

# Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

9:30 A.M.

**Prelude** *Trumpet Tune* Stanley

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith.

People: **Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us with Resurrection power in all the places of our lives!**

Leader: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

People: **This story of “Alleluia!” means great joy for the One who lives and the ones who witness this new life in all the places of our lives!**

Leader: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit.

People: **Let this same Spirit fill all the places of our lives, that we may know the truth of resurrection for the rest of our lives!**

Leader: We join our hearts in song and sing “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!” for Christ is living and so are we!

People: **Alleluia indeed!**

**Opening Hymn** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

All: **God, we confess to you that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live. We are dragged down by all manner of death –**

**Fear may suffocate us; the loss of dreams and hopes for ourselves, our families, our communities and our nation. Sorrow may wall us off like a grave, isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief...**

*Silence*

**Yet the stories of our faith are inscribed not with the marks of death, but with the word, “Alleluia!”**

**So on this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with “fear and great joy” so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us in your Resurrection! Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Just as Christ did not come to condemn but to liberate, so too is Christ raised from death not to judge but to celebrate. Cast off the yoke of sorrow and instead raise up the scepter of joy – Christ lives! We live! All is made new on this Resurrection morning!

People: **Alleluia and amen!**

**Anthem** *Share the Easter Joy* Patterson  
LeeAnn Daigle

**Scripture Readings** *Colossians 3:1-4*  
*John 20:1-20*

**Response** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* Arr. Pulkingham  
LeeAnn Daigle

**Sermon** *First Words* Rev. Phil Davis

**Offering** Mail in your gifts or look for instructions for online giving in the April *Pathway*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)**

**Closing Hymn** *The Day of Resurrection!*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Hallelujah Chorus* Handel



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us this evening.
2. THE CHURCH OFFICE is being staffed on a limited basis to receive emails (office@websterpres.org, Kboard@websterpres.org) and return your phone messages (585-265-9700). Please check your email regularly for special announcements and prayer requests. If you have not been receiving emails from the church, contact us with your correct email address.
3. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY when the church office is closed, you may contact Barb Hach (746-0764), Elaine Wilbert (503-9141) or Georgia Hubbard (265-1224) for assistance.
4. SUNDAY SERVICES are being live-streamed at the church's Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>) and can be viewed in real time or later at your leisure. We are also live-streaming on Zoom for those who do not have a Facebook account. See the instructions on how to access Zoom in the April *Pathway* which was emailed out to the congregation on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### Easter Sunday

Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 31:1-6</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>
Gospel	<i>John 20:1-18</i>

### Easter Evening

Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 25:6-9</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 114</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 5:6b-8</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 24:13-49</i>

### Next Sunday, April 19

Psalm	<i>Psalm 16</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 2:14a, 36-41</i> <i>I Peter 1:17-23</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 24:13-35</i>

## MEMORY VERSE

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."  
I Peter 4:10*

## Jesus Christ is Risen Today (p. 123, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!  
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!  
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## The Day of Resurrection (p. 118, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.  
Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.



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