

# Celebration of Worship

September 29, 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

## Words of Welcome

## Announcements

## Reflection

Ministry Pass, *Who is this Man?*

“One of the fundamental marks of God’s kingdom is that no one should be prevented from coming to Jesus or taking part in his work. Whether that is disciples claiming certain people shouldn’t use his name, believers causing “little ones” to stumble, or even parts of ourselves turning us away from God, Jesus wants all obstacles eliminated. And he will die on the cross to remove those obstacles and restore our relationship with him.”

## Ring 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**People: In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.**

Leader: God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

**People: Let us worship our Helper!**

## Hymn

*Standing in the Need of Prayer*

Insert

## Invocation

Leader: If we are uncertain and weary, speak to us, O God. If we are grounded and hopeful, speak to us. If our faith feels solid and steady, speak to us, and if our faith feels shaky and tentative, speak to us. Keep speaking through your holy Word, O God, that we may find our voice in yours. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

Who do you exclude that Jesus might be calling you to include?

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. We are a people set free from the harmful patterns of the past for a future God builds in our midst even now. We are whole people who are called to make this world whole, with God’s help.

**All: 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

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

# 403

## Scripture Reading

*James 5:13-20*

## Anthem

*Honest Prayers*

Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

(Words on insert)

## Scripture Reading

*Mark 9:38-50*

## Sermon

*Who is This Man? Part 4*

Pastor Nadia Mullin

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All:** As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God’s Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.

**Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles**

**Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer** (Debts/debtors)

**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:** Accept all that is offered in this place this day, O God. Accept our material commitments to build a more peaceable family on this earth and in our own communities. Accept our personal commitments to become a people who break cycles of hatred and retaliation, in both large-scale and everyday ways. Use these gifts, and use us messy people, for the rebuilding of a world of hope and healing in your name. Amen.

**Hymn** *There’s a Spirit in the Air* # 433

**Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**

\* \* \* \* \*

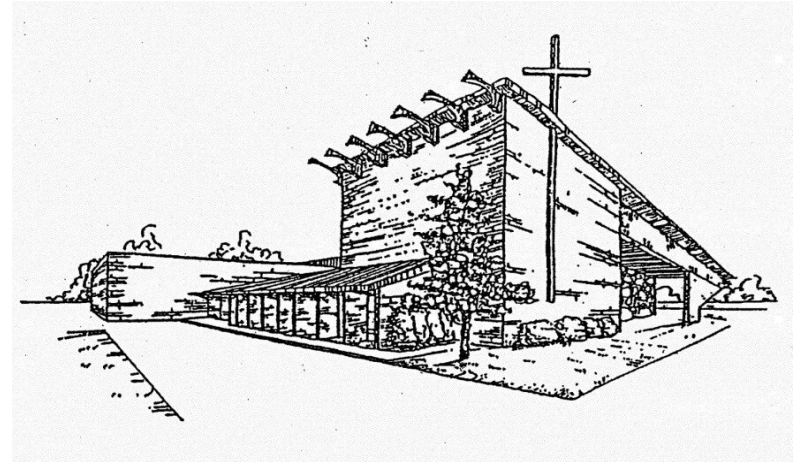


**Webster Presbyterian Church**  
550 Webster Road  
Webster, New York 14580  
585-265-9700 [www.websterpres.org](http://www.websterpres.org)

Pastor  
Rev. Nadia Mullin



**WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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

Webster Presbyterian Church  
550 Webster Road  
Webster, NY 14580  
585-265-9700 [www.websterpres.org](http://www.websterpres.org)  
Pastor Nadia Mullin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### Sunday, September 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. Discussion of Christian Nationalism  
Communion Class in the Memorial Room
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

#### Monday, September 30

- 6:00 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room and Sanctuary

#### Tuesday, October 1

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 90 in the Social Room

#### Wednesday, October 2

- 6:30 A.M. Breakfast & Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol Leaders in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

#### Thursday, October 3

- 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

#### Friday, October 4

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

#### Saturday, October 5

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlhXcDITWjZIS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>  
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary

#### Sunday, October 6 - World Communion Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion on Compassion & Conviction in Rm 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

\* \* \* \* \*

#### 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*

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. KENYA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FUND: We will be sponsoring 5 very needy Kenya students for their high school education in 2025 and would appreciate your voluntary donations to support this worthy cause. Please pay to WPC and clearly mark your donation as being for the "Kenya High School Students Fund".
3. ADULT ED. at 10:45  
- Today join us for a discussion of Christian Nationalism, its history, impact and influence, in Room 9/10.  
Next Week, as we think about how to engage in the political process in a faithful, informed and effective manner, we will use the book *Compassion and Conviction* to explore a framework for dealing with current political issues.
4. THE SPIRITUAL NURTURE COMMITTEE (SNC) has been approached by a few people who would like to be part of a Small Group. If you are interested in forming new, becoming part of, or are open to adding to your current Small Group, please be in touch with one of us on the SNC: Bob Blakey, Nancy Duquette, Barb Hach.
5. HEART & HAND has sewing kits to make pillowcases for families at the Open Door Mission's Coldwater House for mothers and children. Kits can be found on the table in the hallway outside the church office. Thank you to all who are able to complete one or more.
6. FALL HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP - Our fall clean-up of Rt. 250 will be Saturday morning, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Look for the sign-up table in the Narthex beginning next Sunday or contact Mark Pipal to participate. Volunteer -it's fun and you will be doing a service for the neighborhood.
7. HOPE HOUSE needs for this month include coffee, sugar, flour, canned goods (beets & pineapple), condiments (ketchup/mustard/mayo), cooking oil, toiletries, laundry soap, dish soap, baby wipes and diapers (size 6), socks for men/women/children and clothes for toddlers (both boys and girls). The collection barrel is located in the upper Narthex.

#### Lectionary Passages

|               | <u>September 29</u>         | <u>October 6</u>      |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Old Testament | Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 | Job 1:1; 2:1-10       |
| Psalms        | Psalms 124                  | Psalms 26             |
| New Testament | James 5:13-20               | Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 |
| Gospel        | Mark 9:38-50                | Mark 10:2-16          |

## Standing in the Need of Prayer

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

It's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.  
It's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer. Refrain:

Not my preacher, not the deacon, but it's me O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer. Refrain:

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

# 403

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

## There's a Spirit in the Air

# 433

There's a spirit in the air telling Christians everywhere,  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world."

Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,  
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right.  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home,  
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

There's a Spirit in the air calling people everywhere.  
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.

## Honest Prayers

Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

If my prayers were honest, if truth could write a book,  
My praise that might seem easy is harder than it looks.  
And if my prayers were honest, though I count all things as loss,  
Sometimes things You ask of me, they come at a cost.

Even then, I'll praise You; even then, I'll sing, for You are good; You are good to me.  
Even in Your silence, I will lift my voice, for You are good; You are good to me.

And if my prayers were honest, truth would cross my lips,  
The tighter I hold onto You, the more my fingers slip.  
But holding on is not my place, so I'll be still and know  
I'm tightly wrapped in Your embrace with love that won't let go!

May my praise not reflect just the feelings of my heart.  
Let my praise declare the truth, the truth of who You are:  
You're my Defender, my Healer, the Lover of my soul!  
The Alpha, Omega, the One who makes me whole!  
Morning Star, consuming fire, the Son of Abraham,  
You are the Holy Lamb, the Son of Man, You are the great I AM!

Even now, I'll praise You, even now I'll sing, for You are good; You are good to me.  
Even when I fail You, even when I doubt, You are good, You are good to me.

If my prayers were honest, if truth would cross my lips,  
I'd say, "God you've been so good."

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good, He's so good to me.