

# Celebration of Worship

April 30, 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**

**Moment for Mission**

**Reflection**

Richard Rohr

“People who’ve had any genuine spiritual experience always know that they don’t know. They are utterly humbled before mystery. They are in awe before the abyss of it all, in wonder at eternity and depth, and a Love which is incomprehensible to the mind.”

**Ringling of the Bell**

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls our names to come and follow Him.

**People: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to Him.**

Leader: We follow without fear, for the Shepherd cares for us.

**People: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.**

Leader: Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

**People: Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise.  
Amen!**

**Invocation**

**All: We are standing at the gate, O loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But You have called our names, and in Your voice we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve You in all that we do. Enter this place and our hearts so that we will worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen!**

**Hymn**

*Shout to the North*

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost.**

**Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd’s voice. Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Forgive us our stubbornness and stupidity. For we ask this in Christ’s Name. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the Shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in His loving care. For we are the sheep of His pasture, blessed and given hope.

**Gloria Patri**

**Children’s Time**

**Passing of the Peace of God**

**Hymn**

*God Is Calling Through the Whisper*

**Scripture Readings**

*Psalms 23:1-6*

*Acts 2:42-47*

**Anthem**

*A Festive Alleluia*

Patrick Liebergen

Chancel Choir

*Alleluia! Sing to God and give praise.*

*O rejoice in the Savior, glory be to God above.*

*Alleluia! Joyful voices we raise.*

*O rejoice in the Savior, the Lord, who comes in love. Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Sing with joy to the Lord.*

*Sing to God in the highest, come and join the jubilee.*

*Alleluia! Hail the Savior adored,*

*Praise the Lord in the highest, He reigns in victory. Alleluia!*

*Lift high to the Lord a joyful song,*

*Give praise to the Lord in loud acclaim,*

*Come sing to the Lord with a joyful heart,*

*Proclaim in song, proclaim in song the Lord’s holy name.*

*Alleluia! Rejoice and give praise,*

*Sing a song to the Savior, be joyful in the Lord. Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Rejoice and give praise,*

*Let your voices raise. Alleluia!*

**Scripture Reading**

*John 10:1-10*

**Sermon**

*“The Reason”*

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

**Affirmation of Faith**

PCUSA Brief Statement 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** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* # 540

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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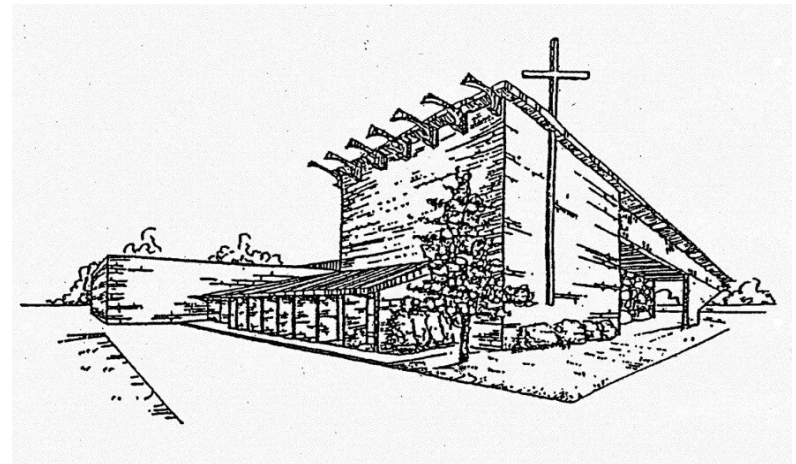


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through faith and action,  
welcoming all.*

### 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.

### Shout to the North

Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak; In your brokenness complete

#### Refrain:

Shout to the North and the South; Sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth; Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love. Refrain:

Rise up church with broken wings; Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high, by His grace again we'll fly. Refrain:

### 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 Is Calling through the Whisper

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
Through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder, hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!

### 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.

### God Be with You Till We Meet Again

# 540

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
Unseen wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

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### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, April 30<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 7<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Ezekiel 34:7-15</i>	<i>Proverbs 4:10-18</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 23</i>	<i>Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 2:42-47</i> <i>1 Peter 2:19-25</i>	<i>Acts 7:55-60</i> <i>1 Peter 2:2-10</i>
Gospel	<i>John 10:1-10</i>	<i>John 14:1-14</i>

### MEMORY VERSE

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

## 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. ADULT ED. at 10:45:  
Today for adults and children! - Kathy Barbehenn will be with us in the Sanctuary with the chimes and bells for demonstration, music, and the opportunity to play them yourself.  
Next Week - Young Life leader Dustin Bailey will be with us in the Sanctuary and online to give us a general update as well as talk in some detail about their inspiring mission trip to El Salvador during the February school break.
3. A PROGRAM OPEN TO ALL will be hosted by King Circle at their May gathering on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Natalia Logue, Director of Client Services from Caring Choices Pregnancy Help Center, will be the speaker. Both women's and men's Bible studies and other circles have been contacted, and all others who might be interested are welcome as well. The gathering will start at 10 a.m. in the Social Room with refreshments followed by the program at 10:30. Please RSVP by May 7<sup>th</sup> by calling the church office or contacting Sue Wroblewski 545-4807.
4. A WPC MEN'S BREAKFAST REUNION will be held Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Room. Save the date to join the RC Flying and Driving Guys who will host the breakfast and then share a time with their drones and remote cars. If you have one or more of your own, bring them along. There will also be a set available for younger boys and girls to enjoy. Mark your calendars, bring your appetites and smiles, and join the fun. For questions, contact Dan Marsh (760-9241) or Bob Kizer (967-5389).
5. SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING COLLECTION for Cameron Community Ministries begins today and ends May 30<sup>th</sup>. New and gently used men's (especially needed), children's and women's clothing can be placed in the blue plastic collection tubs in the Narthex and upper hallway. Nothing in your closets? Consider purchasing one or more items at places like Savers, Goodwill, etc. Thank you!

6. A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will be held this Thursday at 6:30 pm at the Webster Christian Reformed Church, 1344 State Road. All are invited to attend this community-wide service sponsored by the Webster Christian Reformed Church and the Webster United Methodist Church to pray for our families, churches, governments, and more.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today, April 30

- 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. Discussion with the Technology Team / Sanctuary
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Car Caching Activity

### Monday, May 1

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

### Tuesday, May 2

- 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, May 3

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

### Thursday, May 4

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 10:30 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal performance at Cherry Ridge
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. National Day of Prayer Service at Christian Reformed Church

### Friday, May 5

- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 2:00 P.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room

### Saturday, May 6

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

### Sunday, May 7

- 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. Young Life Speaker in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Social Room