

# Celebration of Worship

March 17, 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

Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

“Prayer, according to Brother David, is waking up to the presence of God no matter where I am or what I am doing. When I am fully alert to whatever or whoever is right in front of me; when I am electrically aware of the tremendous gift of being alive; when I am able to give myself wholly to the moment I am in, then I am in prayer. Prayer is happening and it is not necessarily something that I am doing. God is happening, and I am lucky enough to know that I am in The Midst.”

## Ringling of the Bell

### Gathering Song

*Be Still for the Presence*

Insert

## Call to Worship

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.**

Leader: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

**People: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

**People: Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let us worship God!**

## Hymn

*Gracious Father, Son and Spirit*

Insert

## Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

**People: Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of the abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

How do you know you’re in the presence of God?

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

## Gloria Patri

Insert

## Passing the Peace of Christ

## Children’s Time

### Hymn

*Kum Ba Yah*

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### Scripture Reading

*John 12:20-33*

### Anthem

*The Peace of God*

John Rutter

Chanel Choir

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen

### Scripture Reading

*Philippians 4:4-9*

### Sermon

*Being Present to God*

Pastor Nadia Mullin

**Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)

St. Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

**Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles**

**Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** (Debts, debtors)

**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, it is our joy to return the gifts of our lives to you. May our offering this morning forever bring glory to your name, and may we continue to work tirelessly for the well-being of your whole creation. Amen.

**Hymn**

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

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**Benediction**

**Choral Response**

**Postlude**



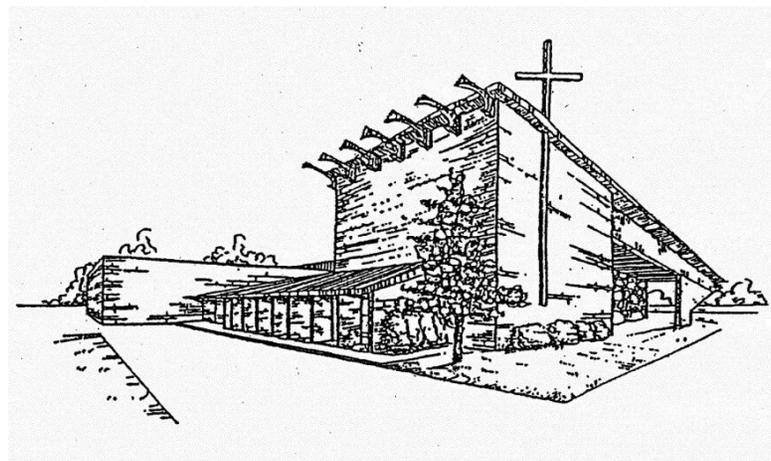
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### Be Still for the Presence

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.

### Kum Ba Yah

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Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone's crying Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's crying Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone's singing Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's singing Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

### Gloria Patri

# 579

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.

### My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown; my Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
Christ came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow,  
But people scorned and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O may Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend!  
Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing,  
Resounding all the way Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.  
They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.  
Yet steadfast He to suffering goes, that he His foes from thence might free.  
Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine.  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

### 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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### Lectionary Passages

Today, March 17<sup>th</sup>

Next Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Psalm  
Gospel

Old Testament  
Psalm  
New Testament  
Gospel

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*  
*Psalm 51:1-12*  
*Hebrews 5:5-10*  
*John 12:20-33*

Palms  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Mark 11:1-11  
Passion  
*Isaiah 50:4-9a*  
*Psalm 31:9-16*  
*Philippians 2:5-11*  
*Mark 14:1 - 15:47*

### 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 King" and referencing *Psalms 110*. To Zoom in, use the link below:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUlkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>  
NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC - "Prayer for Security", referencing *Psalms 16*.
3. 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. We are halfway to our goal 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 this Wednesday in time for a Thursday delivery.
4. 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.
5. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT has been rescheduled for Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. The movie will be The Super Mario Bros Movie. This event is free of charge with snacks and popcorn provided. All are welcome!
6. THE APRIL PATHWAY DEADLINE is this Wednesday. Please submit articles to both [jchippero@websterpres.org](mailto:jchippero@websterpres.org) and [g Hubbard@websterpres.org](mailto:g Hubbard@websterpres.org) to ensure it is received.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Lenten DVD Sermons Series in Room 9/10
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge

### Monday, March 18

- 11:00 A.M. Memorial Service for MaryGrace Thomas in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10 and on Zoom

### Tuesday, March 19

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, March 20 - April Pathway Deadline

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 8:00 A.M. WIC Social Services Program in the Social Room
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:30 P.M. ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

### Thursday, March 21

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

### Friday, March 22

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

### Saturday, March 23

- 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
- 10:00 A.M. Children's Easter Party in the Social Room

### Sunday, March 24

- 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
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Lenten DVD Sermons Series in Room 9/10