

Celebration of Worship

May 4, 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 and Minute for Mission

Reflection

Aysa Taryam

"The road to redemption is a treacherous one that the accused must walk through in darkness, but if we don't shine the light, then there is no hope for anyone finding their way to the other side."

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to worship the One who heals us,

People: who opens our eyes to the goodness of God's world.

Leader: Come to worship the One who frees us,

People: who unbinds our hands from the chains we have made.

Leader: Come to worship the One who calls us,

People: who offers us life and showers us with grace.

Hymn

Christ Be Our Light

Insert

Call to Confession

Leader: Risen from the dead, Jesus Christ longs for us to know life in all of its fullness, offering us renewal and refreshment, hope and forgiveness. Let us trust in the promise of Easter as we make our confession.

Prayer of Confession

All: Generous God, in Jesus, you have shown us love, love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death.

Sung Response

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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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: *Redemption*

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 30

Anthem

Because He Lives

Gaither and Ringwald

Chancel Choir

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;

He came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon,

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives! Because my Savior lives!

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

Sermon

"Mourning into Dancing"

Rev. Susan Frost

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Psalms 30:11

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Hymn

Open My Eyes That I May See

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Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Jesus calls us to feed his lambs and tend his sheep. Let us show and share his love through the offering of our lives.

Response

"Give Thanks"

Insert

Sacrament of Holy Communion

An Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Preparation

Leader: ...we praise you, joining our voice with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

Words of Institution

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Distribution of the Elements of Communion

You will be receiving the elements in your seats today.

When you receive the bread, hold it so we can all partake together.

Please do the same with the cup after you receive it.

Gluten-free elements are available upon request to the server.

Leader: The body of Christ, given for you.

People: Amen.

Leader: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

People: Amen.

Prayer of Gratitude

All: As we have shared your meal together as one body; your church, send us out into the world with a united purpose: to spread peace in the midst of discord; to extend love where you call us; to live in such a way that your mercy and compassion are present in our actions and our words; to truly allow the Spirit to work in and through us, molding and transforming the world to align with your vision and your kingdom come. In and through your Son, Jesus Christ, who calls us in mission, we pray. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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Charge

Leader: Go and celebrate all that God has done as Christ breathes new life into you, sending you out with the Spirit of forgiveness and faith for the life of the world.

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 you be filled with the grace and peace of the God who is and was and is to come, and with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, God's faithful witness, who loves us and sets us free.

All: Amen.

Postlude

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.Lectionary Passages

| | <u>May 4th</u> | <u>May 11th</u> |
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| Old Testament | <i>Isaiah 61:1-3</i> | <i>Isaiah 53:1-6</i> |
| Psalm | <i>Psalm 30</i> | <i>Psalm 23</i> |
| New Testament | <i>Revelation 5:11-14</i> | <i>Acts 9:36-43</i> |
| Gospel | <i>John 21:1-19</i> | <i>John 10:22-30</i> |

Memory Verse

*It is the Lord who goes before you.
He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.
Do not fear or be dismayed.
Deuteronomy 31:8*

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 in the Sanctuary this morning are given in honor of Nancy Perryman's 100th Birthday (May 5, 1925). Her family has donated funds for a new cooler in our kitchen to further her lifelong mission of generously welcoming all to the Webster Presbyterian Church. Join us for some Birthday Cake in the Narthex following the worship service!
3. YELLOW ROSE SUNDAY will be May 18th, and contributions are being accepted between now and then for dedication on that day. These contributions are to honor or remember people who have made a difference in our lives as Christians. Please use the envelopes in the chair rack or send a check to the church office, noting on the check that the donation is for Yellow Rose.
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!



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This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 4

- 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"
 Family Bells in the Sanctuary
 Birthday Cake in the Social Room, remembering Nancy Perryman on her 100th birthday
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout 617 in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

Monday, May 5

- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10
 Misconduct Training in Room 9/10

Tuesday, May 6

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 90 in the Social Room

Wednesday, May 7

- 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. Patrol Leader Meeting in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, May 8

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in the Memorial Room
- 10:30 A.M. Glory Bells' Performance at Chapel Oaks
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, May 9

- 10:30 P.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, May 10

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
- 10:00 A.M. Girl Scout Troops 715 and 195 in the Memorial Room

Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day

- 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. Family Bells in the Sanctuary