

Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

Rachel Held Evans

“The apostles remembered what many modern Christians tend to forget – that what makes the gospel isn’t who it keeps out, but who it lets in.”

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

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: God of sea and sky, you keep the earth flourishing.

People: We come before You weary from traveling through barren lands.

Leader: Mighty God, You give water that sustains body and spirit.

People: You quench our thirst; You satisfy us when we need.

Leader: Miracle Worker, You caused a rock to crack and bring forth water.

People: Crack our hearts open and let Your love flow from them like a spring.

Invocation

All: Holy One, we are thankful for who You are and all that You are. Your presence is desired here. We take joy in knowing that You are as close to us as our next breath. We thirst for You. May we be filled to overflowing with Your love. Amen.

Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* # 288

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Enduring Presence, we confess that sometimes we question if You are among us or not. Sometimes we quarrel with You when we are tested. These are the moments when our outlook needs transformation. You are gracious in looking beyond our faults to see our needs and meet them. Thank you for Your immeasurable grace. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Words of Grace

Leader: New mercies are granted daily, and every day we have an opportunity to be changed forever and for good. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Passing of the Peace of God

Hymn

I Am Thine, O Lord

Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

Psalm 95:1-2

Anthem

Lord, Make Us Worthy

Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

Blessed by His coming, touched by His birth, graced by His glory, here on the earth, Fed by His wisdom, all who believe: Lord, make us worthy such gifts to receive.

Spared by his mercy, healed by His skill, saved by His sorrow, bound by his will, Raised by His power, all who believe: Lord, make us worthy such gifts to receive.

Sent by the Father, humbly He came. Master and Savior, Him we proclaim. All who have found Him, now as before, offer him honor and praise evermore.

Led by His Spirit, claimed by His love, filled with His promise, Word from above, Called to his service, all who believe: Lord, make us worthy, each of us worthy, Lord, make us worthy such blessings to receive. Amen.

Scripture Reading *John 4:5-26*

Sermon “*Satisfaction – To Quench Your Thirst*” Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Affirmation of Faith

All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* # 303

Benediction

Postlude * * * * *

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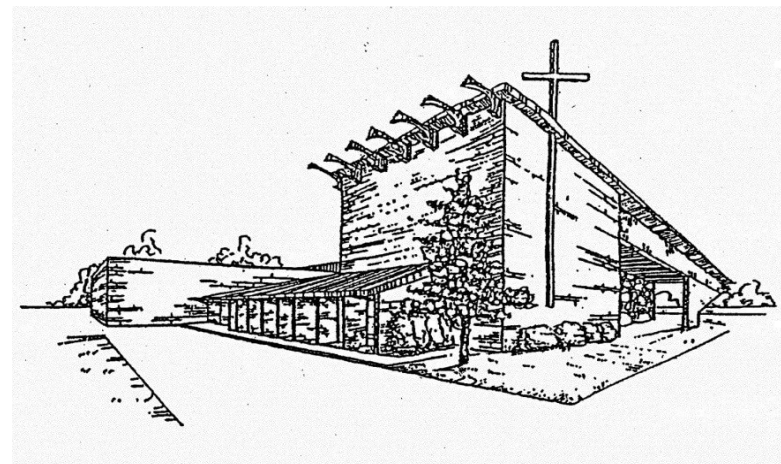
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welcoming all.*

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.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God #288

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.
I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eyes,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!
There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

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.

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, March 12th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, March 19th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>	<i>I Samuel 16:1-13</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 95</i>	<i>Psalms 23</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 5:1-11</i>	<i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i>
Gospel	<i>John 4:5-42</i>	<i>John 9:1-41</i>

MEMORY VERSE

*So do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10*

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice and it told Thy love to me,
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.
Refrain: (sung after each verse)
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord to Thy precious bleeding side.
Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine.
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine.
O, the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with
friend.
There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.

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, Lover of My Soul # 303

Jesus lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!
Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee.
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed; all my help from Thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.
Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just the holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of Thee.
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12

- 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. Adult Ed. DVD Lenten Series in Room 9/10 & on Zoom
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

Monday, March 13

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, March 14

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Leaders in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, March 15

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 3:30 P.M. Alzheimer's Association in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, March 16

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group Meeting on Zoom
- 3:30 P.M. Book Club in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Bell Quartet Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop in the Social Room

Friday, March 17

- 10:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
Heart & Hand in the Memorial Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

- 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. Adult Ed. DVD Lenten Series in Room 9/10 & on Zoom
- 12:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Maple Weekend Outing
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in Room 9/10

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 acknowledgment 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. ADULT ED. - Following worship at 10:45 in Room 9/10 and on Zoom Today through March 26th - Join us for "Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today", a DVD series narrated by Adam Hamilton. This week we will look at the fifth and sixth commandments and the themes "A Question of Honor" and "The Tragedy of Violence, the Beauty of Mercy". The Zoom link is:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUIkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>
3. EASTER FLOWERS - The Deacons are taking orders this Sunday and next for Easter flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then either taken home or donated to our Friends at Home. Visit the table in the Narthex or contact Sue Wroblewski (545-4807; sue.wroblewski@cloud.com) or call the church office to choose from: Lilies (\$18), Yellow tulips (\$14) and Pink azaleas (\$21.50). When purchasing flowers, you may include a dedication that will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please make checks out to Presbyterian Women with "Flowers" in the memo line. Order deadline is March 23rd.
4. AN PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be held in the Social Room on April 2nd after the worship service. Food and beverages will be provided by Rachel Circle. Sign-ups begin in the Narthex today, or call the church office (265-9700). All are welcome to join us for this special fellowship time as a church family.
5. PLEASE NOTICE that there are incubator cover kits with instructions included for interested volunteers to sew on the Heart & Hand table in the hallway outside the church office. Those interested are welcome to join Heart in Hand in person this Friday at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Room. Whether you sew or not; there are plenty of jobs to help complete the current ongoing projects.
6. 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, and there will be a drive-through food drive (no clothes, please) on March 25th, 10 to noon.