

# Celebration of Worship

March 7, 2021

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

## Reflection

*Rachel Held Evans*

*“Faith isn’t about having everything figured out ahead of time;  
Faith is about following the quiet voice of God  
without having everything figured out ahead of time.”*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ringling of the Bell

## Call to Worship

Leader: O God of all ages and all generations, we come to worship you.

**People: Women, men, youth and children bow before you, the only wise God.**

Leader: Our foreparents led the way for spiritual awareness and growth.

**People: We try to follow in their footsteps, recognizing you as God of all.**

Leader: As we worship you, all your attributes of glory, mercy and love show forth.

**People: We humble ourselves in your holy presence because you are awesome.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**Opening Hymn**      *All Beautiful the March of Days*      # 293

## Prayer of Confession

**All: In this season of Lent we reflect on those things that lead us away from the life we desire. We focus on whatever we do that oppresses and enslaves others who, like us, are created in the image of the divine. And now we seek the grace that frees us to live in faithfulness to holy love. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

Leader: The God who brought the Israelites out of Egypt is the power that frees us from our sin. Live in the grace of God’s love as you walk in the way of Jesus and surely you shall find mercy at the end of that road. Amen.

## Gloria Patri

## Children’s Time

## Scripture Readings

*Exodus 20:1-17*

*I Corinthians 1:18-25*

## Special Music

*I Remember Sky*  
Kathy Barbehenn - Soloist

Stephen Sondheim

## Scripture Reading

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## Sermon

*Blessings*

Rev. Betsy Crumity

## 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

### Service of Communion

Minister: God sent the world God’s only Son. Since God loved us so much, we too should love one another.

**People: Let us love one another, since love comes from God.**

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give thanks and praise to the Lord. God of all, we thank you for life and breath, for your created world, for the gifts of mutual love, witness and worship. Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God most high!**

## The Words of Institution

## Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

Minister: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, You proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

**People: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**      *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

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## Benediction

## Postlude

## All Beautiful the March of Days

All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go;  
 The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow;  
 Hath sent the hoary frost of heaven, the flowing waters sealed,  
 And laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.

O'er white expanses sparkling pure the radiant morns unfold.  
 The solemn splendors of the night burn brighter through the cold.  
 Life mounts in every throbbing vein; love deepens round the hearts,  
 And clearer sounds the angel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."

O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows;  
 Thyself the vision passing by in crystal and in rose.  
 Day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim  
 In ever-changing words of light the wonder of Thy name.

## 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.

## Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
 O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!  
 Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live; myself to Thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell but Thy pure love alone.  
 O may Thy love possess me whole; my joy, my treasure and my crown!  
 All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is Thy way! All fear before Thy presence flies.  
 Care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er Thy healing beams arise.  
 O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire or seek but Thee.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today, March 7 - Communion

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 Fellowship Game in the Youth Room

### Monday, March 8

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

### Tuesday, March 9

10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom  
 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10  
 7:00 P.M. Adult Ed. Committee on Zoom  
 7:15 P.M. Trustee Meeting In Room 9/10

### Wednesday, March 10

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant  
 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle on Zoom  
 7:00 P.M. Learning for a Lifetime DVD Lenten Series on Zoom  
 Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, March 11

7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom  
 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting in the Memorial Room  
 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room  
 Girl Scout Troop 366 in the Social Room

### Friday, March 12

10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom

### Saturday, March 13

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

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## MEMORY VERSE

*Ephesians 4:32*

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

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, March 7<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 10: 1-17</i>	<i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 19</i>	<i>Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22</i>
New Testament	<i>Corinthians 1: 18-25</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i>
Gospel	<i>John 2: 13-22</i>	<i>John 3:14-21</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 two criminals to be crucified beside Jesus and their part in the crucifixion story.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPczhQbkx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
4. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues a Lenten study this Tuesday 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 Gate and the Good Shepherd."
5. EASTER FLOWERS: The Deacons are now taking orders for Easter flowers for 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>.
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=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09> The password, if needed, is **worship**.
7. 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.
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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