

Celebration of Worship

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

9:30 A.M.

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

Prelude *Fugue in G Major* JS Bach

Proclaiming the Good News

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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Words of Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Song *Be Still for the Presence* Insert

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

People: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Leader: For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

People: But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

Leader: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Risen Lord.

People: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory?

People: Where, O death, is your sting?

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Invocation

People: Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness. Now fill us with the breath of your Spirit to tell the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Amen.

Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* # 123

Prayer of Confession

People: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed, and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silence

What does Easter mean to you?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord. I am about to create new heavens and a new earth. The former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating. I will rejoice and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* # 106

Scripture Reading *Acts 10:34-43*

Anthem *Risen Indeed!* Allen Pote
Chanel Choir

Christ is risen; Christ is risen; Alleluia!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, he is risen! Lift up your voices, sing alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed, he is risen from the dead. He is alive, he is alive, alleluia!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, he is risen! Lift up your voices, sing alleluia, alleluia!

He died for us, our sinful souls to save. Now he is risen, risen from the grave.

The tomb stands empty; the stone was rolled away.

Darkness has vanished, the night has turned to day.

Jesus will meet us when our death is near.

He gives us hope eternal. We need not fear!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, he is risen! Lift up your voices, sing alleluia!

Christ is risen, is risen, risen indeed. Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading *Mark 16:1-8*

Sermon *Between Promise and Fulfillment*
Pastor Nadia Mullin

Affirmation 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.

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 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 of great gifts: This morning we give you praise; we give you glory; we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are turned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! With open and willing hearts, we dedicate our gifts from One Great Hour of Sharing, and join our spirits in praying for all who will be helped by them. Amen.

Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* See insert
Congregation, Organ, Bells, Trumpeter Seth Anderson

Benediction

Postlude *Toccata* Widor

Easter Flowers have been given by:

Bob & Jackie Anderson in memory of loved ones;
Kathy Barbehenn to the Glory of God;
Jerri Breschard in honor of her loving husband Paul, sister Patti, and great friends.

Anita & John Bocker to their parents who brought them to know the Lord;

Elissa Burke in memory of loved ones;

Clark & Janet Chippero in memory of loved ones;

Gay Coler in memory of Bill Coler and in honor of her family;

Carol & Stu Cooper in loving memory of their parents;

Gayl Galen in memory of MaryGrace Thomas;

Nikki & Don George in memory of their parents, Alice & Ross Cuddeback and Louise & David George;

Barb Hach to the Glory of God;

George & Andrea Hock to the Glory of God;

Tony & Georgia Hubbard in memory of loved ones;

Bill & Nancy Martin in memory of Pat & Jim Sauer and Mary & Bill Martini;

Alissa, Chris, Abbey & Liam Mayer in memory of all their friends and family;

Dick & Tina McNeary in memory of Janet;

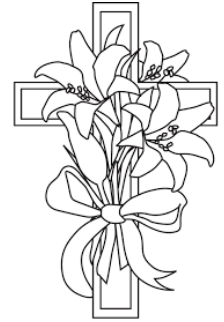
Connie Rice & Mark Pipal in memory of MaryGrace Thomas;

Bob Smith in memory of Janet;

Elaine & John Wilbert in memory of Douglas Wilbert;

Duane & Leonor Woodworth in memory of Craig Woodworth;

Sue Wroblewski in memory of loved ones.



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.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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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!

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

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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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Introduction

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Interlude

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me.
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.
Amen.

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. No class - Easter - Celebrate the risen Lord!
Next Week - Join us in room 9/10 for Dr. Timothy Keller's DVD on "Prayer for Resting". How can we find "rest" in this chaotic, stressful, challenging world? *Psalms 91* has the answers.
3. 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.
4. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT has been rescheduled for Friday, April 5th, 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!
5. KITS FOR CHILDREN'S SURGICAL CAPS for Golisano Children's Hospital are on the table in the hallway opposite the office for interested volunteers to sew. Heart and Hand thanks you for your help with this project.



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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade

Monday, April 1

- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10

Tuesday, April 2

- 6:00 A.M. Primary Elections in the Social Room
9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, April 3

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
4:00 P.M. Staff Meeting on Zoom
5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10

Thursday, April 4

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>

- 9:00 A.M. ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 7

- 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. in Room 9/10

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, March 31st</u>	<u>Next Sunday, April 7th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 25:6-9</i>	<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24</i>	<i>Psalms 3</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	<i>John 1:1 – 2:2</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 16:1-8</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</i>

Memory Verse

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.*

Psalms 34:4