

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

9:30 A.M.

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

Prelude *Pie Jesu* Fauré

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna! Rejoice, for the Lord is in our midst.

Leader: He comes with joy and hope.

People: He comes to set us free from fear.

Leader: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. Amen.

Invocation

All: With great joy we welcome You, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear Your words as we sing praise to You. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. Amen.

Hymn *All Glory, Laud and Honor* # 88

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, we confess that when we started this journey, it seemed like a fun idea. Walk the road with Jesus, we thought. But the journey has had many difficult times when our spirits have been challenged and tried. We have come to the time of entrance into the Holy City. We want everything to be wonderful, for You to conquer all those things that threaten us and our peace. We want You to do what we direct. Forgive us, Lord, when we place our fears and ignorance before Your love. Help us to look again at the many ways in which we can be a blessing to others, through serving them and you. Release us from our panic and mistrust and help us to place our lives solely in Your hands. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Rejoice, the Lord has come into your presence. You are the beloved ones of God. Know that God walks with you through this parade and time of celebration and in all the times ahead. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Blessing of the Palms

All: Eternal God, thank you for sending Your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this day stands for – the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings. "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." Amen.

Sharing the Palms and Passing of the Peace of God

Scripture Readings *Philippians 2:5-11*
Matthew 27:11-54

Anthem *The Power of the Cross* arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the power of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.
Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry.
O to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Scripture Reading *Matthew 21:1-11*

Sermon *"What Has Jesus Done?"* 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

Hymn *We Come as Guests Invited* # 517

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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

(A gluten-free option is available upon request to the server.)

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.

People: Amen, Amen and Amen.

Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* # 89

Benediction

Postlude *Litanies* Alain

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Interim Pastor
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.



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.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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Refrain: (sung after each verse)

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
 To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
 Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
 Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
 Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

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.

We Come as Guests Invited

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We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
 His friends on earth united to share the bread and wine.
 The bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured
 For us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
 And in our hearts believing on Him by faith we feed.
 With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
 We find in Jesus living our ever-present Friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
 Our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
 Renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
 The pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

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.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
 Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
 To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
 The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
 The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
 The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
 Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.
 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
 For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
 O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
 And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

Today, April 2nd

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Palms

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

New Testament

Matthew 21:1-11

Passion

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

New Testament

Philippians 2:5-11

Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Matthew 28:1-10

MEMORY VERSE

*He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.
 Come and see the place where He lay.
 Matthew 28:6*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday - Communion

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Palm Sunday Brunch in the Social Room
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Activity in the Kitchen

Monday, April 3

- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10 and on Zoom

Tuesday, April 4

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 90 in the Social Room

Wednesday, April 5

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant

Thursday, April 6 - Communion

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed

Friday, April 7

Labrinth in the Social Room

- 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary and & Live-streamed

Saturday, April 8

Labrinth in the Social Room

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday - Communion

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

In the Sanctuary and Livestreamed

Maundy Thursday

April 6th at 7 pm

Good Friday

April 7th at 7 pm

Easter Sunday

April 9th at 9:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. 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/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing.
2. A PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be held in the Social Room today following the worship service. Food and beverages are being provided by Rachel Circle. All are welcome to attend.
3. FROM THE SPIRITUAL NURTURE COMMITTEE: The Labyrinth that was in the Social Room on Ash Wednesday will be there again from Maundy Thursday, April 6th, through Easter, April 9th. You may come anytime and walk it in silence with whomever else may be walking. Quiet your mind and prepare your heart for the glory of Easter. Another opportunity will take place on Holy Saturday, April 8th, at 9:00 A.M., via Zoom. We will observe silent, contemplative prayer for 30 minutes. Use the link below, or watch for it in this week's email.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZlS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09>
4. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - During Lent we are participating in the PCUSA special offering One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). This offering helps with disaster assistance, hunger insecurity, and self-development of people in the US and worldwide. Please use the offering envelopes in the chair racks or donate using the "Give" tab on the church Web site. More information about this program can be found at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>.
5. HOPE HOUSE is in constant need of food. Items on their wish list include canned or bottled fruit juice, applesauce, tuna, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Kleenex, shampoo, body wash and toddler underwear. A collection container is located in the upper Narthex.