

# Celebration of Worship

April 27, 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** *Echo Fantasia in D Minor* Sweelinck

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

**Reflection** Maya Angelou  
*"Having courage does not mean that we are unafraid. Having courage and showing courage mean we face our fears. We are able to say, 'I have fallen, but I will get up'."*

### Ringling of the Bell

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

### Call to Worship

Leader: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the Gospel's cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

**All: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.**

Leader: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

**All: The Gospel of Grace is the Lord's doing.**

Leader: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,

**All: this is the day that the Lord has made.**

Leader: Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad.**

**Hymn** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* # 121

### Call to Confession

Leader: We are called to tell the truth. Those who are perfectly loved need not fear their shadows. When we speak what we fear and what we hope, silence cannot trap us and lies cannot hold us. As much as we are tempted to hide, telling the truth together reminds us that we trust in God's grace and the grace of this community. We remember that God's love yields healing. Honesty, confession, and forgiveness restore us to one another.

As we pray together, we are reminded that our confessions of sin, just like our confessions of faith, are held in community. The literal words matter less than the contrite hearts who speak it. Trusting God loves us, and we love and are loved by each other. Let us pray.

### Prayer of Confession

Based on *John 20:19-31*

**All: Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly.**

**God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Help us to breathe again. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, come to see us; call us forth from our locked rooms and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love.**

### Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The God of truth is present to us in the speaking of truth.  
The Spirit of grace is present to us in the sharing of grace.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Sung Response** *We Are Forgiven*

### 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** Paddington's Corner

### Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Holy God, we have come here for a word of life. As we seek you in your Word, meet us here. Grant us your wisdom and your hope.

**All: Amen.**

**New Testament Reading** *Acts 5:27-32*

**Anthem** *Alleluia, Allelu* Jay Althouse  
Chancel Choir

**Gospel Reading** *John 20:19-31*

**Sermon** *"Unlocking Our Fears"* John Kubinieć

## RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn

*We Walk by Faith*

# 399

### Affirmation of Faith

**All:** We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

### Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

### Invitation to the Offering

Leader: We believe in the preaching of the good news and the binding up of the broken-hearted that happens when we share life. Giving reminds us that God calls us beyond ourselves, and this is good news. So come and share in life together – whether you give an offering of prayer or praise, money, or time – come and practice a life invested in community.

### Doxology (# 592) and Blessing of the Offering

**All:** God of abundance, take these gifts which were already yours, and use them to knit us closer to each other and closer to the world you so love.

## MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

*Thine Is the Glory*

# 122

### Charge

Leader: Go forth from this room knowing that our God can no longer be held in locked rooms, that blessings and new life and cosmic peace has come for us – and that we are not the only ones.

### 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

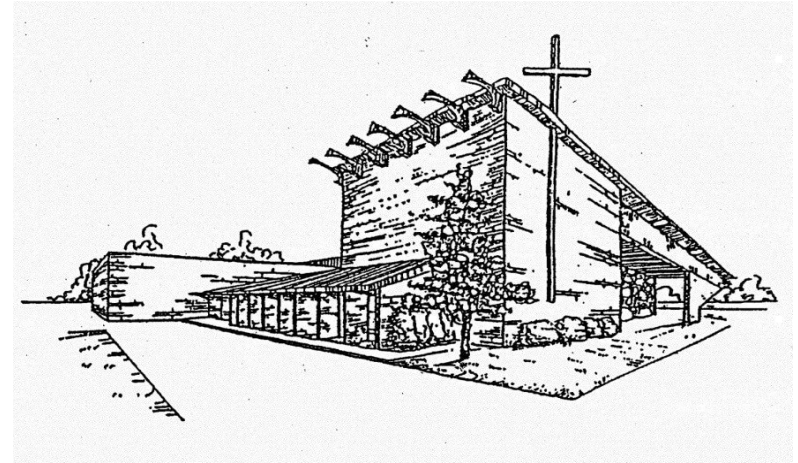
Leader: And may God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, those you love, and for whom you pray, now and forevermore.  
And let the church say: **Amen.**

Postlude

*Passacaglia in D Minor*

Reger

## 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. FLOWERS on the Communion Table are in loving memory of Janice Weishaar from her boys, Peter, Jeremy and Joshua.
3. GRACE KAIGAI from Kenya will be our speaker this morning following the worship service. A dear friend of Eleanor Scott and a primary contact for our past adult mission teams in Kenya, Grace will informally share with us information about the projects in Kenya which we support through our ongoing mission dollars.
4. CLOTHING COLLECTION for Cameron Community Ministries - Our annual collection of gently used and new men's, women's and children's spring and summer clothing has begun. Consider making a donation by going through your closets at home or making a purchase at a local discount or used clothing store. Please do NOT donate fall and winter items at this time as Cameron only has limited storage. Blue plastic collection boxes will be in the Narthex and upper hallway until May 26. Thank you!
5. A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER will be held at the Masonic Lodge on Orchard Street in Webster this Friday from 5 – 7 pm. The profits will go to Bellas Bumbas, one of our ongoing mission budget recipients. Bellas needs to build a new, much larger storage building for the parts, supplies and mobility devices that they make for small children. Please consider going to eat there, or get takeout - \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

## Lectionary Passages

|               | <u>April 27<sup>th</sup></u>    | <u>May 4<sup>th</sup></u> |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Old Testament | <i>II Kings 7:1-16</i>          | <i>Isaiah 61:1-3</i>      |
| Psalms        | <i>Psalms 2; 118:24-29</i>      | <i>Psalms 90:13-17</i>    |
| New Testament | <i>Acts 5:27-32; Rev. 1:4-8</i> | <i>Revelation 5:11-14</i> |
| Gospel        | <i>John 20:19-31</i>            | <i>John 21:1-19</i>       |

## Memory Verse

*Peace I leave with 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*

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, April 27

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3 Youth Christian Ed. in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. - Kenyan speaker Grace Kaigai in the Sanctuary

### Monday, April 28

- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle at the home of Gwen Hoffman
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

### Tuesday, April 29

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

### Wednesday, April 30

- 6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/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 1

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

### Friday, May 2

- 10:30 P.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. FNO Practice in the Social Room
- 6:45 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

### Saturday, May 3

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room  
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

### Sunday, May 4

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. - "A Day in the Life of a Hospital Chaplain"  
Family Bells in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout 617 in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

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