

# Celebration of Worship

October 29, 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

Karla Suomala

“The Bible’s final tribute to Moses in *Deuteronomy 34:10* is remarkable: ‘Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.’ Not many lives are concluded with such epitaphs. While certainly agreeing with the Bible’s assessment, the rabbis reflected that the final title attributed to Moses, that of prophet, wasn’t enough, for he was in fact much more. He was a law-giver, a teacher, a philosopher, a general, a king, a sage, a high priest, and an interpreter.”

## Ringling of the Bell

**Song** 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: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

**People: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**People: The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.**

**Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* # 260

## Prayer of Invocation

Leader: **Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus’ vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen.**

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty and Gracious God, we praise you for your victory over sin and death. You raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess we have not consistently bowed before him. We have not daily acknowledged his rule in our lives. Instead, we have gone along with the world’s way and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from our sin through your Word and Spirit. Transform us into faithful followers of Jesus Christ, the One who rules the world and is Head of the Church. In his Name we pray. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

How do you want to be remembered?

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy who forgives us all our sins strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**People: Amen.**

## Gloria Patri

## Passing the Peace of God

## Children’s Time

**Hymn** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* # 426

**Scripture Reading** *I Thessalonians 2:1-8*

**Anthem** *O God Beyond All Praising* arr. Compton  
Alleluia Bells

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word;  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.  
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king.  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still,  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

**Scripture Reading**     *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

**Sermon**                     *A New Way Forward*  
                                        Pastor Nadia Mullin

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All:** In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling to repent and believe the gospel.

**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**

**Blessing of the Offering and the 2024 Pledge Cards**

**Leader:** This morning we receive our pledges for the new year.

**People:** **We pray that they would be used to advance God's coming kin-dom.**

**Leader:** This morning we look ahead to our future.

**People:** **We pray that our pledges would be used to advance God's work in our community.**

**Leader:** This morning we dedicate our pledges to God.

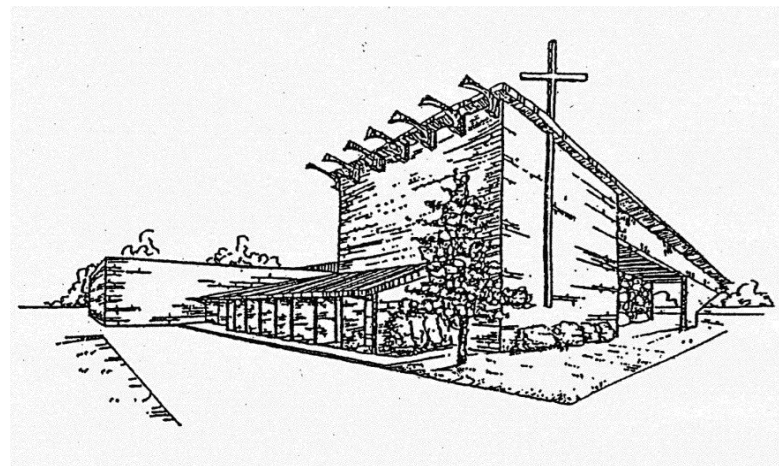
**People:** **Use them, O God, and use us to serve you.**

**Hymn**                     *The God of Abraham Praise*                     # 488

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

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A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

### **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.

### **Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

# 426

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart,  
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a  
heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

### **The God of Abraham Praise**

# 488

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!  
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,  
We bow before Your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;  
In prophet's word You spoke of old and You speak still.  
Established is Your law, and changeless it shall stand,  
Deep writ upon the human heart on sea or land.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
Your love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.  
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;  
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today, October 29

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. - Mission Committee Presentation in Room 9/10  
Intergenerational Chimers in Room 4

### Monday, October 30

- 6:00 P.M. ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social and Memorial Rooms

### Tuesday, October 31

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

### Wednesday, November 1

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

### Thursday, November 2

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary

### Friday, November 3

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

### Saturday, November 4

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

### Sunday, November 5 - Bible Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. - Sermon series discussion with Pastor Nadia

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#### Memory Verse

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



#### Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, October 29<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>November 5<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Deuteronomy 34:1-12</i>	<i>Joshua 3:7-17</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17</i>	<i>Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37</i>
New Testament	<i>I Thessalonians 2:1-8</i>	<i>I Thessalonians 2:9-13</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>	<i>Matthew 23:1-12</i>

## 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 and arranged by Sue Wroblecki in memory of her sister-in-law Jean, and of Abby Anderson's sister, Ginny.
3. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in Room 9/10  
Today: A representative from the Williamson Come-Unity Center will share information about the programs they offer.  
Next Week: Pastor Nadia will join us for a discussion about the recent sermon series, "A New Way."
4. 2024 PLEDGE CARDS that have been turned in are being blessed today. If you have not yet submitted your intentions for next year's pledge, please drop your card in the mail, bring it next Sunday, or call Georgia Hubbard in the church office Tues., Weds. or Thurs. from 9 am to 3 pm with questions or to have her fill out a card for you. Thank you to all who continue to support the church's ongoing work.
5. 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>
6. FALL CHURCH WORKDAY is this coming Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>., from 9 am to Noon. Come anytime during the morning to lend your hand with others to help ready the church for the winter season. Coffee, cider, donuts and bagels will be provided.
7. WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION for Cameron Community Ministries: We are collecting new and gently used Men's, Women's and Children's winter clothing, with men's clothing 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 Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.
8. 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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