

Celebration of Worship

Palm Sunday

March 29, 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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

JRR Tolken

“The Road goes ever on and on out from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone. Let others follow, if they can!”

Ringling 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: The stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone.

People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of
death – even death on a cross.

People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: Therefore, God has exalted him and given him the name
above every name.

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in
the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant
Lord.

Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Prayer of Adoration

Leader: God of majesty and mercy, we worship today as the Cross looms
larger on the horizon. We praise you for Jesus, the Ruler who
came in humility to free us from captivity. He came in mercy to
free us from the sins we recognize in ourselves, and the sins we
easily overlook. He came to show us the full extent of your
mercy, love and justice. So we praise you for your kindness and
the strength you show to lift our burdens and shoulder them for
us in Christ Jesus. We come in the strength you show to lift our
burdens and shoulder them for us in Christ Jesus. We come in
humility, knowing you have given us your all, to worship you as
Creator, Christ and Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of mystery and mercy, your mercy and forgiveness
are a mystery to us. We fail to show mercy to others
when they fall short of our expectations. We keep silent
rather than speak up when others are in trouble. We
prefer what is easy to what is right, even though your
Spirit draws our attention. We seek your forgiveness, O
God, and ask that you make us more forgiving. Inspire
us with the costly choices Jesus made as he moved
toward the Cross, and give us the courage to follow him.

Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ
died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us;
Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel – In
Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God’s generous
grace.

Gloria Patri

Screen

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Message

Prayer of Illumination

All: God of courage and comfort, as we follow the stories of
Christ’s journey to the Cross, inspire us with the
courage to follow him even when others turn against
him. And comfort us, knowing that you will walk with us
through every challenge, just as you walked with Jesus
who is your Living Word.

1st Scripture Reading *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29*

Anthem

“Hosanna to the King Who Comes!”

Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

Reverend Russ Roth

Hymn

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

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Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Today we are reminded that Christ offered his life on the
Cross for our sakes. Now it’s our turn to offer God our gifts in
gratitude, trusting God to use them to create new life in Jesus’
name.

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

Leader: Gracious God, when we remember Jesus gave his life for us, our offering seems so small. Yet Jesus shows us that five loaves and two fish can feed a multitude; a man dying on a cross becomes Living Bread for a hungry world. Bless these small gifts with your goodness so that the miracle of Jesus' love continues to amaze the world. Amen.

Doxology

Screen

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: God of courage and compassion, as we follow Jesus toward the Cross this holy week, we give you thanks that he faced his enemies with courage, not violence. We are grateful he loved us enough to die for us, bearing every pain and sorrow others inflicted. In Christ we trust that your love has power in every situation, even the most troubling or tragic. Hear us as we bring to you the people and places facing trouble and tragedy this day.

We pray for all struggling with poverty, sickness or grief, and any feeling overwhelmed by things beyond their control. Stay with them day by day and restore their hope and health. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for people and places facing violence, war and corruption, and all who fear for what this day may bring. Grant them courage and protection, and restore their hope and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who challenge tyranny, brutality and injustice, and all who raise their voices for the vulnerable and victimized. Give them strength and restore their hope and freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who face persecution because of racism, belief or identity, and for each one who has been shamed or humiliated by someone more powerful. Assure them of their value as your children and restore their hope and dignity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Hear us as we pray to you for those situations close to our hearts this day. Bring your grace to restore hope and healing wherever they are needed. Lord, in your mercy,

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Hymn

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

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Benediction and Postlude

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. THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING continues through April 12th. 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.
3. THIS SATURDAY MORNING John Kubiniec will lead a group in a guided meditation on Zoom at 9 am. All are invited to join this prayerful time using the link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82454802591?pwd=LLUjvKxB76hRrrHdbg2iVliU9Z8ZR.a.1>
4. 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 26th and May 3rd.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 2
Maundy Thursday
 Communion
 7:00 pm in the Chapel and Livestream

April 3
Good Friday
 7:00 pm in the Chapel & Livestream

April 5
Easter Sunday
 9:30 am in the Sanctuary & Livestream

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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 – 5th Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Palm Sunday Brunch in the Social Room

Monday, March 30

- 6:00 P.M. Rachel Circle at the home of Gwen Hoffman

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

- 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, April 2

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion in the Chapel

Friday, April 3

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Worship Service in the Chapel

Saturday, April 4

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

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 12:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

Lectionary Passages

	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday
<u>Palms</u>		
New Testament	Matthew 21:1-11	
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	
<u>Passion</u>		
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9</i>	<i>Exodus 12:1-14</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 31:9-16</i>	<i>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19</i>
New Testament	Philippians 2:5-11	I Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel	Matthew 26:14 – 27:66	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:1-6</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 22</i>	<i>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</i>
New Testament	Hebrews 10:16-25	Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel	John 18:1 – 19:42	Matthew 28:1-10

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures forever.'
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- ²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
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for his steadfast love endures forever.

Matthew 21:1-11

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