

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
And of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
Be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon

A New Start

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world – which some seek to control, and others view with despair – we declare with joy and trust: our world belongs to God! From the beginning through all the crises of our times, until the kin-dom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever: our world belongs to God! God is King; let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

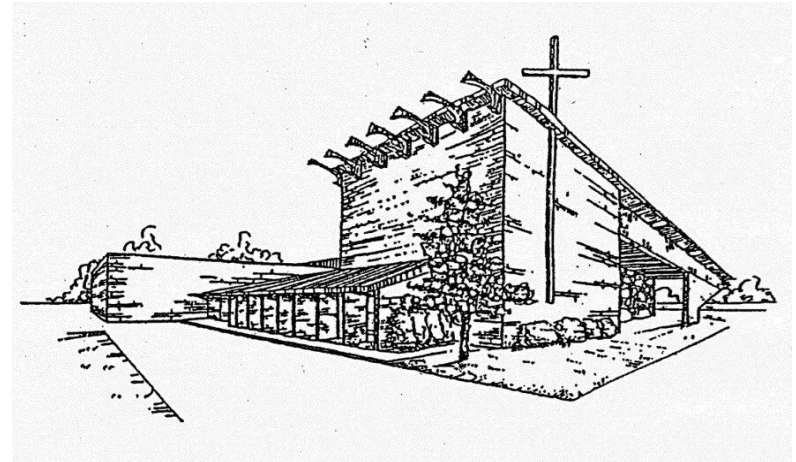
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Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

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Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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.

Near to the Heart of God

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There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God.
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

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.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest.
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
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Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, October 15th</u>	<u>October 22th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 32:1-14</i>	<i>Exodus 33:12-23</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23</i>	<i>Psalms 99</i>
New Testament	<i>Philippians 4:1-9</i>	<i>I Thessalonians 1:1-10</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>	<i>Matthew 22:15-22</i>

Memory Verse

*"For we live by faith, not by sight."
II Corinthians 5:7*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Stewardship/Budget Presentation in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 P.M. 100th Birthday Tea for Marge Crumb in the Social Room
- 3:00 P.M. Worship Service at Cherry Ridge
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19 – Pathway Deadline

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club Room 1

Friday, October 20

- 10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, October 21

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:30 P.M. Fall Festival – Spooky Organ music, treats & fun

Sunday, October 22

- 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
New Members Class in the Memorial Room
- 5:45 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming.
You can live-stream 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. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in the Sanctuary
Today: **Stewardship Sunday** – Please remain in the Sanctuary or online following the worship service to learn of this year's successes and the challenges ahead. The Stewardship & Finance Committee will share information about the 2024 Proposed Budget.
Next Week: Join us in Room 9/10 as we focus on chapters 11 and 13 of Brian McLaren's "We Make the Road by Walking."
3. THE *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is Thursday, October 19th. Email articles to ichippero@websterpres.org or drop them off in the church office.
4. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 am in Room 9/10. All are welcome to join the group for a study on "David, the Tender Warrior". Those who cannot attend in person can Zoom in using the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUlkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>
5. A FALL FESTIVAL for WPC families and friends will be held here on Saturday, October 21st, at 3:30 pm. Come for spooky organ music, crafts, games and treats. Wear your costumes and join the fun!!
6. A NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS will be offered on Sunday, October 22nd at 10:45 am following the worship service. Anyone interested in attending to explore what it means to be a member of WPC may contact Karen Stoddard at hockenbrough@hotmail.com or 585-872-3808.
7. WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION for Cameron Community Ministries has begun. We are collecting new and gently used Men's, Women's and Children's winter clothing. As always, Men's clothing is the highest priority. Please search your closets or purchase new items to donate. Blue collection tubs are in the Narthex and upper hallway until November 14th.
8. HEART AND HAND would welcome any volunteers who would like to make pillowcases for the Golisano Children's Hospital to pick up a kit to sew from the table in the hallway across from the church office. We are participating in a national challenge to make 40,000 children's pillowcases for children who are being treated for cancer.
9. THE WEBSTER HOPE WISH LIST for October includes: jarred spaghetti sauce, **pasta, jarred or canned applesauce, canned corn or beets, **baby wipes, size 5 diapers, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, dish soap and laundry detergent. (** especially needed)