

Celebration of Worship

Easter Sunday

April 20, 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

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Easter Glory* arr. Arthur Curnow
Brandon McArdell - trumpet Kat Jolliff - piano

Announcements

Reflection Tom Berlin
“...we need the Resurrection to be a reference point in our lives rather than one Sunday on our calendars...because Jesus was resurrected on the third day. We know that God offers new beginnings, no matter what the facts of our present reality seem to tell us.”

Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Song *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks* # 106 – verse 2

Call to Worship

Leader: Today is the day mystery unfolds.

People: We glimpse it at the dawning of light.

Leader: We yearn to hear our Lord calling us:

People: Sister, brother, sibling.

Leader: Today we recall again God's trustworthy promise:

People: The tomb is empty! The Lord is risen! The enemy of death is destroyed!

Leader: Come, hear the story of our risen Lord.

People: Come, worship God!

Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* # 113

Call to Confession

Leader: Death is overcome. Evil is thwarted. Let us confess the sin we carry that we may receive new life in Christ.

Prayer of Confession

All: God, you offer us new life through the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ. Still, we falter; we fail to grasp just what “resurrection” means. We think we are smart enough, that we can solve our own problems. We seek to be positive, and yet feel despair. We put our trust in others, and when they let us down, we give up on them. We feel that we are beyond redemption and may be disappointed with You to the point that our faith seems impossible to hold on to.

Forgive us, O God. May the Resurrection offered to Jesus' disciples so long ago bring us the same hope, new life, and the assurance that You are present with us, not only in our brightest moments, but also our darkest. Like the first disciples, may we experience the joy of “resurrection” life as well.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is alive! The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin, and wipes away all shame. We are drenched in radiating mystery: God is with us. Receive the wonderful news. We are made alive in Christ.

People: In Jesus Christ we are restored. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sung Response *We Are Forgiven* Insert

We are forgiven; we are forgiven. Thanks be to God; thanks be to God.
We are forgiven; we are forgiven. Thanks be to God; thanks be to God.

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: Resurrection

Anthem *Now the Green Blade Riseth*
Alleluia Bells arr. Kevin McChesney

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 65:17-25*

Anthem *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* arr. Nobel Cain
Chancel Choir; Brandon McArdell - trumpet (words on insert)

New Testament Reading *John 20:1-18*

Sermon *I Have Seen the Lord* Rev. Susan Frost
Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord...”
John 20:18a

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* # 104

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: We belong to Christ Jesus; all things are his, for he is Lord of all. Let us give back to God as generously as God has supplied our needs.

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 and One Great Hour of Sharing Gifts

All: Today we offer up not only the gifts of our time, talents, and treasure, but also we pray that the moneys that have been donated to the One Great hour of Sharing will find their way to those in need – to those in this country and others around the world – that the little we contribute will add up as the Church joins together to support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People. May our offerings prove a blessing and bring honor and praise to you, Great God, who hears the cries of the “least of these.” May they help to provide hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn *Christ Is Alive!* # 108

Charge

Leader: You are witnesses to the resurrection; you are messengers of the gospel. Go forth to tell the good news, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.

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: Grace and peace to all who have an undying love for our living Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Postlude

Easter Flowers have been given by:

Brad & Kathy Adams in memory of their parents and loved ones;

Bob & Jackie Anderson in memory of loved ones;

Kathy Barbehenn to the Glory of God;

Bob & Sandi Blakey in memory of loved ones;

Joyce Bradstreet to the Glory of God;

Jerri Breschard in memory of her beloved husband Paul and sister Patty;

John & Anita Bocker in honor of their parents;

Elissa Burke in memory of Mary & Bill Martin, Pat & Jim Sauer, Merrit Patrick and Elsie Burke;

Janet & Clark Chippero in memory of Thelma Peck;

Stu & Carol Cooper in loving memory of their parents;

Shirley Crane in memory of loved ones;

Marge & Terry Crumb in memory of Duane & Judy Crumb;

Chuck Durand in memory of his parents;

Steve & Susan Frost in honor of Marilyn Frost;

Gayl Galen in memory of her parents, Jack & MaryGrace Thomas;

Bob & Holly Grocki in memory of Jim & Joan Moran and Tom & Jean Grocki;

Barb Hach to the Glory of God;

Tony & Georgia Hubbard in memory of loved ones;

Bill & Nancy Martin in memory of Heather Martin;

Laura Oliver in memory of Jan DeVos;

The Petrino Family in memory of loved ones and in honor of all of those deployed;

Connie Rice & Mark Pipal to the Glory of God;

Arlene Sahmel with Praise to God;

David & Karen Stoddard in memory of their parents;

Sue Wroblewski in memory of loved ones.



Anthem *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* *arr. Nobel Cain*
Chancel Choir

Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the strain.
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness.
God hath brought His people forth into joy from sadness.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and, with true affection,
Welcome in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection.
'Tis the spring of souls today! Christ hath burst His prison;
From the frost and gloom of Death, light and Life have risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From the light, to whom we give thanks and praise undying.
"Alleluia," now we cry to our King immortal,
Who triumphant bust the bars of the tomb's dark portal.
"Alleluia," with the Son, God, the Father, praising.
"Alleluia" yet again to the Spirit raising. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING donations are being dedicated today. There is still time to add your gift to the total by using the envelopes in the chair racks. Funds support much needed national and international programs for hunger assistance, disaster relief and self-development projects. Thank you to all who have given.
3. OUR SEMI-ANNUAL ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY clean-up of Route 250 near the church is this 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>April 20th</u>	<u>April 27th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>	<i>II Kings 7:1-16</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24</i>	<i>Psalms 2; 118:24-29</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 15:19-26</i>	<i>Acts 5:27-32; Rev. 1:4-8</i>
Gospel	<i>John 20:1-18</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</i>

This Week's Calendar

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

Monday, April 21 - May Pathway Deadline

4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
6:30 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10

Tuesday, April 22

9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
4:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room
5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee on Zoom

Wednesday, April 23

6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
9:30 A.M. Membership Committee in the Church Office
5:45 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 510 in the Memorial Room
5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
Homeowners' Association in Room 9/10
ONE in Christ Committee on Zoom

Thursday, April 24

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
6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, April 25

10:30 P.M. Book Club on Zoom
1:00 P.M. FNO Practice in the Social Room

Saturday, April 26

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
9:30 A.M. Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up on Route 250
1:00 P.M. Eleanor Scott Memorial Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 27

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. - "A Day in the Life of a Hospital Chaplain"

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