

Celebration of Worship

September 14, 2025

9:30 A.M.

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

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

Lenore Three Stars

"Jesus will put the cosmos right again. Creator uses love to heal and restore, and we can choose to cooperate with that plan. We were created in Shalom and to Shalom we shall return – to a profoundly good creation."

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain —

People: the pain of losing something precious.

Leader: Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy –

People: the joy of finding what was lost.

Leader: We gather to hear Jesus speak words of truth, words of power, words of love.

People: Speak now, O Lord, for your servants are listening.

Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day, you are Lord; and when chaos threatens to overwhelm and we dread the next news cycle – still, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need, until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace; for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Love Astounding

Love astounding, Love confounding limits fearful minds impose.
Love renewing, Love pursuing every heart until it knows
Love's transforming, healing goodness, Love's abiding gentle grace,
Love's endurance, Love's assurance, Love's consoling strong embrace.

Love receiving, Love believing, we rejoice with thanks and song,
Faith regaining, hope proclaiming; Love has taught us, we belong
Safe within Love's tender keeping, safe from fear's persistent call.
Love defending, Love unending, Love of God enfolding all.

Call to Confession

Leader: The grace of our Lord overflows for us through the faith and love that are ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, saying, "Create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us."

Prayer of Confession

All: Create in us clean hearts, O God; cast out any transgression you find there – ransack, renovate, redecorate! Deep in our hearts, remove fearful features and restore your original design. The old lamps are dim; bring new light into the darkness. Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and teach us wisdom so the hearts you transform may rejoice.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Believe the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sung Response

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

One: With thanksgiving, we rejoice in the reconciliation found in the forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ. Let us therefore be reconciled with our neighbors and share signs of Christ's peace.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

THE WORD

Children's Time

Stu's Corner
A Clean Heart

based on *Psalms 51:10*

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit show us the truth that you desire and teach us wisdom in our hearts.

All: Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 51:1-10

Anthem

"Jubilate"

Greg Gilpin

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

"What Are You Grumpy About?" Rev. Susan Frost

"And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling...." *Luke 15:2a*

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Affirmation of Faith **Nicene Creed** Insert

Hymn *Amazing Grace* # 280

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Time and again, God clears a path for us to seek the way of life, to do good, to become a refuge for the poor. That path lies before us. With joy, let us offer our gifts and our lives in trust.

Sung Response *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* # 446

Charge

Leader: Siblings, we have a choice. We can stand on the margins of the feast, grumbling about the other guests, or we can join in the dance of seeking and saving, feeding and being fed.

Sung Response *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

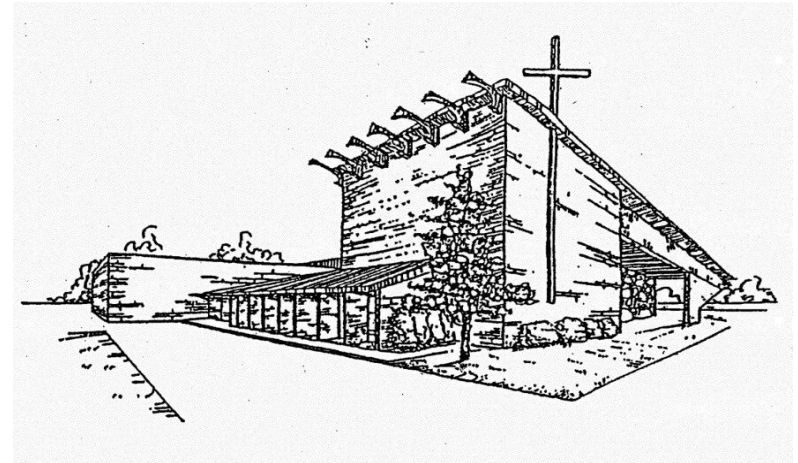
Benediction

Leader: May the Creator's holiness burn away our complacency; may the Living Word expose our foolishness; may the Spirit of mercy turn us home, that God's grace might spill from our lives, giving hope to a perishing world.

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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living and sharing the love of God
through faith and action,
welcoming all.*

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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. ADULT ED. CLASSES begin today following the worship service in Room 9/10. Today's topic is the "Nicene Creed, the 1700th Anniversary."
3. YOUR SPIRITUAL NURTURE COMMITTEE, Bob Blakey, Nancy Duquette, and Barb Hach, would like to ask you, "What brings you closer to God?" The question is on a 3x5 card that was handed to you by a Deacon as you entered the Sanctuary. We would appreciate your response, just a word or a phrase. We are working on how we may be nurturing and helpful to our church family.
4. THE 200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS NEXT SUNDAY. We will have a worship service of remembrance and thanksgiving followed by special events and a catered luncheon in the Social Room. Sign up for the luncheon in the Narthex TODAY, as reservations must be given to the caterer this afternoon.
5. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY has resumed on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in Room 9/10. All women are invited to join this fall's study of the book of Isaiah, the most prominent of the major prophets. Bring a Bible and a beverage as we learn and discuss together.
6. OCTOBER PATHWAY DEADLINE is September 20th. Please submit all articles to jchippero@websterpres.org and gghubbard@websterpres.org.
7. MUSICIANS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. If you are interested in information about the Chancel Choir, contact Lee Ann Daigle (899-0120). For handbells, contact Jackie Anderson (703-2381).

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Lectionary Passages

	September 14 th	September 21 st
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28</i>	<i>Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 14</i>	<i>Psalms 79:1-9</i>
New Testament	<i>I Timothy 1:12-17</i>	<i>I Timothy 2:1-7</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 15:1-10</i>	<i>Luke 16:1-13</i>

Memory Verse

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."
 Philippians 4:13*

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 14

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 5:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room

Monday, September 15

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms

Tuesday, September 16

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, September 17

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

Thursday, September 18

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room
Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Friday, September 19

- 10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, September 20 - October Pathway Deadline

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

Sunday, September 21 - 200th Anniversary Celebration

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 11:00 A.M. Tour / Scavenger Hunt of the Church
- 12:00 P.M. 200th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon
- 5:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in the Social Room
Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Memorial Room