

Celebration of Worship

September 1, 2024

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude *Recit de Chromhorne* F. Couperin

Words of Welcome

Reflection Elisabeth Johnson

“This text shows us that Jesus sees clearly the ugliness of human hearts, yet he does not turn away. He sees right through our highly edited versions of ourselves, knows what lurks in our hearts, yet loves us still. In the larger story of the Gospel, he shows us what true faithfulness is by daring to touch those considered unclean, by daring to love those who are social outcasts, by loving and serving and giving his life for all people — tax collectors and sinners, lepers and demon-possessed, scribes and Pharisees, you and me.”

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song *Be Still for the Presence*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Call to Worship

Leader: God has given us this day for praise!

All: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

Leader: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

All: Let the words of God’s own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

Leader: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

All: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God’s healing and restoring love. Amen.

Hymn *How Our Hearts with Joy Abound* Insert

Invocation

Leader: Unchanging God, you have blessed us forever through the Beloved One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Born again by your word of truth, let us live out your love, doing your word, caring for the weak and vulnerable in their distress, and ever pursuing your reign of justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. Amen.

Moment of Silence

What religious or spiritual traditions do you have that best reflect what’s in your heart?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even if you have transgressed and done what you know to be wrong, remember that God will heal and forgive you; sending you on your way to become a person of peace, hope, love and justice. Be at peace. God is with you.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Time

Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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Scripture Reading *James 1:17-27*

Scripture Reading *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Sermon Traditions and the Heart
Pastor Nadia Mullin

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Announcements

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: Living God, thank you for your gifts of life-fragrant flowers, fruitful vines, singing creatures, and our own lives, renewed in Christ. Let your grace infuse the gifts we offer with life-giving power for those in need. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

Insert

Hymn *Come, Labor On*

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Benediction

Postlude *Premier Couplet et Fugue sur la Trompette* F. Couperin

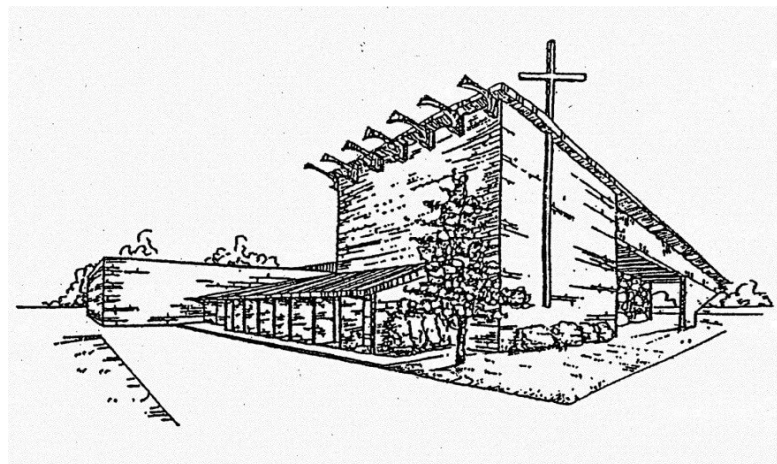
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Memory Verse

*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast,
immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord,
because you know that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain.*

I Corinthians 15:58

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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welcoming all.*

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Pastor Nadia Mullin

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor: Jesus calls all people to sit at table with him: the sick and the uncertain, the weak and the poor, the Pharisees and tax collectors. From north and south and east and west he calls us to come and sit at this table, the foretaste of the kingdom of God.

On a night long ago, when Jesus sat at table with his disciples, they thought they were the hosts and he the guest. But then he broke the bread, and their eyes were opened and they recognized him. The guest became the host; the foolish one was revealed as Wisdom.

To this table, to this banquet of Wisdom, he calls us again.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God. In the beginning of time, your wisdom danced through creation, calling forth light and life. Through wisdom, you formed us in your image, calling us to love and serve you. Foolishly we turned from you and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy. Yet you did not reject us, but continued to call us and claim us as your own.

We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us. We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock. We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise. We worshiped idols of our own making, and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you. At last, you emptied yourself of power and came to us as the child of Mary, holy God in frail and human flesh.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: You are holy, O God of power and might, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the one who comes in your name. In his life, he called unlikely people to follow him: fisherfolk, tax collectors, children, sinners, deniers, betrayers. On the cross he gave himself up to the powers of this world, showing in his body your great foolishness, O God, for loving such a wayward world. Yet by this very cross, O Wisdom from on high, you have undone and remade the wisdom of this world, drawing light from darkness, power from humiliation, life from death itself.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Come, then, life-giving spirit, brood over these bodily things and make us into one body with Christ, that we, who are baptized into his death, may walk in newness of life; that what is sown in dishonor may be raised in glory and what is sown in weakness may be raised in power. We praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Elements

You will be receiving the elements in your seats today.

When you receive the bread, hold it so we can all partake together at the same time.

Please do the same with the cup after you receive it.

Gluten-free elements are available upon request to the server.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Most loving God, you have given us a share of the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your joy and salvation to all the world. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn

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Postlude

Premier Couplet et Fugue sur la Trompette

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, September 4

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant

5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10

Thursday, September 5

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom

9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 7

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>

10:00 A.M. Memorial Service for Joan Baden

Sunday, September 8

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. Youth/Intergenerational Bell Choir meeting in the Sanctuary
Adult Ed. Discussion on Prayer in Room 9/10

5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

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Lectionary Passages

	September 1	September 8
Old Testament	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9	Psalm 125
New Testament	James 1:17-27	James 2:1-17
Gospel	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37

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>
2. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS will resume this week. The church office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
3. A YOUTH/INTERGENERATIONAL BELL CHOIR meeting will be held in the Sanctuary after worship on September 8th. If you are the parent or grandparent of a middle schooler (or bell-loving 5th grader), we'd love to have you and your child attend this informational meeting! We also welcome any adult who would like to ring with us. No experience necessary! Contact Jackie Anderson (jktanderson42@gmail.com) for more details.
4. FALL LITURGIST VOLUNTEERS are needed. It's an easy job, but a very important one. If you've never been a liturgist before, we encourage you to give it a try. If you have an interest in signing up or would like to know more about it, please reach out to Heather Hewlett (heather.hewlett@yahoo.com).
5. NEEDED: We could still use some help on this upcoming Saturday, September 7th, from 10 a.m. to Noon to move small donated furniture items brought to Holy Trinity for their upcoming garage sale. The Hope staff will be there, but they can't do it alone. If you can help for just two hours, please contact Bob Smith or Kathy Barbehenn.
6. READERS FOR STATE ROAD Elementary School are needed for this upcoming school year. It only takes a ½ hour, once a week. The schedule is flexible and the children are adorable! Contact Kathy Barbehenn (kcb2029@gmail.com) for more information.
7. CHILDREN'S BOOKS are needed for the kids at State Road School. Bring in your gently-used books or purchase new ones. Savers and discount stores have great deals! Books should be suitable for grades K-5, in very good condition, and not faith based. Place your donations in the basket in the lower Narthex.

Fairest Lord Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down.
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Come, Labor On

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Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share,
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws
nigh.

Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here;
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will..

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done,
well done!"



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