

# Celebration of Worship

February 28, 2021

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

## Reflection

Max Lucado

*"I Choose Joy...I will invite my God to be the God of circumstances. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God."*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Moment For Mission

## Silent Meditation:

Vaclav Havel

"Hope is a dimension of the spirit. It is not outside us, but within us. When you lose it, you must seek it again within yourself and in people around you – not in objects or even events."

## Ringing of the Bell

## Call to Worship

Leader: "Walk before me, and be blameless," said God to Abram.

**People: "And I shall make my covenant between me and you."**

Leader: Quite openly, we've measured that distance.

**People: Quite openly, we've stayed away.**

Leader: Quite openly, we've distanced ourselves.

**People: Quite openly, we haven't wanted to be closer.**

Leader: Quite openly, we are not blameless.

People: Quite openly, we are here. We are here to open ourselves to our In-between God

Hymn *The Old Rugged Cross* #186

## Prayer of Confession

**All: We are quite open about our successes. We feel free to boast when we have done well, but we are not quite so open when things have gone wrong. We do not praise God anyway. Instead, we recognize the distance between me and you, between you and God, between God and me. Let's be quite open about it as we open ourselves to our Living God in silence. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

## Words of Assurance

Leader: You can look behind. You can search ahead. God will meet you in between. God promises to always be right there. If you believe this to be so, if you believe God is between here and there, between me and you, share that peace with your neighbor.

## 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.

## Children's Time

Scripture Readings *Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16*

*Romans 4: 13-25*

Special Music *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

arranged by Valerie Stephenson

Alleluia Bells

Scripture Reading *Mark 8:31-38*

Sermon *Sacred Thoughts, Holy Thoughts* 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 *In the Cross of Christ* # 84

## Benediction

## Postlude

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## The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

### Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary. Refrain:

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me. Refrain:

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share. Refrain:

## In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time,  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming, light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified,  
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today, February 28

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom  
1:50 P.M. Youth Fellowship to Greystone Snow Tubing

### Monday, March 1

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

### Tuesday, March 2

10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom  
5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10  
6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 454 in the Social Room

### Wednesday, March 3

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, March 4

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

### Friday, March 5

10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

### Saturday, March 6

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

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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 28<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, March 7</u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16</i>	<i>Exodus 10: 1-17</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 22: 23-31</i>	<i>Psalms 19</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 4: 13-25</i>	<i>Corinthians 1: 18-25</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 8:31-38</i>	<i>John 2: 13-22</i>

## 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. LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME: "Why Easter Matters" continues this Wednesday evening at 7:00 with a DVD by Pastor Andy Stanley, followed by discussion. This week we will focus on Judas and his part in the crucifixion story.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPczhQbkx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
4. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues a Lenten study this Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the "Great I Am's" from the Gospel of John. These statements let the world know who Jesus is, what he does and can do. Join us at 10:00 on Zoom as we look at Jesus, "The Light of the World."  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82829064485?pwd=aXY5eVITVXpYMTkLZEEdJaHFGMnA1QT09>
5. 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=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09> The password, if needed, is **worship**.
7. 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.
8. EASTER FLOWERS: The Deacons are now taking orders for Easter flowers. These beautiful blooms will be on display in the sanctuary for our Easter morning worship service. After the service, flowers can be brought home or donated to be shared with our Friends at Home. When purchasing flowers, you may include a dedication that will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Choose from lilies (\$14.50), pink tulips (\$12.00), and pink azaleas (\$21.50). To order, call or email the church office or Janet Chippero (585-233-9514, [chipwebs@rochester.rr.com](mailto:chipwebs@rochester.rr.com)). Please be sure to specify your flower selection, your dedication for the Easter Sunday bulletin, and if you plan to take the flowers home or donate them to our Friends at Home. Payment can be made by sending a check payable to WPC to the church office or on our website by clicking the "Give" button and selecting "Easter Flowers". Please submit your order by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is always a part of the significant, initial response to major disasters and emergencies within the United States. The winter storms that have recently hit Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana are no different. To find out more details, visit their website-

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/winter-storms/>

If you would like to make a donation towards their efforts, make your check out to Webster Presbyterian Church and mark "Disaster Relief" in the memo.