

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 26, 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**

Anne Lamott

"I do not at all understand the mystery of grace – only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us."

**Ringling of the Bell**

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Breath of Life, You animate us.

**People: We come before You seeking revival from within.**

Leader: Holy One, when You speak, great things happen.

**People: Empower us to make great things happen.**

Leader: Matchless One, You bring good things to life.

**People: We desire to bring good things to life too.**

**Invocation**

**All: Life Giver, come and revive us again. Indwell us with Your spirit and let our souls awake to joy. We come boldly that You might breathe on us. May what we experience with You today change us forever and for the better. Amen.**

**Hymn** *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* # 325

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**All: Mender of Hearts, we confess that sometimes in our brokenness, we cause brokenness in others. Sometimes in our woundedness, we wound others. In these despairing moments, we need healing and restoration. We give thanks that we are never beyond Your reach or grace. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

**Words of Grace**

Leader: God's mercy makes wholeness possible, and our wholeness is rooted in becoming who we are meant to be – living sanctuaries. Amen.

**Gloria Patri**

**Children's Time**

**Passing of the Peace of God**

**Hymn** *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

**Scripture Readings** *Psalm 130*  
*John 11:1-45*

**Anthem** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. McChesney  
Bell Quartet

**Scripture Reading** *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

**Sermon** *"Hear the Word of the Lord"* Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

**Affirmation of Faith** from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

**All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**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** *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



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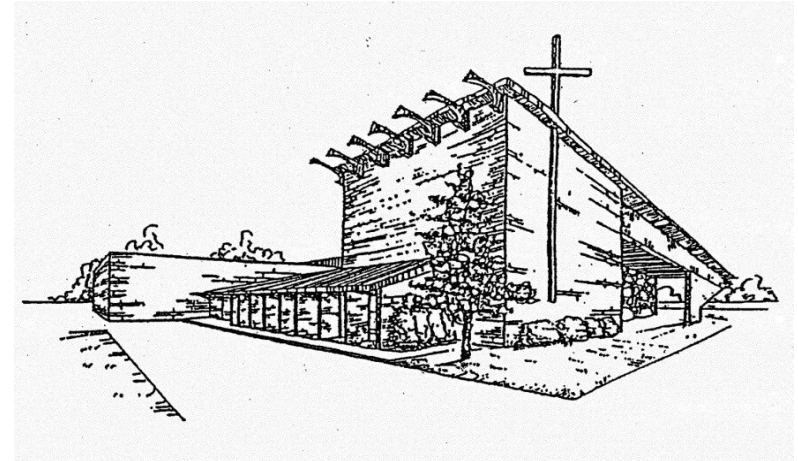
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### Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

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.

### Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers #325

Spirit divine, attend our prayers and make this house Your home.  
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!  
Come as the light; to us reveal our emptiness and woe,  
And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.  
Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.  
Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's name.  
Come as the dove and spread Your wings, the wings of peaceful love,  
And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.  
Spirit divine, attend our prayers; make a lost world Your home.  
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, 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.

### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us; how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.  
Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.  
I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

### 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.

### My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I Love Thee, I know Thou art mine –  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.  
I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath,  
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,  
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."  
In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

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### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, March 26<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup></u>
New Testament		Palms: Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
		Passion
Old Testament	<i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i>	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 130</i>	<i>Psalm 31:9-16</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 8:6-11</i>	<i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>
Gospel	<i>John 11:1-45</i>	<i>Matthew 26:14 – 27:66</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*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 26

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Service Project in the Youth Room

### Monday, March 27

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

### Tuesday, March 28

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

### Wednesday, March 29

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

### Thursday, March 30

- 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 on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

### Friday, March 31

- 10:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

### Saturday, April 1

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

### Sunday, April 2

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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. THE FLOWERS on the communion table are from the McNeary Family in memory of Janet McNeary.
3. ADULT ED. - Following worship at 10:45 in Room 9/10 and on Zoom Join us for the final in the DVD series "Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today." This week we will look at the ninth & tenth commandments with the themes "The Power of Words" and "Keeping Up with the Joneses".

The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUIkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>

4. A PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be held in the Social Room next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the worship service. Food and beverages will be provided by Rachel Circle. Sign up in the Narthex today, or call the church office (265-9700) to join us for this special fellowship time as a church family.
5. 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/>.
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) March 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 to noon.