

Celebration of Worship

Palm Sunday

April 13, 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 *The Palms*
Kathy Barbehenn - soprano *Kat Jolliff - piano*

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Reflection Timothy Keller
"Palm Sunday invites us to reflect on the paradox of Jesus' kingship, which is revealed not in power and splendor, but in humility and sacrifice."

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 *Psalm 118*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let all who fear the Lord say,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord has answered our prayer and become our salvation.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna, hosanna!

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn *All Glory, Laud and Honor* # 88

Call to Confession

Leader: We come with our praises, yet we fall short of the glory of God. Sin stains even our best intentions, but God refuses to let sin have the last word. With faith and hope, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

All: Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you.

Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: He who rode into Jerusalem, struggled on the cross, and was sealed in a tomb is risen from the dead! Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever. This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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: *The Topsy Turvy King* by Alison Brewis

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

Anthem *Palm Sunday Welcome* arr. Austin Lovelace
Chancel Choir

O hark! The cry, a thousand voices shouting!

They greet a King; for him wild welcome sing.

His majesty, they sing beyond all doubting and loud the people cry:

"Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh!

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Today they cry, but will they cry tomorrow,

And hail him King? To him wild welcome sing?

To die in lonely sorrow, and few will hear him sigh.

"Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh!

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O Christ, thy day shall come again at Easter.

To thee as King, in triumph shall we sing,

And homage pay, and once again, O Master, in love shall raise the cry:

"Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh!

Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh!"

New Testament Reading *Luke 19:28-40*

Sermon *"The Lord Needs It"* Rev. Susan Frost
They said, "The Lord needs it."
Luke 19:34

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* # 89

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: God has given us his only child, Jesus Christ, as the way of our salvation. Let us then give generously, as God has given to us.

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: Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* # 91

Charge

Leader: Go out into the world to love as Jesus loved.

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

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new; faithful when we hear Christ's call.

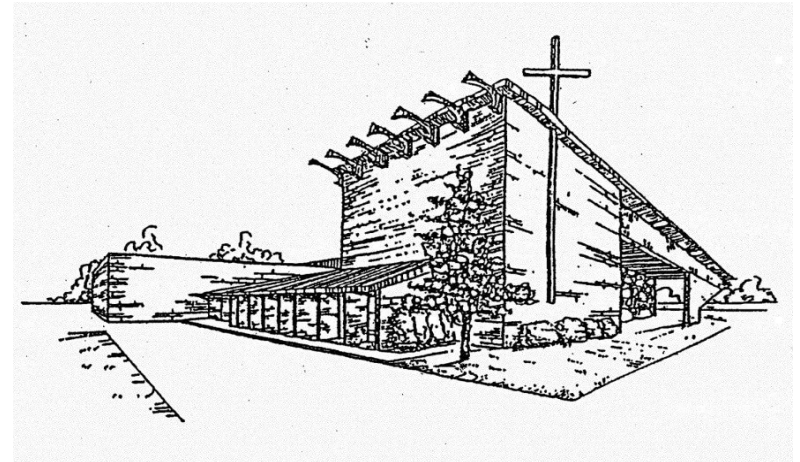
Benediction

Leader: May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

All: Amen.

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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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. SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME, always open to all, will be featuring 30 minutes of Lectio Divina (sacred reading) on Holy Saturday morning at 9:00 AM via ZOOM. Lectio Divina is a spiritual practice, "...a disciplined form of devotion...done purely and simply to come and to know God, to be brought before His Word, to listen." Connie Rice will be leading us. Please join us on April 19th, at 9:00AM.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82454802591?pwd=LLUjvKxB76hRrrHdbg2jVliU9Z8ZRa.1>
3. THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING collections extends through Easter. Envelopes can be found in your chair racks. Gifts help fund the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger program, and the Self-Development of People.
4. 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.
5. OUR SEMI-ANNUAL ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY clean-up of Route 250 near the church will take place on Saturday April 26th beginning at 9:30 a.m and finishing by 11:30 a.m. This is a chance to enjoy fellowship while performing a service to the neighborhood. Pickers and drivers are needed. Look for the sign-up table today in the Narthex or contact Clark Chippero at 585-329-1839 or clarkchippero@gmail.com.

. Lectionary Passages

	<u>Palms</u>	<u>April 13th</u>	<u>Passion</u>
Old Testament			Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	<i>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</i>		<i>Psalm 31:9-16</i>
New Testament			<i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 19:28-40</i>		<i>Luke 22:14 – 23:56</i>
	<u>April 17th - Maundy Thursday</u>		<u>April 18th - Good Friday</u>
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 12:1-14</i>		<i>Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19</i>		<i>Psalm 22</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 11:23-26</i>		<i>Hebrews 10:16-25</i>
Gospel	<i>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i>		<i>John 18:1 – 19:42</i>
	<u>April 20th - Easter Sunday</u>		
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>		
Psalm	<i>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</i>		
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 15:19-26</i>		
Gospel	<i>John 20:1-18</i>		

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 17
Maundy Thursday

Communion
 7:00 pm in the Chapel and Livestream

April 18
Good Friday
 7:00 pm in the Chapel & Livestream

April 20
Easter Sunday
 9:30 am in the Sanctuary & Livestream

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

- 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
- 11:00 A.M. All-Church Brunch in the Social Room
- 3:00 P.M. Worship Service at Cherry Ridge

Tuesday, April 15

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 17

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Worship Service/Communion in the Chapel

Friday, April 18

- 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Worship Service in the Chapel

Saturday, April 12

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

- 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

Memory Verse

*"Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you.
 I do not give to you as the world gives.
 Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."
 John 14:27*