

Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

9:30 A.M.

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

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Reflection

Oscar Romero

*"A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle,
a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word that doesn't
touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed –
what gospel is that?"*

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song

How Lovely, Lord

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place.
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest,
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who are honest with God.

People: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

Leader: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayers to the Lord in times of distress.

People: For God is our refuge and protects us in times of trouble.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

People: Let us shout for joy! Let us worship God!

Hymn

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

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Call to Confession

Leader: If we keep silent, our sin will flourish, and we will groan all day long. Therefore, let all who are faithful acknowledge your sin and hide your transgression no more. In faith and with courage let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we confess that we keep silent when we should speak. We see iniquity and the injustices of the world, yet are content not to call them out. We withhold kind words, yet are quick to speak in judgment. Forgive us, O God. Direct the way we should go and help us to use our voices to spread your grace and truth.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven. Be glad and rejoice, for in Christ, we are a new creation.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response

We Are Forgiven

Insert

Passing of the Peace

One: With thanksgiving, we rejoice in the reconciliation found in the forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ. Let us therefore be reconciled with our neighbors and share signs of Christ's peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

THE WORD

Children's Time

Stu's Corner: *One Great Hour of Sharing
Sharing Love Helps Repair the Breach*

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 32

Anthem

Glory to God

Chancel Choir

Paul Vasile
arr. Joel Raney

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, amen!

World without end, without end, amen,
World without end, without end, amen,
World without end, without end, amen,
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, amen.

God be the glory, our trust is in you, creator,
Sustainer, ever faithful and true.
Our Sovereign Redeemer, our covenant, Lord,
Both now and forever your name be adored.

Glory to God whose goodness shines on me,
And to the son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the spirit, whose love has set me free!
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, amen.

New Testament Reading II Corinthians 5:15-21

Sermon "Repairing the Breach" Pastor Susan Frost
*"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."
Psalm 32:1*

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn *There Is Now a New Creation* Insert

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: As people of the New Creation, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Blessing of the Offering

All: O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn *To God Be the Glory* # 485

Charge

Leader: Go forth as ambassadors for Christ, in whom we have new life.

Sung Response *May the God of Hope Go with Us* Insert

Benediction

Leader: The God of reconciliation bless you, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you, and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

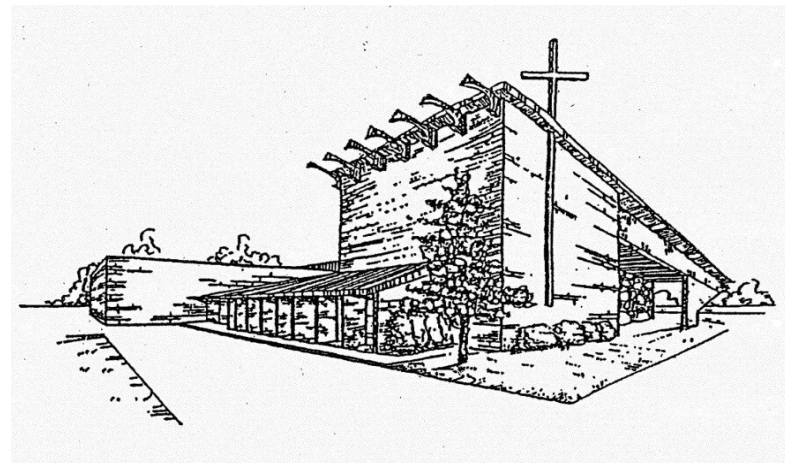
Postlude

Memory Verse

*Again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."*

John 8:12

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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welcoming all.*

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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>
2. ADULT ED. - Following the worship service in Room 9/10
 - We will spend the month using the book *Into the Mess*, looking at:
 This week: "It Happens in the Dark" – *John 20:1-18* (p. 187)
 Next week: "You Know Everything" – *John 21:1-19* (p. 198)
3. YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 next week, as we head into the Easter season.
4. A PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be held in the Social Room on April 13th following the worship service. Food and beverages will be provided along with craft activities for the children. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office to join us for fellowship and celebration.
5. EASTER FLOWER ORDERS will be taken today through April 13th. A single Lily (\$18), Tulips (\$14), Hyacinths (\$14), and Azaleas (\$29.50) can be ordered in the Narthex or by calling the church office. Payment can be in cash or check made out to Presbyterian Women (PWC). Flowers will be displayed Easter morning and may be taken home afterward or donated to one of our Friends at Home.
6. THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING collections extends through Easter when it will be blessed in the Worship Service. Envelopes can be found in your chair racks and fish banks are available. By supporting this special offering, you help fund the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger program, and the Self-Development of People.
7. EASTER YARD SIGNS inviting the community to join us for Easter service are available to display at your home. Spread the word and invite the community to celebrate this special day with us. See Scott or Heather Hewlett after church to get your signs.
8. WEBSTER HOPE HOUSE appreciates our congregation's donations as the challenges continue to increase. Needed items now include: ground coffee, cooking oil, Albacore tuna, sugar, brownie mix, ketchup, mayonnaise, salad dressing, canned corn, jarred spaghetti sauce, laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant and toothpaste.

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 30

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion in Room 9/10

Monday, March 31

- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

Tuesday, April 1

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

Wednesday, April 2

- 6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol Leaders in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 625 in the Social Room

Thursday, April 3

- 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, April 4

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Study on Zoom

Saturday, April 5

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
 ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
 Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Basement Room
- 12:00 P.M. Jack Thomas Memorial Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 6 - Communion

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
 Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Discussion in Room 9/10
 Family Bells in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 417 in Room 9/10
 Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Social Room
 Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

. Lectionary Passages

	<u>March 30th</u>	<u>April 6th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Joshua 5:9-12</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:16-21</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 32</i>	<i>Psalms 126</i>
New Testament	<i>II Corinthians 5:16-21</i>	<i>Philippians 3:4b-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</i>	<i>John 12:1-8</i>