

Celebration of Worship

September 11, 2022

9:30 A.M.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals. Just keep being friendly to that person. Just keep loving them, and they can’t stand it too long. Oh, they react in many ways in the beginning. They react with guilt feelings, and sometimes they’ll hate you a little more at that transition period, but just keep loving them. And by the power of your love they will break down under the load. That’s love, you see. It is redemptive.”

Ringing of the Bell

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Beloved of God, the blistering wind of life is not the end.

People: May the eye of the storm still us into wholeness and hope.

Leader: May the wind of God turn us around toward trust in Holy promises.

People: May our promises to God be pressed anew into our hearts and minds.

Leader: May everything of excess be released and refined for Love’s good work.

People: May God’s vision of a world made new arise from God’s wind in and through us.

Invocation (Remembering 9/11)

Leader: O Holy Wind of God, sweep through our lives. Pause us into your presence, slowing our breathless pace. Refine in us a renewed willingness to bear gracious goodness into the chaos of the world. Let our memories on this day, call forth an alternative to the easy response of violence for violence.

Form instead a steady commitment to return love in the face of fear, hope in the midst of despair, and mercy for every brokenness of the world’s design. By this, form anew the heart and mind of Christ in us, here, now, today.

Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* # 263

Prayer of Confession *based on Psalm 51*

All: O God, have mercy on me because transgressions and wrong turns have too often been my daily detour. Wash me inside and out with the shower of Your love because my life carries a residue of regret I cannot shake loose on my own. I know myself too well, rehearsing littleness of spirit with a frequency surprising even to me. Now take every burden that crushes and form in me a new creation. Take every iniquity and instill Your sweet song of forgiveness. Let Your wisdom rise in my mind and Your mercy in my heart that I may offer the same grace to others whom You also love. By this grace You give, mend not only me, but the world. And may Your loving truth form a new creation in us all.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear this good news: God’s memory of our misdeeds and misdirection is short. But God’s loving grace is long and stretches over our whole lives. In Christ Jesus, God has let loose a stream of love that perpetually flows as a patient, persistent power. By this, God has forgiven us and invites you and me to join in the journey of justice and joy. May this blessed forgiveness multiply itself in our life with others. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

(Children in PreK through 5th Grade are dismissed to the Shine Program)

Passing of the Peace

Hymn *Amazing Grace* # 280

Scripture Readings *Psalm 14:1-7*
Luke 15:1-10

Anthem *I Was Glad* Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

I was glad when they said to 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.

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Sermon

How Good You Have It

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Good News Creed

All: This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day; and that He appeared to the women, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles

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

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

Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *He Leadeth Me*

Benediction

Postlude



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Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise # 263

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light.
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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.

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.

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain: (after each verse)
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me!

And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee since God thru Jordan leadeth me!

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MEMORY VERSE

*"...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."
Ephesians 4:32*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, September 11th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 18th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28</i>	<i>Jeremiah 8:18-9:1</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 14</i>	<i>Psalm 79:1-9</i>
New Testament	<i>1 Timothy 1:12-17</i>	<i>1 Timothy 2:1-7</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 15:1-10</i>	<i>Luke 16:1-13</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming.
2. SUNDAY SERVICES continue to be live-streamed.
You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>
or **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
3. THE FLOWERS on the communion table are given by Nancy Granger and Gayl Galen in loving memory of their friend, Jennifer Booth.
4. THE CHILDREN'S SHINE PROGRAM resumes today. Children will attend worship with their parents until after the Children's Message, after which they will be dismissed to the Shine Program with praise and prayer, Bible stories, music, crafts and outreach projects.
5. CHURCH PARKING LOT – Join us immediately following the service this morning for a short informational meeting on the plan for a renovated parking lot and how you can help make it happen.
6. THE ADULT PROGRAM resumes today with a discussion of the summer reading book, *Faith Unraveled: How a Girl Who Knew All the Answers Learned to Ask Questions* by Rachel Held Evans. We will begin with the Foreword of the book through Part 1 – Habitat. Join others in Room 9/10 following the parking lot presentation for a lively discussion.
7. THE TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY resumes this week at 9:30 with the topic "12 Different Ways to Experience the Bible." All are welcome to join us for singing in the Chapel followed by study and prayer in Room 9/10.
8. SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS - We would like to again offer people an opportunity to place fresh flowers on the communion table on Sunday mornings to honor or celebrate special people or events in their lives. The process, however, is changing as reflected in the steps below. We are asking you to:
 1. Sign up for a date on the Flower Chart located on the board outside the church office
 2. Call in your own order from your place of choice (Florist shop, Wegmans, etc.)
 3. Notify the church office of your desired wording in the Sunday bulletin
 4. Bring your flowers to the church before the service on Sunday morning. If delivery is a problem for you, you can contact Gayl Galen or Georgia Hubbard and they will be glad to help.Sundays when there are no fresh flowers, we have several silk arrangements that will be used.

9. KENYA STUDENTS - During September, we ask those who are willing to make a voluntary donation to fund high school students in Kenya who otherwise would have to end school at 8th grade. We are currently sponsoring 5 students, and hope to sponsor 2 additional students each of the next 2 school years. Thank you to those who donated last September or at other times since then!
10. CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are now Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. The office is closed Mondays and Fridays.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 11

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Parking Lot Informational Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 A.M. Adult Ed. in Room 9/10

Monday, September 12

- 6:30 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10
Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room

Tuesday, September 13

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team in the Social Room
- 7:15 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, September 14

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, September 15

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 1:45 P.M. Adult Ed. Committee at the home of the Saylor's
- 3:30 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, September 16

- 10:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in the Memorial Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, September 17

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, September 18

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 11:00 A.M. Adult Ed. In Room 9/10
- 1:45 P.M. Youth Fellowship to the Fringe Festival
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10