Celebration of Worship

October 11, 2026 9:30 A.M.

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

* *Please stand, if you are able.*

Prelude *Have No Fear, Little Flock* M. Burkhardt

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Song *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* Screen

Call to Worship

One: We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.
All: Here God will transform us into disciples.
One: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.
All: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.
One: We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.
All: Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

* **Hymn** *Gather Us In* Insert

Here in this place the new light is streaming.
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken.
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining;
not in some heaven, light years away.
Here in this place the new light is shining.
Now is the kingdom and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of Adoration

One: God of all time and space, you have called people to meet you over the centuries, in many different places, in many different ways. We praise you for welcoming us, receiving us as we are. You hear our prayers and claim us as your own. In this hour of worship, send your Spirit upon us to revive our faith and guide our footsteps in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of all life and each life, you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions.

Forgive us. Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious.

Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: While it is true we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. So be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

* **Gloria Patri** Screen

* **Passing of the Peace**

Children's Time

Prayer for Understanding

All: God of prophets and parables, we gather to listen to the Scriptures read and proclaimed. By your Spirit, grant us fresh understanding and challenge us to live according to your transforming grace. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading *Exodus 32:1-14*

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. Christ, our Lord, is calling.

2nd Scripture Reading *Matthew 22:1-14*

Sermon Reverend Russ Roth

*** Hymn** *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* # 261

God of compassion, in mercy befriend us.
Giver of grace for our needs all-availing,
Wisdom and strength for each day do Thou send us,
Patience untiring and courage unfailing.

Wandering and lost, Thou hast sought us and found us,
Stilled our rude hearts with Thy word of consoling.
Wrap now Thy peace, like a mantle, around us,
Guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

How shall we stray, with Thy hand to direct us,
Thou who the stars in their courses art guiding?
What shall we fear with Thy power to protect us,
We who walk forth in Thy greatness confiding?

*** Invitation to the Offering**

Leader: The Apostle Paul urges us to think on things that are honorable and just, commendable and true. To share what we have is honorable. Our gifts can help create justice and work for truth to prevail. So trust your gifts to God and know they are pleasing to God.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

All: Generous God, we offer to you part of the abundance you share with us. Bless our gifts and work through them so that others will know your generosity and be touched by your love through the kindness we can offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** Doxology** Screen

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever.
Amen.

*** Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* # 316

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

Blessing

Postlude *Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"* C. Callahan

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. CHURCH WORKDAY is Saturday, October 24th, from 9 am to Noon. Mark your calendars and join the Trustees for part of all of the morning to help with a variety of inside and outside projects getting the church ready for winter. Breakfast snacks and drinks will be available.

3. KENYA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' FUND: This special voluntary fund allows four needy students to attend high school, which without our support is too costly for them. Although we accept donations for this fund year-round, we are emphasizing the need now so that they can continue their education! Please consider making a generous donation by using the envelopes in the chair racks. See page 5 of your October *Pathway* for additional information.

4. A NEW HANDBELL GROUP which will meet some Sundays after worship is forming. Whether you are new to bells or have some experience, all are welcome to learn, grow and make music together. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. For more information, see Sarah Casper, or email her at sarah.r.casper@gmail.com

5. THE FOOD BARREL donations for Webster HOPE and local food cupboards are always gratefully received. Help us restock the food barrel with needed items including pasta, cereal, cooking oil, canned fruit and vegetables, shampoo, conditioner and cleaning supplies.

Lectionary Passages

	October 11	October 18
Old Testament	*Exodus 32:1-14*	*Exodus 33:12-23*
Psalm	*Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23*	*Psalm 99*
New Testament	*Philippians 4:1-9*	*I Thessalonians 1:1-10*
Gospel	*Matthew 22:1-14*	*Matthew 22:15-22*

Memory Verse

"A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger."
Proverbs 15:1

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 11
8:15 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
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

Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 13
9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
4:15 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room
5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team in the Sanctuary
7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, October 14
6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle to Color Me Mine
5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
6:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, October 15
7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10
6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Friday, October 16
10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in Room 4
10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom
6:45 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, October 17
9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
10:00 A.M. Daisy Troop 306 in the Memorial Room

Sunday, October 18
8:15 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
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
12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Memorial Room

Exodus 32:1-14

1 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the
mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come,
make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man
who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has
become of him.’ **2** Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on
the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to
me.’ **3** So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought
them to Aaron. **4** He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast
an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who
brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ **5** When Aaron saw this, he built
an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow
shall be a festival to the Lord.’ **6** They rose early the next day, and offered
burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat
down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

7 The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you
brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; **8** they have
been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have
cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and
sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you
up out of the land of Egypt!”’ **9** The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this
people, how stiff-necked they are. **10** Now let me alone, so that my wrath
may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will
make a great nation.’

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your
wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of
Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** Why should the
Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them
in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn
from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on
your people. **13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants,
how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply
your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have
promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.”’
14 And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to
bring on his people.

Matthew 22:1-14

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] ‘The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his
son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding
banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying,
“Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my
oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready;
come to the wedding banquet.” [5] But they made light of it and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves,
maltreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was enraged. He sent his
troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said
to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9]
Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the
wedding banquet.” [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered
all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled
with guests.
[11] ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there
who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, “Friend, how
did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless.
[13] Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw
him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.” [14] For many are called, but few are chosen.’