

# Celebration of Worship

April 7, 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

Joy J. Moore

“What does the resurrection mean? It means God still shows up.”

## Ringling of the Bell

## Gathering Song

*Be Still for the Presence*

Insert

## Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: We gather as siblings of the resurrected one.

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

## Hymn

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Insert

## Prayer of Invocation

Leader: God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

**People: O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not in the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places, but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

What difference does the resurrection make for you?

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: When we walk in the light of Christ, we have fellowship with one another. When we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has showered mercy upon the entire world. Amen.

**People: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## Gloria Patri

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## Passing of the Peace

## Children's Time

## Hymn

*Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining*

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## Scripture Reading

*Psalms 133:1-3*

## Anthem

*Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*

Ed Cash

Chanel Choir

Keith & Kristyn Getty

How can it be the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,

To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing Hallelujah!

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes,

Alive, He stands, their Friend and King. Christ, Christ, He is risen!

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing Halleluia!

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed,

But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing Hallelujah!

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.

And pouring out their lives, they gained life, life everlasting!

The power that raised Him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save!

He frees our heart to live His grace. Go, tell of His goodness!

## Scripture Reading

*John 20:19-31*

## Sermon

*The Next Right Thing*

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**

Insert

**Blessing of the Offering**

**All: Good and gracious God, help us to say thank you, to live with gratitude, to look for the best in each other, and to live charitably with all. May your resurrection never stop surprising us, disrupting us and transforming us, until Christ's kingdom comes. Amen.**

**Service of Holy Communion**

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**Hymn**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

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**Benediction and Choral Response**

**Postlude**

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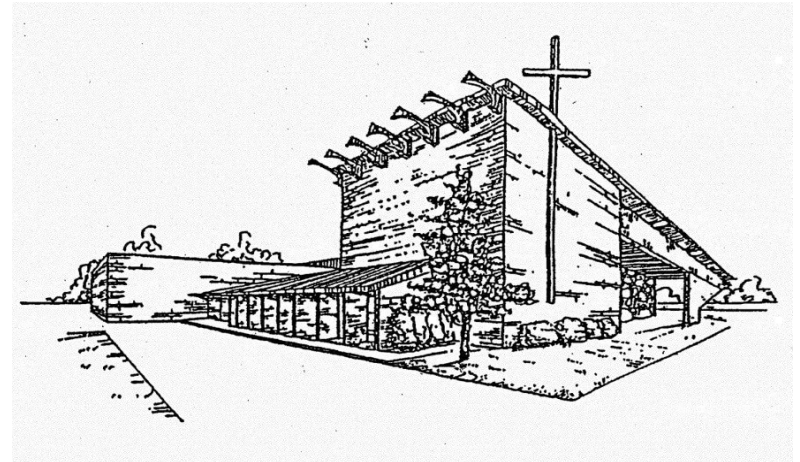
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## Service of Holy Communion

### Invitation

Pastor: Friends, let us come out of the darkness and join together in the light of God's love. You are invited to this table of life as we join with each other and seek communion with God.

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: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God!

You created the world by speaking life into being. You placed within us and within each plant and animal of your creation amazing abilities to form and nurture new life so that your creation might be renewed, reborn, season by season, child by child. You covenanted with your people and gave them Law that showed the way of Life – a path of peace, justice, mercy, reverence, love. You provided wise men and women as judges for your people to show them the path to Life. You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to worldly powers that promoted death. You sent Jesus, your Son, to walk in the way of Life, that we might follow. He suffered and died because of his refusal to participate in the death-dealing violence of the world. He rose again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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 name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: You are holy, O God of Life, and holy is Jesus Christ, your Son, the resurrected One. You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth and the life. Revealing your love, radiating your life, Jesus taught those who listened to him, healed those who believe in him, received all who sought him. He enacted peace in the midst of violence, love in the face of hate. He offered Divine Life to all people suffering under worldly forces of death.

We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Through his resurrection Life you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people.

It is as the renewed, redeemed, enlivened people of God that we gather this morning and remember together that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Longing to experience and share the fullness of Life that you offer, we take these gifts that you have given us, this bread and this cup, and celebrate with joy the eternal Life offered to us through Jesus Christ. Accept our praise and thanksgiving; accept our lives as holy offering to you, that in losing our life, we might find true Life and proclaim the Resurrected Christ who offers life to all.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these, your gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place. In the eating of this bread, as Christ's body, and in the sharing of this cup, as Christ's blood, we invite your life to fill us; we invite your Spirit to lead us ever more faithfully to be the body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. Amen.

### 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Holy, gracious God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love. We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence. We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks!**

Hymn

*Jesus Shall Reign, Where'er the Sun*

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Benediction

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.

### **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.

### **Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining**

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Lord of light, Your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,  
Use our talents in Your kingdom as the servants of Your grace.  
Use us to fulfill Your purpose in the gift of Christ Your Son:  
Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.

By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field,  
By the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed,  
By the victories of meekness, through reproach and suffering won,  
Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.

Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at Your feet may lowly kneel;  
With Your grace our triumphs hallow, with Your charity our zeal,  
Lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun:  
Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.

By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night,  
By the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light,  
By the love that passes knowledge, making all Your children one:  
Abba, as in highest heaven, so on earth Your will be done.

### **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.

### **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

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Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown His head.  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns.  
The prisoners leap to lose their chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King.  
Angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- THE YELLOW ROSE is in acknowledgement and thanks for a gift to the Endowment Fund by Cora Massecar.
- ADULT ED. at 11:00 in Room 9/10  
Today - 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? *Psalm 91* has the answers.  
Next Week - We continue our look at Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*, with chapters 33-36, looking at how the early church came "alive" and how that impacts us.!
- THIS IS THE FINAL WEEK for One Great Hour of Sharing collections. 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 we thank all who have contributed.
- KITS FOR CHILDREN'S SURGICAL CAPS for Golisano Children's Hospital are on the table in the hallway opposite the church office for interested volunteers to sew. Heart and Hand thanks you for your help with this project.
- AN ORGAN RECITAL featuring our own Kay Joliff along with several other Eastman students will take place Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 in the Sanctuary. You are invited – Bring your friends and neighbors!!

### Lectionary Passages

	Today, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Next Sunday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-9a</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalm 3</i>	<i>Psalm 40:1-5</i>
New Testament	<i>1 John 1:1 – 2:2</i>	<i>1 John 3:1-7</i>
Gospel	<i>John 20:19-31</i>	<i>Luke 24:36b-48</i>

### Memory Verse

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

*Psalm 34:4*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. DVD "Prayer for Resting" in Room 9/10 & on Zoom

### Monday, April 8

- 12:00 P.M. Scouting Eclipse Event in the Church Parking Lot

### Tuesday, April 9

- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 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, April 10

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at the home of Joyce Bradstreet
- 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, April 11

- 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
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Friday, April 12

- 9:30 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Club on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

### Saturday, April 13

- 8:30 A.M. District Pinewood Derby Event in the Social Room
- 9:00 A.M. ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
Prayer Time on Zoom (link below)  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDlTWjZlS2dONE96dmVFeVB4dz09&omn=88328754973>

### Sunday, April 14

- 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. Book Discussion in Room 9/10 & on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. Eagle Scout Ceremony & Dinner in the Sanctuary & Social Rm.
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10