

Celebration of Worship

April 11, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Reflection

Romans 8:37-39

"... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: At the beginning of the day, at the beginning of the week, the faithful yet fearful people gathered together. It was then that the Spirit of God came among them and whispered:

People: Peace be with you.

Leader: Their hearts skipped a beat as they double-checked that the lock on the front door was still latched. So the Presence of God spoke a little louder:

People: Peace be with you.

Leader: They looked around at each other, puzzled, amazed, befuddled, and bewildered. Some smiled. Some doubted. Some wondered if it was just too magical-sounding or too good to be true. So the Christ showed them that his own scars were not the end of the story, and that is when the words of God began to feel joyous:

People: Peace be with you.

Leader: From that day on, the people of God repeated the words to one another when they gathered. From one generation to the next, they exchanged the words as a greeting to one another to remember that Holy interruption to fear:

People: Peace be with you.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Alive!

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God, our confession is not news to you, but again we say it aloud, trusting that you will help us find a way forward. You know we have doubts and you know our doubts are not like those of Thomas. We doubt that the peace you offer is really possible because our own minds are a mess of thoughts. We doubt that new life is possible because the wounds we bear are still overwhelming. We doubt that You really intended to call us when You called the disciples to be of service in creating a new way of being in the world. We hear the age-old stories, but we are filled with doubts about ourselves, and if we are honest, doubts about your Holy possibilities. Almighty God, in these next moments of stillness, hear our doubts and settle our hearts, souls and minds...

A moment of silence

Assurance of Grace

Leader: In the midst of the disciples' doubts and worries, in the midst of their fear, the Spirit of God came among them and whispered, "Peace be with you." Beloved People of God, hear the holy invitation of grace offered to every generation. Peace be with you. You are God's beloveds, not because of what you have done or not done. You are God's beloveds because of who you are, and who you are is a people called and gifted to be a presence of peace and love in this world. Your shortcomings are forgiven. Grace abounds. God calls to you. Peace be with you.

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

John 20:19-31

Acts 4:32-35

Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Scripture Reading *Deuteronomy 15:10-11*

Matthew 25:31-40

Sermon *"No One Ever Became Poor by Giving"* Anne Frank
Rev. Katis Jo Suddaby

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

Closing Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* # 422

Benediction

Postlude

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Christ Is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and live where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God whose giving knows no ending from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise.
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure too You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

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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 for the first time are asked to make a reservation to attend by calling or 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. WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME offering will be the Creeds of the Early Church. We will look at the familiar Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, why these creeds were written and the theological position of each. Join us at 7:00 on Zoom.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPczhQbkx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
4. HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP - Volunteers Needed! - Our semi-annual "Adopt-a-Highway" cleaning of Route 250 between Klem and Lake Roads is on Saturday, April 24th, at 10:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to help collect debris in this opportunity to minister in our neighborhood. The clean-up should be accomplished in less than two hours and first-time participants are encouraged. Needed tools and supplies are provided. Please contact Mark Pipal (787-4301 or pipalmw@yahoo.com) to volunteer.
5. THE EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS ASSOCIATION provides food security and other assistance to low income workers in the Rochester area. In 2019, the WPC Summer Mission Project collected over \$10,000 toward their food delivery vehicle maintenance and replacement. Additional funds have been secured from outside sources so that ESWA is close to their goal of purchasing a new vehicle. The Mission Committee has re-opened the 2019 Summer Mission Fund from April 11-25 to help complete their fundraising. If WPC or community members would like to contribute, checks may be made payable to Webster Presbyterian Church with "ESWA new vehicle" on the memo line.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, April 11th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, April 18th</u>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 133</i>	<i>Psalm 4</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 4:32-35</i> <i>I John 1:1 – 2:2</i>	<i>Acts 3:12-19</i> <i>I John 3:1-7</i>
Gospel	<i>John 20:19-31</i>	<i>Luke 24:36b-48</i>

MEMORY VERSE

*If you forgive others their sin,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

Matthew 6:14

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, April 11

- 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 in the Social Room

Monday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 13

- 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
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Ed. Committee on Zoom
- 7:15 P.M. Trustees Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, April 14

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Ed. DVD on Zoom
Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, April 15

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:15 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Book Study in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 366 in the Social Room

Friday, April 16

- 9:30 A.M. Heart and Hand on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, April 17

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