Celebration of Worship

April 28, 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

Announcements and Moment for Mission

Reflection

Sarah S. Henrich

"Bearing fruit does not create disciples. Bearing fruit reveals disciples. Both of these activities are dependent on abiding in Jesus, the real vine."

Ringing 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: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

People: for we are the church of Jesus Christ.

Leader: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

People: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

Hymn I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art # 457

Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

Moment of Silence

What does it mean to abide in Christ?

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gloria Patri

Insert

Reception of New Members

Introduction: Elissa Burke, Colby & Beth Carson, Bill & Nancy Martin

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome

- Leader: Let us welcome Elissa, Colby, Beth, Bill and Nancy as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.
- People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Hymn *L* Scripture Reading Anthem

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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Psalm 22:25-31

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Scripture Reading Sermon

Alleluia Bells John 15:1-8 Abide in Me Pastor Nadia Mullin

Go Down, Moses

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

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

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Blessing of the Offering

All: Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

Hymn

We Are One in the Spirit

Insert

Benediction

Postlude

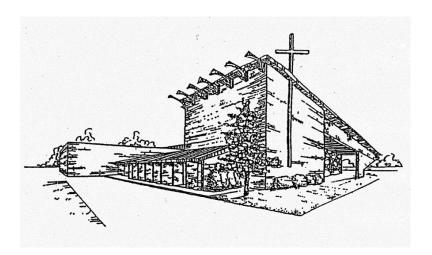


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I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art, My only trust and Savior of my heart, Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake. I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, Reigning omnipotent in every place. So come, O King, and our whole being sway. Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, And all our substance and our strength receive. Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power, And give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness. O grant to us the grace we find in Thee, That we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee. Our faith is built upon Thy promise free. Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

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.

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song # 314

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,

To the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,

With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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.

We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; We will work with each other; we will work side by side, And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

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Lectionary Passages

Old Testament Psalm New Testament Gospel <u>Today, April 28th</u> Exodus 19:1-6 Psalm 22:25-31 I John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

<u>Next Sunday, May 5th</u> Genesis 35:9-15 Psalm 101 I John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

Memory Verse

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4

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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. at 10:45 in the Sanctuary:

Today the Mission Committee will be hosting representatives from the Miracle Field/Challenger organization, giving us updates on their program. Please join us in the Sanctuary or through streaming.

Next Week the ONE in Christ Committee will report the results of their year-long exploration into whether we are living into our identity statement: "We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all."

- 3. YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY will be on Sunday May 12th. This is an opportunity for us to honor or remember those who have been important to us by donating to the WPC Endowment Fund in their name. To donate, please use the envelope in the chair rack, send in a check noting that it is for 'Yellow Rose', or click the 'Give' button on the church website.
- 4. OUR SPRING WORKDAY will take place on Saturday, May 11th, from 9 am to noon. Please consider joining us for all or part of the morning to help maintain our beautiful church. This event is organized by the WPC Trustees, and is supported by our scout troops that utilize the church. A list of jobs and a signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex. We hope to see you there!
- 5. A SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM LIFESPAN is being sponsored by King Circle on Thursday, May 9th, at 10:00 a.m. This is open to the congregation, friends and neighbors in our community. Lifespan, a member of the American Society on Aging, helps older adults and caregivers take on the challenges and opportunities of longer life. Speaker Justin McCabe will give us an updated program on scams in a game called "Name that Scam". There will also be time to learn about Lifespan's other services and help available to seniors, their families and caregivers. Mark your calendar and sign up in the Narthex to let us know you are coming.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28

- 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. Miracle Field Speaker in the Sanctuary & Streamed

Monday, April 29

5:30 P.M. Elders and Deacons Joint Meeting in Room 9/10

6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, April 30

- 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. Rachel Circle in the Memorial Room

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom (link below) <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d</u> <u>0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973</u> ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 5 - Communion 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
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. WPC's Identity Statement in the Sanctuary