

# Celebration of Worship

September 8, 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 and Minute for Mission

## Reflection

Hunter Steinitz, Chair of Presbyterians for Disabilities Concerns

“There are two characters in this passage who live with disability, the daughter of the Syrophenician woman and the deaf man. While neither one is named or speaks, both these people have an encounter with God that reconnects them with their community. It is important to note that the ancient worldview of disability is very different from the modern understanding. We know that physical and mental illnesses are not demonic, nor are they the product of evil forces. It is important to remember that people with disabilities, both then and now, are living and breathing people, not objects of inspiration or sympathy. Jesus opens access to the Kingdom for all, disabled people included.”

## 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: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

**People: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

Leader: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

**People: Lord, help us to work for you.**

Leader: Lord, make us ready to serve.

**People: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love.  
Amen.**

**Hymn** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* # 466

## Invocation

Leader: Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in his Name. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy and Loving God, you show no favoritism to your children. All are beloved in your sight. Sadly, we do not always act as your beloved people. We exclude when we need to include. We turn away from those longing to belong. Forgive us, truly merciful God. Teach us to embrace all your children without exception. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

When have you experienced or heard of God’s healing compassion?

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, this is the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have been made flawless through His Cross. We rejoice that when we ask for forgiveness, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.**

## 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** *Trust in God – Psalm 125* Insert

**Scripture Reading** *Psalm 125:1-5*

**Anthem** *I Was Glad* Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Rejoice, give your thanks and sing for this God’s holy hour.

This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice in it.

I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

I was glad!

**Scripture Reading** *Mark 7:24-37*

**Sermon** *Who is This Man? Part 1*  
Pastor Nadia Mullin

## Affirmation of Faith

**All:** We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## 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:** Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

**Hymn** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* # 379

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

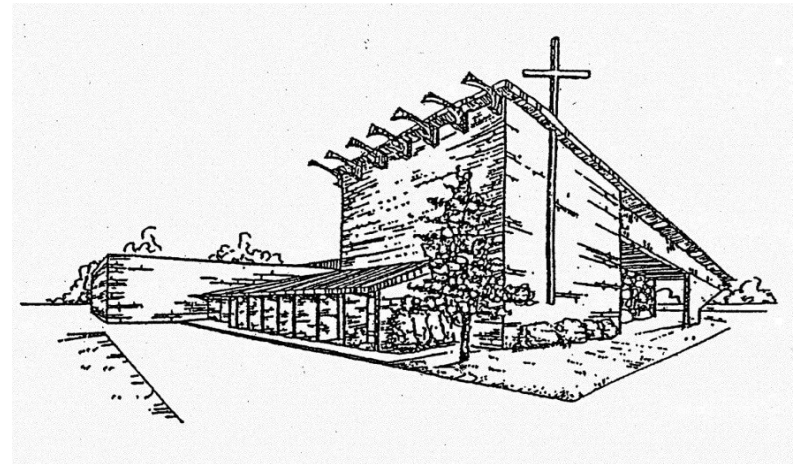
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## Memory Verse

*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.*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*

## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday, September 9

- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10

### Tuesday, September 10

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, September 11

- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at the home of Jean Maier
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10

### Thursday, September 12

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

### Friday, September 13

- 10:00 A.M. Book Study on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Event in the Narthex
- 6:45 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

### Saturday, September 14

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDlTWjZlS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
- 9:00 A.M. ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, September 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  
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion of Mission with Pastor Nadia
- 3:00 P.M. Worship Service at Cherry Ridge

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### Lectionary Passages

	September 8	September 15
Old Testament	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm	Psalm 125	Psalm 19
New Testament	James 2:1-17	James 3:1-12
Gospel	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38

## 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 have resumed. 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 today. If you are the parent or grandparent of a middle schooler (or bell-loving 5<sup>th</sup> 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!
4. ADULT ED. at 10:45 in Room 9/10:  
- Today's topic is Prayer, discussing the many facets of prayer and how it affects our lives and the lives of others.  
- Next week will begin a 2-week series on Mission, led by Pastor Nadia.
5. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY resumes this Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Room 9/10 with the topic "Going for the Gold", comparing Olympic gold with God's gold. All women are welcome to join the group.
6. DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? The Chancel Choir could use more voices and would love to have you join our friendly group. Rehearsals are on Sunday morning before worship. See Lee Ann for more information.
7. 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](mailto:heather.hewlett@yahoo.com)).
8. 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](mailto:kcb2029@gmail.com)) for more information.
9. 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.
10. HOPE HOUSE current urgent need is for diapers, especially sizes 5-7. They are also collecting new socks and underwear for school-aged children, and nonperishable food items are always in need and greatly appreciated. The collection barrel is located in the upper Narthex.

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

# 466

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin and sets the prisoner free.  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean; Christ's blood, availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

# 379

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.



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