

# Celebration of Worship

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

9:30 A.M.

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

**Prelude** *Consolator* J. Bert Carlson

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

**Reflection** Pope Francis

“The future of humanity does not lie solely in the hands of great leaders, the great powers and the elites. It is fundamentally in the hands of people and their ability to organize. It is in their hands, which can guide with humility and conviction this process of change.”

### Ringing of the Bell

**Gathering Song** *Create in Me*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve You;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.  
So, fill me and heal me, and bring me back to You.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve You.

### Call to Worship

Leader: More than those who watch for the morning,

**People: we wait faithfully for God.**

Leader: With our questions and our cries, in our hopes and expectations,

**People: we wait faithfully for God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God together,

**People: and offer our prayers and praise in faithfulness.**

**Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* # 316

### Prayer of Adoration

Leader: God in whom we live and move and have our being, we praise you. In the face of all that wearies us and worries us, your Word echoes across the centuries with hope. As we follow the footsteps of Jesus in this Lenten season, his Cross standing before us, we trust you are never far from our sorrows, walking with us, sharing our tears. You stand beside us when we don't know which way to turn. In this time of worship, renew our trust in your resurrection promises. Draw near to us when we need you the most with love that will never let us go. We offer you our wonder and our praise as the creating God, leading Christ, and inspiring Spirit.

### Prayer of Confession

**All:** Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

### Time of Reflection

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said, “Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gift to you this day, whatever burden you carry. Be renewed by the breath of the Holy Spirit that will bring you into each new day.

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

### Passing of the Peace

### Children's Message

### Prayer for Understanding

**All:** Life-giving God, steady us with your Spirit. Open our hearts and minds so that we may attend to the stories of your grace and promise, revealed through Christ, your Living Word. Amen

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading** *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

**Anthem** *“Who Is Jesus?”* Timothy Dudley-Smith  
Chancel Choir; Sally Turner - flute Jeffrey Honoré

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** *John 11: 1-17, 38-45*

### Sermon

Reverend Russ Roth

**Hymn** *O Christ, the Healer* # 380

### Invitation to the Offering

Leader: God breathes the power of new life into the world through Christ who is both Friend and Savior to us. We offer our gifts in gratitude for God's renewing breath, trusting its power will move through our gifts into the world God loves.

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website “Give” button. Thank you!

## Prayer of Dedication

**All:** We place our gifts into your hands, O God. With the power of your Holy Spirit, make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Doxology

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## Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

**Leader:** God of the loving heart, thank you that in Christ, you call each of us by name and unite us in his body, the Church. Give us love enough to make a difference in your world, and trust enough to follow even when the way ahead of us is a challenge. Christ of majesty and mercy,

**People:** Bring your compassion to this world once more.

**Leader:** God of peace and promise, in Christ you call us to love our enemies and to be peacemakers in the world you love. We pray today for people and places divided by ancient bitterness and current hostility. Christ of majesty and mercy,

**People:** Bring your compassion to this world once more.

**Leader:** O God of the bruised and broken, we are grateful that, in Christ, you have taken up the cross and know by heart the things that bring us suffering and pain. We pray today for all those in need of healing and comfort, whatever the source of their pain. Christ of majesty and mercy,

**People:** Bring your compassion to this world once more.

**Leader:** O God of the lonely and sorrowing, in Christ you faced the loss we know when loved ones die or when friends let us down. We remember before you those who grieve the loss of their beloved and those who face a lonely future. Christ of majesty and mercy,

**People:** Bring your compassion to this world once more.

**Leader:** O God of hope and new possibility, in Christ you opened the way into the future for us through the power of your redeeming love. Give us the courage we need to face our future, assured of your presence and power to sustain us. Christ of majesty and mercy,

**People:** Bring your compassion to this world once more.

## Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

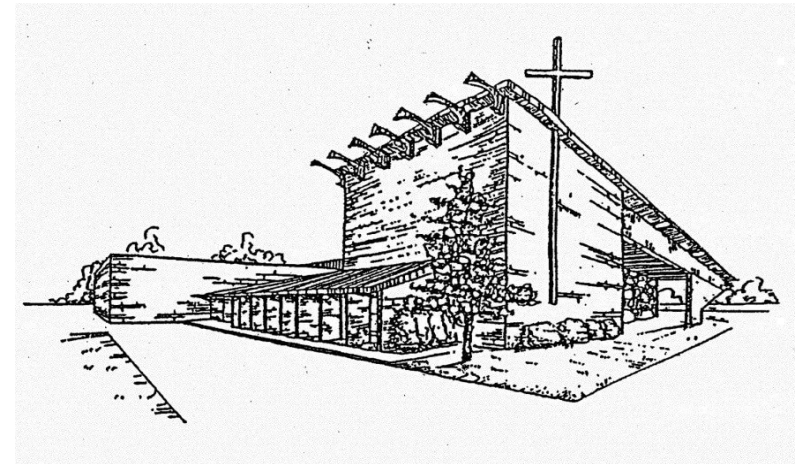
## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn** *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door* # 382

## Benediction

**Postlude** *Ellacombe* J. Wayne Kerr

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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. – A NEW COVENANT TO REMEMBER - The Passion According to Luke is the video/discussion topic for Adult Education as we discover the differences in the Gospels' Passion stories and Jesus' sacrifice for us, using scriptures *Luke 22:45-51; Luke 23:6-12 and 32-45*. Join us following the worship service in Room 9/10.
3. THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING continues through April 12<sup>th</sup>. By supporting this special offering, you help improve the lives of people around the world, providing access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Envelopes can be found in your chair racks, or send your donation to the church office, designating that it is for the OGHS offering.
4. EASTER FLOWER orders end today. You can sign up for a single lily (\$18), tulips (\$14), and azaleas (\$21.50) by stopping at a table in the Narthex after the service or calling the church office. Payment can be cash or a check payable to PWC. Flowers can be taken home after the Easter service or donated to a Friend at Home. When ordering, you may include a dedication in memory or honor of a loved one to appear in the Easter bulletin.
5. A PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be held in the Social Room following the service next Sunday. All are invited to attend. Beverages, place settings and hot breakfast casseroles will be provided. It is optional for you to sign up for additional items. Join us for a morning of celebration and fellowship by signing up in the Narthex or calling the church office.
6. HEART & HAND is making placemats for Meals on Wheels this month. If you would like to participate in the project you may pick up a placemat kit from the table in the hallway outside the church office to sew at home.
7. A BOOK chosen by your ONE in Christ committee is available in the Narthex. "Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss and the Fight for Trans Equality" by Sarah McBride is for everyone to take at no charge. The book will be discussed during Adult Ed on April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
8. AN ORGAN RECITAL will take place in the Sanctuary at 3:00 this afternoon. Our organist, Abby Crafton, will be joined by 3 other organ majors from the Eastman School of Music. The concert is free and open to all! Invite your friends and neighbors!

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 22

- 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. Lenten Series in Room 9/10
- 3:00 P.M. Organ Recital in the Sanctuary

### Monday, March 23

- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social and Basement Room

### Tuesday, March 24

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Worship and Music Committee on Zoom

### Wednesday, March 25

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social and Basement Rooms

### Thursday, March 26

- 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
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship and Finance Committee in Room 9/10

### Friday, March 27

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room

### Saturday, March 28

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
- ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

- 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. Palm Sunday Brunch in the Social Room

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### Memory Verse

*For by grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
not the result of works, so no one may boast.*

*Ephesians 2:8-9*