

# Easter Sunday

April 9, 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 *Adoration* Florence Price

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ringling of the Bell

Scripture *Matthew 28:1-10*

*After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him, the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has been raised, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him." This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to Him, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

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

## Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to our Good God whose unfailing love lasts forever!

People: **Give thanks to our Risen God whose unfailing love lives forever!**

Leader: We gather together in the dawn of a new day. We look toward the tomb to seek the Word in flesh.

People: **The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

Leader: We find God alive in the searching, in the garden, in our hope-filled spaces.

People: **Alleluia! Christ lives and finds us with unfailing love!**

## Invocation

All: Resurrected God, you are the God of new beginnings, or new dawns and new mercies. Enter into our presence again. When we move toward the tomb, remind us that You come with life. When we despair at the world unfolding around us, assure us of Your redemptive power. When we long for Your voice, speak a word of hope, encouragement and peace. May we reflect Your image as resurrection people in covenant with You. Amen.

Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* # 123

## Prayer of Transformation and New Life

All: Amazing God, we know there is nothing You cannot overcome. We confess to our profound need of Your love, strength and mercy. Too often, we come toward the tomb resigned to the status quo. We anticipate the worst even when You are the provider of every good and perfect thing. We allow despair over the condition of our world to overwhelm us when You call us to follow You. Fortify us to live abundantly in Your kin-dom on earth. Transform us and breathe new life into us.

## Words of Grace

Leader: The One who transformed death can and will certainly transform our lives. Jesus welcomes us on the journey to new life. No matter how many times our steps stray, we hide from hard things, or we betray the good news, God's grace meets us with an unfailing love to guide us on the path of life abundant and everlasting. Receive the resurrection power of the One who was and is and is to come.

## Gloria Patri

## Children's Time

## Passing of the Peace of God

Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* # 106

Scripture Readings *Colossians 3:1-4  
Luke 24:13-49*

**Anthem**                    *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed* arr. James Koerts  
Chancel Choir

How can it be the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,  
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing Hallelujah!

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive, He stands, their Friend and King. Christ, Christ, He is risen!

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh! Sing Hallelujah!  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing Hallelujah!

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.  
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting!

The power that raised Him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save!  
He frees our hearts to live His grace. Go, tell of His goodness!

**Scripture Reading**                    *Matthew 5:43-48*

**Sermon**                                    *"Love and Prayer"*                    Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

**Affirmation of Faith**                    Excerpt from PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

**All: In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**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.

**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**                                    *The Day of Resurrection!*                    # 118

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                                *Toccata from Symphony V*                    Widor

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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.

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

# 123

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### 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.

### Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

# 106

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen.  
We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.  
Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.

### 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.

### The Day of Resurrection!

# 118

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
And, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth the song begin;  
Let the round world keep triumph and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

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### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, April 9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>April 16<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Jeremiah 31:1-6</i>	<i>Exodus 15:1-11</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</i>	<i>Psalm 16</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 10:34-43,</i> <i>Colossians 3:1-4</i>	<i>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</i> <i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 28:1-10</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</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*

## Easter Flowers have been given by:

Brad & Kathy Adams in memory of loved ones;

Bob & Jackie Anderson in memory of her sisters;

Sandi & Bob Blakey in memory of loved ones;

Joyce Bradstreet in memory of loved ones and to the Glory of God;

Jerri Breschard in loving memory of her sister Pat and her husband Paul,

Anita Brocker with Glory to God;

Clark & Janet Chippero in memory of loved ones;

Doreen & Matt Clark in memory of loved ones;

Carol & Stu Cooper and Family in loving memory of Marge and Stan Wells;

Marge & Terry Crumb in memory of Duane and Judy Crumb;

Philip Davis in memory of his parents, Lloyd and Olive Davis;

Chuck Durand in memory of his parents;

Barb Hach to the Glory of the Lord;

Tony & Georgia Hubbard with praise to God;

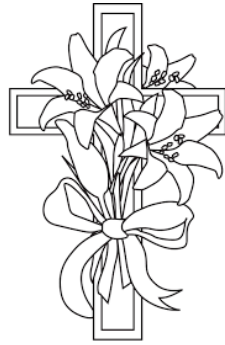
Dick & Tina McNeary in loving memory of their parents;

Connie Rice & Mark Pipal to the Glory of God;

Bob Smith in memory of Bob Rice;

Amy Vallone in memory of loved ones;

Sue Wroblewski in memory of Richard.



## 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 in Room 9/10:  
Today - There is no class on this Easter Sunday  
Next Week: Join us for a discussion on the Future Church: what it might look like, how would it differ from a more conventional church, what would it ask of its members, what could and should happen, with God's help, at WPC?
3. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - During Lent we have been 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/>.
4. HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP of Rt. 250 by the church will be conducted on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Earth Day), beginning at 10:00 AM. Volunteers are needed, and first timers are encouraged. The clean-up will be completed in well under two hours and all supplies are provided. To participate, please contact Mark Pipal at [pipalmw@yahoo.com](mailto:pipalmw@yahoo.com), phone number 787-4301, or sign-up at the table in the Narthex today.
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.



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Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

### **Monday, April 10**

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

### **Tuesday, April 11**

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 2:00 P.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room
- 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. Girl Scout Troop 454 in the Memorial Room  
Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

### **Wednesday, April 12**

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at Color Me Mine
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

### **Thursday, April 13**

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in the Memorial Room
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 1:45 P.M. Adult Ed. Committee at the home of the Saylor
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Social Room  
Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room

### **Friday, April 14**

- 9:30 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

### **Saturday, April 15**

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

### **Sunday, April 16**

- 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 on the Future Church in Room 9/10
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Games in the Youth Room
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10  
Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room