

Celebration of Worship

March 10, 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 *Attende Domine* Demessieux

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

You shall love the stranger first of all because you know what it is to be a stranger yourself. Second of all, you shall love the stranger because the stranger shows you God.

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song *Be Still for the Presence* Insert

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God!

People: Proclaim God's goodness throughout all the world.

Leader: Let all of us gathered here celebrate God's absolute love.

People: Let us offer our lives in service to others.

Leader: Thanks be to God for the blessings which have been poured on us.

People: Lord, enable us to use our gifts to serve you in your world.

Hymn *How Lovely, Lord* # 207

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Great Triune God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding the earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them.

Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Where have you seen Christ in those you have encountered?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let God's love and mercy wash over you as the spring rains wash over the earth, bringing promise of new life and hope. Be at peace.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri Insert

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation* Insert

Scripture Reading *John 2:13-22*

Anthem *Blessed Are They* Karen Crane & Jennifer Klein
Chanel Choir

Blessed are they who dwell with the Lord. Blessed are they.

How lovely is God's dwelling place, adorned with love and lavished with grace.

Blessed are they who dwell with the Lord. Blessed are they.

Blessed are they whose strength is in God. Blessed are they.

With steadfast love, God lifts them high, and on the wings of eagles they fly.

Blessed are they whose strength is in God. Blessed are they.

God will grant them favor, honor sent from above.

Those whose faith is in the Lord, their faith is in the Lord, blessed are they.

Blessed are they who trust in God's name. Blessed are they.

God will be their sun and shield, resplendent in the glory revealed!

Blessed are they who trust in God's name. Blessed are they. Blessed are they.

Scripture Reading *Matthew 25:34-36*

Sermon *Encountering Others* Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation of Faith (in unison) Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus who, through he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

Insert

Blessing of the Offering

**All: Gracious God, from the overflowing of your love, we have
been given abundance upon abundance. Receive, we pray,
our offerings and bless them. May we be blessed by their
work as we see your reign among us, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

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Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Te Deum

Demessieux



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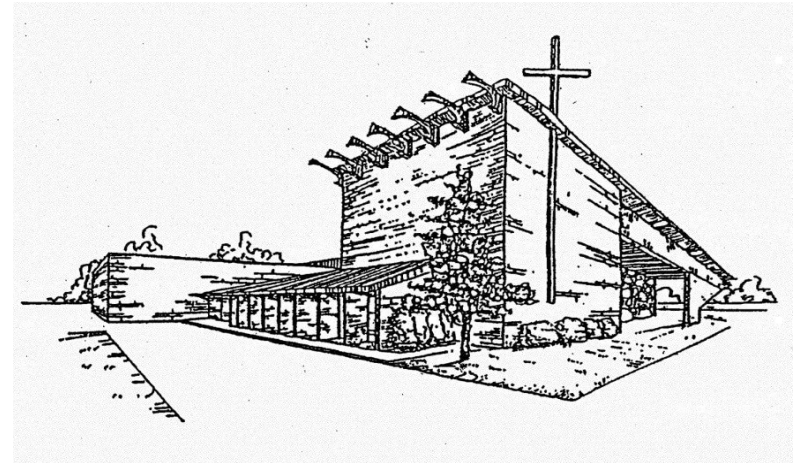
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Be Still for the Presence

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.

How Lovely, Lord

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How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place.
 My soul is longing, fainting to feast upon your grace.
 The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest,
 And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.
 In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
 Is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
 I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
 Than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.
 A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High.
 You shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.
 The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
 And from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

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.

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
 Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
 In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
 In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
 In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.
 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
 Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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.

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The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
 Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
 For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.
 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
 A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
 And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord,
 To care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

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Lectionary Passages

	Today, March 10 th	Next Sunday, March 17 th
Old Testament	<i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22</i>	<i>Psalms 51:1-12</i>
New Testament	<i>1 Ephesians 2:1-10</i>	<i>Hebrews 5:5-10</i>
Gospel	<i>John 3:14-21</i>	<i>John 12:20-33</i>

Memory Verse

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
 Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

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. today continues “A Journey Through Lent: Reflecting on Christ’s Sacrifice for Us” DVD sermon series by the late Timothy Keller. We begin promptly at 10:45 in Room 9/10, addressing the topic “Prayer for the World” and referencing *Psalms 98*. To Zoom in, use the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUlkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>
NEXT WEEK’S TOPIC - “Prayer for the King”, referencing *Psalms 110*.
3. HOPE HOUSE is accepting donations for their annual Garage Sale and Food Drive this Wednesday from 3 – 5 pm behind Holy Trinity Church and again on Saturday, March 23rd from 10 am to noon. See the Donation Guide at websternyhope.org. Please – no clothing or large furniture.
4. ORDERS FOR EASTER FLOWERS to decorate the church on Easter Sunday must be placed by this Thursday. Order Lilies (\$18), Yellow Tulips (\$14), and Pink Azaleas (\$21.50) today, or bring your request to the church office with checks made out to Presbyterian Women (PWC). You may include a dedication in memory or honor of someone which will appear in the Easter bulletin. Plants can be taken home after the service or donated to one of our Friends at Home.
5. 100 EASTER BASKETS for families in the Webster area is the goal that, in cooperation with Hope House, Webster Community Chest and The Gathering Place from United Church of Christ, we hope to fill. This is a whole community outreach - neighbors helping each other to reduce hunger and provide a special meal for a special day. To meet that goal, we are asking for donations of:
50 boxes of spaghetti 50 jars of sauce 50 tubs of frosting
Boxes are in the Narthex for your donations. We need to complete our mission collections by March 20th in time for a March 22nd delivery.
6. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING envelopes are in the chair racks for those who like to donate to this worthy cause. Funds are used in the USA and internationally in 3 ways: to assist in major disaster relief, to provide emergency food and supplies to under-served areas, and to provide needy communities with self-help resources. Needs are especially great this year, so please consider making a generous contribution. Cash and checks made out to WPC will be collected through Easter

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Lenten DVD Sermons Series in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

Monday, March 11

- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. Webster Theater Guild in Room 9/10
Girl Scout Troop 425 in the Basement Room

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 A.M. Women’s Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees’ Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, March 13

- 6:30 A.M. Men’s Bible Study at Golden Boys’ Restaurant
- 11:30 A.M. Naomi Circle Out to Lunch
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, March 14

- 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 and Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells’ Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 15

- 9:30 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:00 A.M. Heart & Hand in Room 5
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Discussion on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

Saturday, March 16

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnIXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 17

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Lenten DVD Sermons Series in Room 9/10
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge