

# Celebration of Worship

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

9:30 A.M.

### Prelude

### Reflection

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*"It's easy to hope when there are evidences all around of how good God is. But to have the audacity to hope when that love is not evident...that is the true test... To take the one string you have left and to have the audacity to hope --- make music and praise God on and on with whatever it is you've got left, even though you can't see what God is going to do."*

From "The Audacity to Hope" by Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.

### Welcome and Announcements

### Ringing of the Bell

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let us gather to worship.

**People: O God, we wish to see Jesus! We come to worship, to pray, and to learn.**

Leader: We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons, in our own life experiences, in helping our world, and in prayers for each other.

**People: We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.**

Leader: We lay bare before God and one another our own wilderness journey filled with some gladness and hope, with reluctance and sorrow, with fear and confusion.

**People: O God, speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!**

Leader: Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus so that we may show Jesus forth in our lives, our faith community, and our world. Amen.

### Invocation

**All: God of the journey, you invite us, the church, "to accept the cost and joy of discipleship" and "to be your servants in the service of others." In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model. May we respond to you in loving faithfulness. Amen.**

Opening Hymn *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

### Prayer of Confession

**All: O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.**

### Assurance of Blessing

Leader: Although he was as we are, Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him." Today, as we come before God confessing our sins, Jesus the high priest is our source of forgiveness. Trust in the word of Christ and be forgiven.

### 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 *Jeremiah 31:31-34*  
*Psalms 51:1-12*

Special Music *O How I Love Jesus* Arr. Brian Childers  
Austin & Riley Hall, Carina Phillips

Scripture Reading *John 12:20-33*

Sermon *This Too Shall Pass*  
Pastor Phil Davis, Sr.

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

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

### Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

Closing Hymn *Oh Jesus, I Have Promised* # 388

### Benediction

Postlude *Sonata for Alto Sax in B Flat* J.F. Fasch

## Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

## O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end.  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within,  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end.  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

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## MEMORY VERSE

*Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.  
Ephesians 4:32*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today, March 21 - April Pathway Deadline

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom  
10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel  
4:00 P.M. Youth quadcopters and airplanes in the Social Room

### Monday, March 22

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

### Tuesday, March 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 & Music Committee on Zoom

### Wednesday, March 24

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant  
7:00 P.M. Congregational Conversation on Zoom  
Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, March 25

7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom  
6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
6:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 366 in the Social Room  
7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee on Zoom

### Friday, March 19

10:30 A.M. Heart & Hand on Zoom  
Book Study on Zoom

### Saturday, March 20

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

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### Today, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 51:1-12; 119:9-16</i>
New Testament	<i>Hebrews 5:5-10</i>
Gospel	<i>John 12:20-33</i>

### Next Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

	<u>Palms</u>	<u>Passion</u>
Old Testament		<i>Isaiah 50:5-9a</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</i>	<i>Psalm 31:9-16</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 11:1-11 &amp; John 12:2-16</i>	<i>Mark 15:1-47</i>
New Testament		<i>Philippines 2:5-11</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. NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY. More and more church members have been vaccinated and are worshipping with us in person on Sunday morning. All safety protocols are being observed. If you feel comfortable, we would love to have you join us!
4. WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME offering this week is hosted by the HRSC (Healing and Reconciliation Steering Committee) at 7:00 via ZOOM. We have entitled our offering, "God's Healing of Our Wounds and Scars," based on a podcast entitled, "Healing Past Wounds and Forgiving Present Scars." Here are the questions we will be asking you to consider for reflection and optional sharing:
  - (1. What past experience, trial, hurtful word, or person is still harmfully affecting your life today?
  - (2. Where do you need to cry out in anger or frustration over a wound?
  - (3. Where do you need the Holy Spirit to come and speak healing over you?Please join us in this opportunity for fellowship.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPczhQbKx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
5. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues a Lenten study this Tuesday with the "Great I Am's" from the Gospel of John, statements letting the world know who Jesus is, what he does and can do. Join us at 10:00 on Zoom to look at Jesus, "The Way, the Truth and the Life."
6. EASTER FLOWERS: ORDER BY THIS THURSDAY !! The Deacons are taking orders for Easter flowers to 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."
7. THE APRIL *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is today. Articles can be submitted to the church office by email at [office@websterpres.org](mailto:office@websterpres.org).
8. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING COLLECTIONS continue. For over 70 years this special offering has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The 3 programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing –  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,  
The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and  
Self-Development of People –  
All work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Donations for this special offering will be accepted by our church through April 4. To contribute, send a check to WPC with OGHS written in the memo, or go to the church website and choose "Give" on the top right, and then under "fund" choose OGHS.

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