

Celebration of Worship

April 18, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Reflection

Pope John Paul II

“There is a growing threat to the environment, to the vegetation, animals, water and air. Sacred Scripture hands us the image of Cain who rejects his responsibility: ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’ The Bible shows the human person as his brother’s keeper and the guardian of creation which has been entrusted to him.”

Reminder - Earth Day is April 22nd

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is Risen and greets us with peace.

People: The peace of Christ is among us indeed!

Leader: We are witnesses of God’s glory and steadfast love.

People: The transforming love of Christ is among us indeed!

Leader: Come, let us worship.

Invocation

Leader: God of love and light, we come as witnesses of your glory and faithfulness, amazed to discover your transformative love. God, we desire for you to abide within us, and for your grace to be revealed anew daily.

People: Be with us and awaken within us the call to love one another in the way it was made real through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* # 106

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Ever-present God, forgive us when we stand in disbelief, and comfort us when our fears outweigh your peace. God, forgive us when we become too busy to pray. Help us when we fail to see our neighbors in need. Abiding God, forgive us when we are overwhelmed with bad news and shut down completely.

People: In these times, remind us that we are called to be your love-lived, your faithful witnesses, and your humble servants. Help us to wake up to the work of love and to your renewing strength each day, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

People: O God, hear our prayers of repentance and forgiveness, and awaken us from doubt, disbelief, and distress by transforming us into your resurrection joy! God, we desire for your loving spirit to be among us, to comfort us in our fears, and to renew our faith. 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.

Children’s Time

Special Music *Joyful, Joyful, Jubilate* Michael Jochen
Choir Ensemble

Scripture Readings *Psalms 4:1-8*
Luke 24:36b-48

Hymn *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* # 310

Scripture Reading *Acts 3:12-19*

Sermon *Repent*
Rev. 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 *Because He Lives*

Benediction

Postlude

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Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain

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, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast,
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find! Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show
The love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Because He Lives

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;

He came to love, heal and forgive.

He lived and died to buy my pardon,

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: (following each verse)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;

Because he lives all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living, just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby

And feel the pride and joy he gives.

But greater still the calm assurance

This child can face uncertain days because He lives. Refrain

And then one day I'll cross the river;

I'll fight life's final war with pain,

And then as death gives way to victory,

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. Refrain

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, April 18th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, April 25th</u>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 4</i>	<i>Psalm 23</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 3:12-19</i> <i>I John 3:1-7</i>	<i>Acts 4:5-12</i> <i>I John 3:16-24</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 24:36b-48</i>	<i>John 10:11-18</i>

MEMORY VERSE

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

Matthew 6:14

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. THE SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM needs additional friends to help out with the virtual Sunday services. Training is easy and available. Please see Alissa Mayer or Todd Fargo if you are willing to be part of the effort to keep the Zoom worship services continuing.
4. THE APRIL *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is this Tuesday, April 20th. Please submit articles to ghubbard@websterpres.org or bring paper copies to the church office.
5. WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME will feature speaker Jennifer Cate, Executive Director of Hands Along the Nile, an organization committed to building bridges between the people of Egypt and the US. HANDS helps support Egyptians in their effort to raise the quality of life for the under-served members of their society. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5123370883?pwd=amEybzBPczhQbKx4c1N5TW9uVzF1Zz09>
6. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for every Wednesday evening in May to attend the Learning for a Lifetime/Adult Ed on Zoom. Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald will conduct a series of four, one-hour sessions on Healthy Boundaries Training. All are encouraged to participate.
7. HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP - Please consider volunteering! - Our semi-annual "Adopt-a-Highway" cleaning of Route 250 between Klem and Lake Roads is this Saturday, April 24th, at 10:00 AM. WPC has "adopted" this section of Rt. 250 for over a decade, but for this ministry to continue more volunteers are needed. The clean-up will be accomplished in well less than two hours with sufficient participants. Needed tools and supplies are provided. Please contact Mark Pipal (787-4301 or pipalmw@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

8. 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 reopened 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.
9. HEART & HAND is currently sewing pillowcases for The Open Door Mission's Coldwater House, which provides temporary shelter for homeless women and children. If you are interested in helping, you may pick up as many kits as you would like to sew from the baskets in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, April 18

- 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 Acts of Kindness around Town

Monday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 20 - *Pathway* Deadline

- 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, April 21

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Ed. Hands Across the Nile Speaker on Zoom
Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, April 22

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:15 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 24

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
Roc Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. Highway Clean-up of Route 250