

# Celebration of Worship

February 21, 2021

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

**Reflection** *“The question is not whether we will be extremists but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or will we be extremists for love?”*

Martin Luther King, Jr. – Letter from Birmingham City Jail - 1963

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ringling of the Bell

## Call to Worship

Leader: To you, O God, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

**People: O God, we trust unashamedly in you, trusting that you will not be ashamed of us.**

Leader: May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships.

**People: Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Grow us to know your ways more clearly.**

Leader: You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations.

**People: For you we wait.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

## Opening Prayer

**All: As in days of old, Creator God, we come to look for your signs of covenant promises. Like the rainbow days of Noah, we see and know your signs and hear your voice again directing us to places of preparation and transformation in our lives and in our world. Thank you, God, for your covenant signs in this season of Lent. Amen.**

## Hymn

*In Christ Alone*

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, in our daily lives we need the gift of the season of Lent. These forty days can help us restore right relationships with God and with others. This is a fine time to focus, clear our hearts and minds of distraction, and re-orient and restore our whole selves. May God be with us. Let us pray:

**People: Creating and Renewing God, in this Lenten season we each need the opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless. Help us to start over. Re-orient our heads and hearts so that we may fill our whole selves with life-affirming activities and thoughts.**

Moment Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, God hears our prayers and, even in our human frailty, promises to be with us in the wilderness times. Observe, find comfort, and offer with courage to restore and build relationships among God's people. Experience a new and renewed sense of hope. Amen.

## 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.

## Installation of Officers

## Children's Time

## Scripture Readings

*Psalm 25:1-10*

*1 Peter 3: 18-22*

## Special Music

*A Lenten Prayer*

Vocal Ensemble

Robert Powell

## Scripture Reading

*Genesis 9: 8-17*

## Sermon

*God Put a Rainbow In the Sky*

Rev. Phil Davis

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

**Offering** Mail in your gifts or click the WPC website 'Give' button

## 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

## Hymn

*Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days*

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## Benediction

## Postlude

## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my Light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of Love! What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strifings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up fro the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His, and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns, and calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.

As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win;  
O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide,  
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so this life of suffering over past,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today, February 21

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom  
4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Movie Night in the Youth Room

### Monday, February 22

7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

### Tuesday, February 23

10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom  
5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10  
7:00 P.M. Worship and Music Committee on Zoom

### Wednesday, February 24

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant  
7:00 P.M. Learning for a Lifetime DVD Lenten Series on Zoom  
Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, February 25

7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom  
6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
7:00 P.M. Stewardship and Finance Committee on Zoom

### Friday, February 26

10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

### Saturday, February 27

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
Roc Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether by Zoom or in person. Those choosing to attend in person are reminded to make a reservation to attend by calling the church office and speaking to Georgia, or by emailing the church office by noon on Saturday.
2. SUNDAY SERVICES continue to be live-streamed.  
You can watch them live at 9:30 using:  
Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/200521841> The password is **worship**.  
or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>  
Or you can watch them later at your leisure using:  
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>  
or YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
3. THE MARCH *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is today. Please submit articles by email to [office@websterpres.org](mailto:office@websterpres.org).
4. LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME: "Why Easter Matters: The High Cost of Following Christ". This is the first in a four week DVD Lenten series led by dynamic Pastor Andy Stanley. Join us on Zoom this Wednesday night at 7:00 to discover why Easter matters to you as a follower of Jesus Christ.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPczhQbkx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
5. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin a Lenten study this Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> with the "Great I AM'S from the Gospel of John. If you have never experienced a group Bible study, please join us on Tuesday morning at 10:00 on Zoom as we work to deepen our relationship with Jesus the Christ.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82829064485?pwd=aXY5eVITVXpYMTlZEdJaHFGMnA1QT09>
6. ALL ARE INVITED to join a Prayer Group which meets each Saturday morning at 9:00 via Zoom. We share concerns, read the scripture reading for Sunday's service, and then pray for those who have been mentioned. If you have questions, call Barb Hach (872-7418) or Tony Hubbard (265-1224) for more information or join us this Saturday with the Zoom link below.  
<https://zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVF eVB4dz09> The password, if needed, is **worship**.

7. HEART AND HAND is making fleece hats and scarves this month for people who are served by the House of Mercy. Kits for sewing and scarves for cutting fringe are available in the hall outside the Sanctuary. You are welcome to participate.
8. MEALS ON WHEELS has long delivered nutritious meals to residents throughout Monroe and surrounding counties and is one of the ongoing initiatives of the New Beginnings here at WPC. They also provide pet food made available through volunteer donations. If you would like to help with this effort, there is a new container in the Narthex labeled "pet food". Donations will be delivered to those in need in Webster and surrounding areas. Thank you for helping those smallest of God's creatures.

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### MEMORY VERSE

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female,  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*Galatians 3:25*

### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, February 21<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 9:8-17</i>	<i>Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 25: 1-10</i>	<i>Psalms 22: 23-31</i>
New Testament	<i>1 Peter 3: 18-22</i>	<i>Romans 4: 13-25</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 19: 9-15</i>	<i>Mark 8:31-38</i>

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