

Celebration of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude

Meditation

Simone Weil

“Human beings are so made that the ones who do the crushing feel nothing; it is the person crushed who feels what is happening. Unless one has placed oneself on the side of the oppressed, to feel with them, one cannot understand.”

Welcome, Announcements and Moment for Mission

Ring of the Bell

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who experience the grace of God,

People: Who find forgiveness and mercy from the Holy One.

Leader: Happy are those who experience the steadfast love of God,

People: Who find peace even in times of trial.

Leader: Happy are those who experience rest in God,

People: Who find sabbath to renew their spirit.

Invocation

Leader: Eternal God, after times of broken relationships, painful injustices, and feeling deserted, we enter this season yearning for restoration and your comforting grace. In this time of wilderness and reflection, we evaluate the relationships between us and our neighbors. Fill our weary souls with hope. Lead us on roads of renewal and focus our minds as we consider the work you have called us to. Amen.

Hymn

How Blest Are Those – Psalm 32

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Prayer of Reflection and Growth

All: Eternal God, there are moments when our decisions do not take into consideration the well-being of our neighbors. There are times when our reactions turn inward instead of building healthy reconciliation. How is it that we are holding back our neighbor's rebirth? How are our implicit and explicit biases restricting God's grace and radical love? How do our actions and biases impede our own spiritual growth? **Urge us to be life-giving agents of your love. May each of our steps be healing, not only to us, but to all our brothers and sisters on the journey. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Leader: God, our Divine Parent, runs toward us with infinite love and grace. May the mercy we experience transform our minds, hearts and souls. May we extend God's grace.

Gloria Patri

A Social Distant Passing of the Peace

(Children in PreK through 5th Grade are dismissed to the Shine Program)

Hymn

God of the Sparrow

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Scripture Readings

Psalm 32
II Corinthians 5:16-21

Anthem

The Passion Prophecy
Alleluia Bells

Cathy Moglebust

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:
Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:4-5 (KJV)

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon

“Growing, Learning and Loving”
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Prayers of the People

Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Offering Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors,
mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website 'Give' button

Doxology

Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* # 85

Benediction

Postlude

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MEMORY VERSE

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers, neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation will be able to
separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:38-39*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, March 27th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, April 3</u>
Old Testament	<i>Joshua 5:9-12</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:16-21</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 32</i>	<i>Psalms 126</i>
New Testament	<i>II Corinthians 5:16-21</i>	<i>Philippians 3:4b-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</i>	<i>John 12:1-8</i>

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Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

How Blest Are Those

How blest are those whose great sin has freely been forgiven,
Whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.
Blest those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin,
Whose guilt has been forgiven, whose heart is true again.

While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent with grief.
Your hand was heavy on me; my life found no relief.
But when I made confession and hid no sin from You,
When I revealed my own guilt, You gave me life anew.

So let the godly seek You, when troubling times are near.
No storm or flood shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
In You, O Lord, I hide me; You save me from all ill,
And songs of Your salvation my heart with rapture fill.

"I graciously will teach you the way that you should go,
And with My eye upon you, My counsel you shall know.
But be not then unruly or slow to understand;
Be not perverse, but willing to heed My wise command."

The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound,
But those who trust our own God great mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful, in song lift up your voice;
Be glad in God, you righteous; rejoice, O saints, rejoice.

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.

God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say "Awe"; How does the creature say "Praise".

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,
How does the creature cry "Woe"; How does the creature cry "Save".

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say "Grace"; How does the creature say "Thanks".

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,
How does the creature say "Care"; How does the creature say "Life".

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,
How does the creature say "Love"; How does the creature say "Peace".

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,
How do your children say "Joy"; How do your children say "Home".

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.

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by Live Streaming.
2. SUNDAY SERVICES continue to be live-streamed. You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>
or **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
3. SERVICE GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP – Masks are now optional in the church building.
4. ADULT ED. - Join us following the worship service in Room 9/10 as we continue the DVD Lenten series “Final Words from the Cross,” narrated by Adam Hamilton, examining Christ’s dying hours and his final words “My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”
5. EASTER FLOWER ORDERS are now being taken by the Deacons. Choose from lilies (\$18.00), yellow tulips (\$14.00) and pink azaleas (\$21.50). The flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter morning and can be in honor or memory of a loved one. Flowers can be taken home after the service or you may choose to donate them to our Friends at Home. To place your order, see Sue Wroblewski in the Narthex before or after the service today or the next 2 Sundays, or contact Sue (sue.wroblewski@icloud.com, 545-4807), or the church office. The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 4th.
6. ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX, there is an opportunity to share Words of Hope for this Lenten season. Please take a moment to stop and share your Words of Hope and see the thoughts of others.
7. THERE IS AN ENORMOUS NEED for relief for Ukrainians due to the war there. If you would like to voluntarily contribute to these efforts, please make your check or other donation payable to WPC and designate it for Ukraine. We will forward all donations received to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, who is already supporting churches and other organizations that they partner with in Ukraine and refugees in other countries.
8. HEART AND HAND KITS for sewing children's surgery caps for Galisano Children's Hospital are available on a table across the hall from the church office. These are quite easy to complete with one circular edge hem and insertion of elastic. Thank you for any help you can provide."

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 27

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Lenten Series in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Social Room

Monday, March 28

- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Youth Room
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, March 29

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, March 30

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

Thursday, March 31

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, April 1

- 10:00 A.M. FNO Practice in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Faith & Friendship Group on Zoom

Saturday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 3

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Lenten Series in Room 9/10
- 3:00 P.M. Youth to Greater Rochester Peep Show