

Celebration of Worship

March 3, 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*

I have found things while I was lost that I might
never have discovered if I had stayed on the path.

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song

Be Still for the Presence

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Call to Worship

Leader: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

**People: Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own
greed.**

Leader: But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this
journey.

People: Lord, guide our steps.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

**People: Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of
God. Amen.**

Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

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Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim
to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our
hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be
faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**People: O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our
attachments, and to sense where You invite us to live
more simply and deeply. Shine the light of Your love into
the private corners of our lives where we have acquired
so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom.
Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and
needs that drive us into taking, having, and wanting more
than we need or have time for. Teach us that in letting go
we become free rather than deprived, generous rather
than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted.**

**We offer You our Lenten observance, and today we place
our feet on the road to Easter, and walk the Way that You
have walked before us. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

How are you feeling lost right now?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, "*God's foolishness is
wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger
than human strength.*" The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.

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

Gloria Patri

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-7

Anthem

Feed My Lambs

Natalie Sleeth

Chanel Choir

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;

In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

When they wander when they stray, their protector be.

As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.

Unto all who lose the way hope and comfort be.

As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;

In My name lead them forth gently, gently, as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-5a

Sermon

Lost

Pastor Nadia Mullin

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

Blessing of the Offering

**All: We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.
Amen.**

Service of Holy Communion

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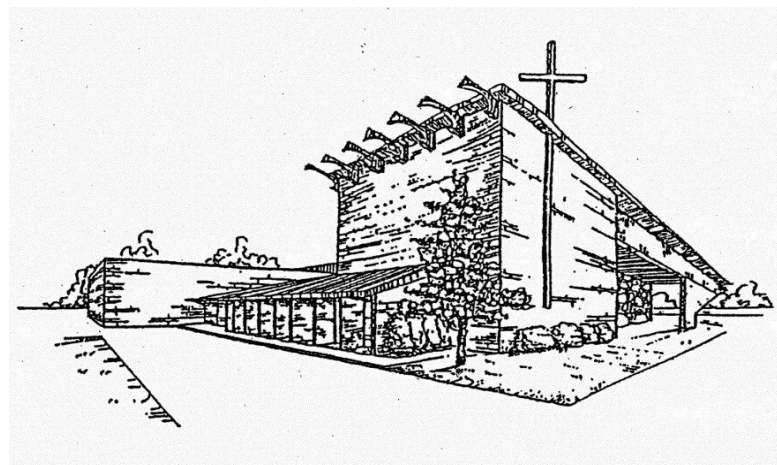
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Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor: Friends, if your seeking has led you here, if your weary heart followed breadcrumbs all the way to this Sanctuary, then I have good news: you do not have to seek anymore.

This table is God's Table. So if you came here looking for justice, then rest in the comfort that all will be fed here. If you came seeking beauty, then let your spirit marvel at the beauty of a community coming together. If you came seeking a brush with the Divine, then know that God is present in this ordinary meal.

So kick off your walking shoes. Let your weary heart stop the search. We are standing on holy ground. This is God's Table. All are invited. Come.

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: God of the lost and the found, surely it is right for us to give our thanks and praise, for day after day we look for you, and day after day we find you: in the laughter of children, in the sun rising over the horizon, in the flowers of spring. Our seeking does not go unanswered, and for that we are grateful.

So first and foremost, we come to you in prayer to say thank you, for when we're seeking beauty, you give us mountains and freckles, green eyes and brown eyes. When we're looking for reason to hope, you give us rainbows after the storm and candles flickering in the window. When we're seeking peace, you give us three-part harmony and the sound of rain. And when we're seeking justice, your life reminds us that everyone is welcome at your Table, and none shall be turned away.

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: For all these reminders, we are deeply grateful. And yet, gracious God, our seeking does not stop. For even though your fingerprints are all over this world, we are not yet at your promised day.

So in addition to our gratitude, we also pray today for conviction. Do not let us get comfortable with half-hearted seeking. Do not let us grow numb to the suffering of this world. Make us relentless in our pursuit of justice – relentless in our consoling of the grieving, in our welcoming of the stranger, and in the feeding of the hungry. Like a dog with a scent, may we walk toward your kingdom, never giving up, never wandering off the path. And as we see and as we seek, pour out your Spirit on this ordinary bread and cup. May this meal be the nourishment we need to continue seeking you in the world.

Until your promised day, we will pray.

Until your promised day, we will seek.

Words of Institution

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: God of manna and mustard seeds, we came to this Table hungry and we leave feeling full – full of hope, full of promise, full of what could be. For we not only found glimpses of you at this Table, but we caught a glimpse of the way things could be, in a meal where all are welcomed and all are fed. Is there anything holier than that?

So thank you for nourishing our curiosity alongside our spirit and our conviction. May we always seek you the way you seek after us. With grateful hearts we pray. Amen.

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Hymn

Amazing Grace

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Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

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.

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak # 426

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone.
 As Thou has sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.
 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
 O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.
 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart,
 And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart.
 O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
 In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.
 O use me, Lord, use even me just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
 Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is # 171

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
 I nothing lack if I am His and he is mine forever.
 Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
 And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
 And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me.
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me.
 Thou spreadest a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth,
 And O, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!
 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

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.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound # 280

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
 How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.
 He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
 When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today, March 3rd</u>	<u>Next Sunday, March 10th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i>	<i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 19</i>	<i>Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 1:18-25</i>	<i>I Ephesians 2:1-10</i>
Gospel	<i>John 2:13-22</i>	<i>John 3:14-21</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 of Rest” and referencing *Psalms 91*. To Zoom in, use the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUlkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>
NEXT WEEK’S TOPIC - “Prayer for the World”, referencing *Psalms 98*.
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 March 14th. Order Lilies (\$18), Yellow Tulips (\$14), and Pink Azaleas (\$21.50) today or next Sunday, or send 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. PLACEMAT KITS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS are located in the hallway outside the church office for anyone interested in sewing them.
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.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3

- 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
Family Chimers in Room 3/4
New Member Class in the Memorial Room

Monday, March 4

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10

Tuesday, March 5

- 9:00 A.M. Women’s Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:15 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 90 in the Social Room

Wednesday, March 6

- 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, March 7

- 7:30 A.M. Men’s Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells’ Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 A.M. Membership Committee Meeting in the Church Office
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells’ Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary
Church Boards’ Joint Meeting in the Social Room

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