

Celebration of Worship

February 4, 2024

9:30 A.M.

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

James Boyce
Jesus' words address the clear sense of purpose and mission that are already part of Mark's story. It breathes of the power of forgiveness and healing that God has in store for the whole world. Within a few verses, that mission has taken us from the particular of one mother-in-law's sick room to the whole of Galilee and, by implication, to the whole world.

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song

Be Still for the Presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Call to Worship

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: God inclined, and heard my cry.

Leader: God drew me up from the pit

People: And set my feet upon a rock

Leader: God makes my steps secure

People: And puts a new song in my mouth.

Leader: Many will come to know

People: And put their trust in our God.

Hymn

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Powerful God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Be with us and bless us again, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: Draw us into a moment of quiet now as we remember our frailty. We acknowledge what has been difficult in our lives: the things that we have done; the significant things that we have left undone; the wrong paths taken; or the opportunities missed. Help us to bring it all to you, trusting in your grace and mercy.

Moment of Silence

Where do you need to see resurrection hope in your own life?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

Anthem

They Shall Soar Like Eagles

Laura Manzo

Chanel Choir; Sally Turner - flute

They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles.

They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary.

They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power.

They who wait upon the Lord.

Those who are worried and burdened with sorrow

need not despair, there is hope for tomorrow.

God will be there each time you call on Him.

They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles.

They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary.

They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power.

They who wait upon the Lord.

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

Raised Up

Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith

All: In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we confess about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Invitation to the 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. Thank you!

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.

Blessing of the Offering

All: God, we look at our humble offerings and we think they might not change the world today. But they help us remember. We remember that you are generous. We remember that when we give our money, we mean that we're giving ourselves. We remember that you working in us does change the world, letting your kingdom come on earth. Bless all of these gifts. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Hymn

Fight the Good Fight

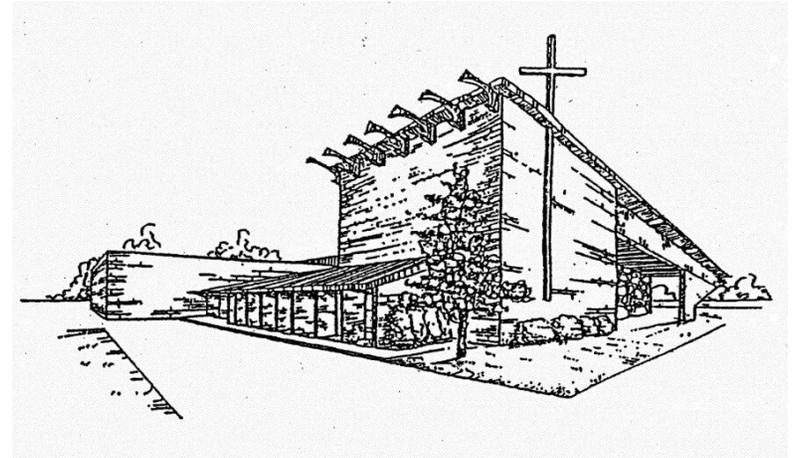
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Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*We are followers of Jesus Christ,
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through faith and action,
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Pastor Nadia Mullin

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor: Come to this table, not because you must, but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.
Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.
Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

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 indeed right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, the true and living God through Jesus Christ our Lord. You are the source of life for all creation and you made us in your own image; your love enfolds all you have made.

When we turned away from you, you called us back to yourself and gave your only Son to share our human nature. He offered his life to you in perfect obedience and trust, and by his death he has delivered us from our sins, brought us new life, and reconciled us to you, our loving God.

You raised him to life triumphant over death, and exalted him to your right hand on high where he lives forever to intercede for us, our hope and our glory.

Through him you have sent us your life-giving Spirit, that in the Spirit's power we might be your holy people. Therefore, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, we proclaim your great and glorious name saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Therefore, loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that we may be fed with the body and blood of Christ, and be filled with your life and goodness. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

Words of Institution

Pastor: To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, to remember me."

The Distribution of the Elements

You will be receiving the elements in your seats today.
When you receive the bread, hold it so we can all partake together at the same time.
Please do the same with the cup after you receive it.
Gluten-free elements are available upon request to the server.

Concluding Prayer

All: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in the sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Fight the Good Fight

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Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Gloria Patri

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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.

Fight the Good Fight

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Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up thine eyes and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies.
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.
God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming.
You can live-stream 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.
2. ADULT ED this morning in Room 9/10 at 10:45 features a 17-minute video of Barbara Taylor Brown speaking at a "Cultivating Spiritual Renewal" conference in 2022. She is the author of *An Alter in the World*, the book upon which Pastor Nadia will be basing her Lenten sermon series. Please join your Spiritual Nurture Committee for its viewing and discussion.
3. BLANKET SUNDAY, a special offering for Church World Service to buy \$10 blankets for needy folks throughout the world, will continue through next Sunday. Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause using the special envelopes in the chair racks.
4. THE WILLIAMSON COME-UNITY CENTER has run out of winter hats and mittens/gloves for the families they support. The Deacons are collecting new hats, mittens & gloves for both children and adults through next Sunday. There is a box in the Narthex through February 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Doreen Clark.
5. HEART AND HAND would love to have help sewing incubator covers for the NICU at Rochester Regional Health. Kits are available in the hallway outside the church office.
6. HOPE HOUSE is accepting donations for their annual Garage Sale and Food Drive. Donations for the Garage Sale can be dropped off 2/14 & 2/28 (3:00-5:00 pm) behind Holy Trinity Church. No clothing or large furniture - see the Donation Guide at websternyhope.org. Food Drive and Garage Sale donations can be dropped off on Saturday, 3/23 from 10 am till noon.
7. BRIGHT YELLOW "WELCOME" CARDS can be found in the chair racks. These are available for visitors to fill out so we can better connect with them. We will no longer be passing the Friendship Pads down the aisle. If you are sitting near someone new, please be sure to greet them and hand them a card.

Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, February 4th</u>	<u>February 11th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i>	<i>II Kings 2:1-12</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 147:1-11, 20c</i>	<i>Psalms 50:1-6</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 9:16-23</i>	<i>II Corinthians 4:3-6</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>	<i>Mark 9:2-9</i>

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, February 4

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Video & Discussion "Cultivating Spiritual Renewal"
Family Ringers in Room 3/4

Monday, February 5

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Court of Awards in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10

Tuesday, February 6

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 90 in the Social Room

Wednesday, February 7

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol Leaders in the Basement Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, February 8

- 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
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
Comfort Care Soup Distribution in the Church Parking Lot
- 11:30 A.M. Memorial Service for Dave Parker in the Sanctuary

Sunday, February 11

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Video & Discussion "Cultivating Spiritual Renewal"
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10
- 5:45 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

Memory Verse

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things. Galatians 5:22