

Celebration of Worship

October 22, 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

Eric Mathis

Moses [approached] YHWH with an unreserved freedom in prayer. This approach is something that Christians today can learn from. It might be said that we are often too passive or too submissive to God in our prayers, yet Moses provides an alternative example for us. He approaches God with all of his might, yet he also shows restraint; he knows when to stop and listen for YHWH's response.

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: The LORD is king; let the people tremble!

People: The LORD sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; the LORD is exalted over all the peoples.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the LORD!

Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* # 263

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: We desire your presence with us, O God. Still our restless spirits, that with quiet minds and reverent hearts we may hear your voice and worthily worship you. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious and Loving God, we come into your presence asking for your forgiveness. Forgive us for aspirations that never get translated into action and for promises that we have not kept. Forgive us for having good intentions that were not fulfilled and for the good deeds that we never got around to doing. Grant us a new vision and help us to move from intention to action. Help us, Lord, to keep our eyes on you and to be faithful in all that we say and do. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Where have you seen God this week?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. 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 *Open the Eyes of My Heart* insert

Scripture Reading *Matthew 22:15-22*

Anthem *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*
Alexander Archangelsky

Chancel Choir

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, Sing praises unto His name,
O praise ye the Lord, Sing praises unto His name.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

O give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good and His mercy endureth forever,
His mercy endureth forever.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Sermon

A New Way to See God

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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: Gracious Provider, we know that every day, all over the world, people are pleading for access to basic rights and resources. We grieve the systems that deny these necessities. We long to be authentic companions to our neighbors near and far by practicing tangible resource sharing. Bless these offerings to your work of love and liberation that we might all taste the freedom you intended for us. Amen.

Hymn

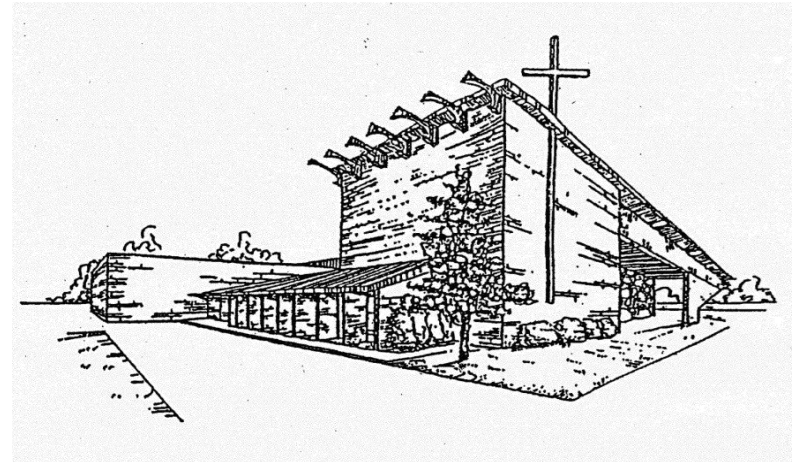
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Benediction

Postlude

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.
Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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.

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God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise.
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son.
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.
Treasure too You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace
conferred.
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call.
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Monday, October 23

- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social and Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, October 24

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, October 25

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 4:00 P.M. Staff Meeting on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, October 26

- 7:00 A.M. Heritage Christian Services Event in the Social Room
- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Discovery Group in Room 9/10

Friday, October 27

- 10:00 A.M. Fathers Night Out in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team Meeting in the Social Room

Saturday, October 28

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 A.M. Girl Scout 'Trunk or Treat' Event in the Parking Lot

Sunday, October 29

- 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. - Mission Committee Presentation in Room 9/10
Intergenerational Chimers in Room 4

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Memory Verse

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE are given by Nancy Granger and Gayl Galen in memory of their dear friend Jennifer Booth. The arrangement is by Sue Wroblecki.
3. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in Room 9/10
Today: Join us as we focus on chapters 11, 12, and 13 of Brian McLaren's "We Make the Road by Walking."
Next Week: From the Mission Committee: A representative from the Williamson Come-Unity Center will share information about the programs they offer. Join us in Room 9/10.
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. 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 gently used or new items to donate. Blue collection tubs are in the Narthex and upper hallway until November 13th.
6. 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)

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, October 22nd</u>	<u>October 29th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 33:12-23</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 34:1-12</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 99</i>	<i>Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17</i>
New Testament	<i>I Thessalonians 1:1-10</i>	<i>I Thessalonians 2:1-8</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 22:15-22</i>	<i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>