

# Celebration of Worship

October 8, 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

Amy Erickson

“The commandments, however, are not simply a list of rules given to whip into shape a stiff-necked people; instead, they are better viewed as a means to form and nurture an alternative community, bound not by common goals of wealth and prestige, but rather by loyalty to a god who has chosen to redeem a group of slaves from a life of bondage. The commandments mean to sketch out a space where human beings can live fruitful, productive, and meaningful lives before God and with one another.”

## Ringin 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

from Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard,

**People: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

**Hymn** *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

Insert

## Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Jesus, we ask that You bless our time together; that we may hear your words and apply them to our lives so that you will be honored and glorified. Allow your Holy Spirit to move through us so our faith grows and bears fruit. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

**All: God, we confess we have tried to make this world our own. We have lived under the command of our own will. Without realizing, we have submitted to the rule of our fears and desires.**

**Forgive our willfulness and return us to the guidance of your grace, the law of your love, Christ's one commandment, that we love as we have been loved.**

Moment of Silence

What does it mean to be free in Christ?

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

**People: Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are freed to forgive. Thanks be to God.**

## Gloria Patri

## Passing the Peace of God

## Children's Time

## Hymn

*Unity Hymn*

Insert

## Scripture Reading

*Matthew 21:33-46*

## Anthem

*Built on a Rock*

Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

Built on a rock, the church will stand even when steeples are falling.

Built on a rock, in every land, Christ, our Lord, is calling.

Calling to the young and the old to rest. Calling to the souls of those oppressed.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand. Christ, our Lord is calling.

This is a house of living stone built for God's habitation.

He is a rock, on humble throne granting us salvation.

Whenever two or more come to seek His face, God will be among them to show His grace.

He is a rock, and this His place, granting us salvation.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand firmly on one foundation.

Built on a rock in every land, this, God's new creation.

Together we have come for to give and receive. In Christ, our Lord, we do believe.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand, This, God's new creation.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand ... Christ, our Lord, is calling.

**Scripture Reading** *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

**Sermon** *A New Way to Be Community* Pastor Nadia Mullin

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All:** We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

We are not alone. Beyond death, God is with us.

We trust in God. Thanks be to God.

**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**

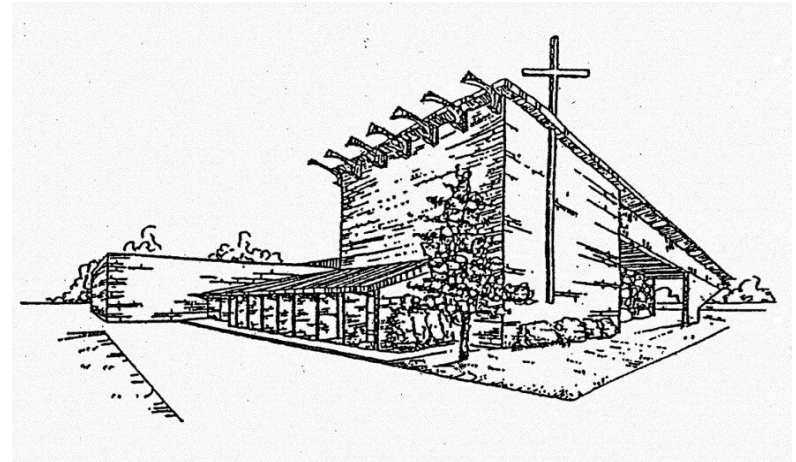
**All:** Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. We give you our lives, symbolized in our gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. Uphold us by your Spirit in your Covenant of Grace, that we may be your faithful people, formed by your Word and given in steadfast love for the sake of the healing of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

**Hymn** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* # 229

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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Pastor Nadia Mullin

## 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.

## Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
Still, you're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
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Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## From All That Dwell Below the Skies

# 229

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land, in every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In every land begin the song,  
To every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In cheerful sound all voices raise  
And fill the world with joyful praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 8

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. Panel Discussion in Room 9/10

### Monday, October 9

6:30 P.M. ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Tuesday, October 10

9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10  
1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room  
5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10  
6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team in the Social Room  
7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, October 11

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant  
1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at the home of Joyce Bradstreet  
6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol in the Basement Room  
7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, October 12

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom  
9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
10:00 A.M. King Circle in the Memorial Room  
6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Friday, October 13

10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom  
6:30 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

### Saturday, October 14

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
9:00 A.M. ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
10:00 A.M. Route 250 Clean-up

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tea for Marge Crumb in the Social Room  
5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

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## 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. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in Room 9/10  
 Today: Join us for a panel discussion on the book *UNClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* by Colby Martin. 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.  
 Next Sunday: Stewardship Sunday - Come and hear about the Pledging and the 2024 Budget when important information will be shared regarding challenges the church is facing. It will be carried on Youtube and Facebook.
3. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 am in Room 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=NUIkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>
4. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP - A few additional volunteers are needed for the highway clean-up this Saturday morning at 10:00 . Come join us. It is fun, the task is not difficult, and we are doing a service for the neighborhood. Sign up at the table in the Narthex or by contacting Mark Pipal at [pipalmw@yahoo.com](mailto:pipalmw@yahoo.com) , phone 787-4301.
5. A 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TEA for Marge Crumb will be held next Sunday at 2:00 in the Social Room. All are invited to come and recognize her on this special occasion. Please RSVP to Terry Crumb (718-3217) if you plan to attend.
6. A FALL FESTIVAL for WPC families and friends will be held here on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 3:30 pm. Come for spooky organ music, crafts, games and treats. Wear your costumes and join the fun !!
7. A NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS will be offered on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:hockenbrough@hotmail.com) or 585-872-3808.

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. KENYA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FUND: We are concluding our drive to collect funds for 6 very needy children in the Nairobi, Kenya to attend high school for their next school year which starts in January. Please prayerfully consider giving a generous donation toward our \$5000 goal. Thank you!
10. THANK YOU for your Back-to-School donations, which supplied 69 Webster families, consisting of 131 children, with much appreciated items. The Webster Hope Wish List for October includes: jarred spaghetti sauce, \*\*pasta, jarred or canned applesauce, canned corn or beans, \*\*baby wipes, size 5 diapers, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, dish soap and laundry detergent. (\*\* especially needed)

### Lectionary Passages

	Today, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20</i>	<i>Exodus 32:1-14</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 19</i>	<i>Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23</i>
New Testament	<i>Philippians 3:4b-14</i>	<i>Philippians 4:1-9</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 21:33-46</i>	<i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>

### Memory Verse

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

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