

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *The Third Sunday of Easter*

May 1, 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**                      *Sonata No. 4 – Allegretto*                      Mendelssohn

### **Meditation**

“Dignified or not, believable or not, ours is a God perpetually on bended knee, doing everything it takes to convince stubborn and petulant children that they are seen and loved. It is no more beneath God to speak to us using poetry, proverb, letters, and legend than it is for a mother to read storybooks to her daughter at bedtime. This is who God is. This is what God does.”

Rachel Held Evans,

*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again*

### **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: Eternal God, we know you are

**People: Our ever-present help.**

Leader: In our emptiness

**People: You remind us of Your presence.**

Leader: In Your abundance

**People: You remind us You are here.**

Leader: With a love that conquers death,

**People: You remind us we are Yours.**

Leader: Holy! Holy! Holy!

**People: To the Ever-Present One**

**All: Amen.**

### **Invocation**

Leader: Eternal God, we gather today to give You thanks and to praise Your greatness. We praise You for Your mighty works and wonderful deeds. We gather seeking Your wisdom. We gather thankful for Your grace. Guide our hearts and minds and bless us to worship in spirit and in truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn**                                      *Christ, Be Our Light*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Eternal God, forgive us. We have not loved ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors. We have not followed in Your ways. We have rebelled against your love. Forgive us; engage us; reshape our imaginations. Trade our complacency for Your courage, our pettiness for Your possibility; our greed for Your goodness; our aimlessness for Your adventure; our lives for Your love.**

Moment of Silence

### **Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Open your hearts. Hear the good news. God has not abandoned us. God has not sent us out to find our own way. God is with us, all around us, at work within us. You are welcomed into the grace, mercy and forgiveness of the God who created our lives and everything about us.

**People: Glory to God, who has given us life.**

**All: Amen.**

### **Gloria Patri**

### **Passing of the Peace**

(Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed to the Shine Program)

**Hymn**                                      *Jesus Calls us*

**Scripture Readings**                      *John 21:1-19*  
*Revelation 5:11-14*

**Special Music**                                      *Feed My Sheep*                                      Natalie Sleeth  
Chancel Choir

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;  
In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.  
When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.  
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.  
Unto all who lose the way hope and comfort be.  
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

**Scripture**                                      *Acts 9:1-20*

**Sermon**                                      *“So – You May Regain Your Sight”*  
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

## Prayers of the People and 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 and Blessing of the Offering

#### Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### Invitation to the Table

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

#### Prayer

#### Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

#### The Words of the Institution

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup You proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say

**People: Amen, Amen, and Amen.**

Hymn *More Love to Thee, O Christ* # 359

#### Benediction

Postlude *Lift Every Voice* Sarah White

## 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.

## Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

## 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.

## Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea.  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us, by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

## 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.

## More Love to Thee, O Christ

More love to Thee, O Christ; more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.  
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise.  
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise.  
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

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## MEMORY VERSE

*"For the Spirit God gave does not make us timid,  
but gives us power, love and self-discipline."*

*II Timothy 1:7*

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, May 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 61:1-3</i>	<i>Isaiah 53:1-6</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 30</i>	<i>Psalm 114</i>
New Testament	<i>Revelation 5:11-14</i>	<i>Revelation 7:9-17</i>
Gospel	<i>John 21:1-19</i>	<i>John 10:22-30</i>

## 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. ADULT ED. - Following worship at 10:45 in the Sanctuary  
Today - A sermon talk-back with Pastor Phil.  
Next Sunday - Rev. Joy Bergfalk from Coffee Connection, a not-to-profit organization that serves women who have been incarcerated, abused or homeless, will speak on how this organization empowers women on their journey to sustainable recovery. Through counseling and training, these women are able to find jobs in the CC shops that sell fair trade and organically grown coffee. There will be a display of the coffee items for sale in the Narthex.
4. A LIFESPAN SPOKESPERSON will be presenting a program about scams and how to recognize and deal with them. All are welcome to join us in the Social Room on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to the church office or Sue Wroblewski (545-4807) by May 11<sup>th</sup> so a chair can be reserved for you.
5. YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY is coming up on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This is when gifts made in honor or remembrance of someone who has helped us in our Christian walk will be dedicated. These gifts to the WPC Endowment Fund may be made from now through May 10<sup>th</sup> using envelopes in the chair racks or by sending the contribution to the church office noting to whom it is in honor.
6. CLOTHES FOR CAMERON are now being collected. Gently used and new summer clothing for men, women and children can be placed in collection boxes located in the Narthex and upper hallway. The greatest needs are for men's casual clothing, women's dressy and casual clothing, and children's casual clothing. Please do NOT donate any winter clothing or men's dress clothing.
7. DO YOU HAVE A GENTLY USED PURSE or DRAWSTRING BAG that you are no longer using? Youth Fellowship is asking you to extend hope by filling it with personal care items such as hand cream, hand sanitizer, lip balm, facial moisturizer, notebook, pens, hairbrush/comb, tissues, deodorant, tooth brush/paste, floss, soap, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene products, nail kit, first aid kit, socks, gloves, hat. There will be a collection bin in the Narthex for the month of May.

**CHURCH WORDAY is MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>** Mark your calendars and join us !

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 1

- 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. Sermon Talk-back in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

### Monday, May 2

- 6:30 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10 and on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

### Tuesday, May 3

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 454 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

### Wednesday, May 4

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

### Thursday, May 5

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells in the Sanctuary

### Friday, May 6

- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Study on Zoom

### Saturday, May 7

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 P.M. Cub Pack 474 in the Social Room

### Sunday, May 8

- 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. Coffee Connection Speaker in the Sanctuary

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