

Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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

Joseph Campbell

"I always feel uncomfortable when people speak about ordinary mortals because I've never met an ordinary man, woman or child."

Ring of the Bell

Gathering Song

Create in Me

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Call to Worship

Leader: God's truth opens our eyes on the world.

People: God's Spirit shatters our prejudice.

Leader: God's Truth nourishes our hearts.

People: God's Spirit encourages us in the face of fear.

Leader: God's Truth frees us from past mistakes and misunderstanding.

People: God's Spirit moves us to find new purpose in life.

Leader: So, let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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Prayer of Adoration

Leader: Creator, Christ and Spirit, you provide what we need to live from the bounty of creation. God of mercy, you know us through and through, and you love us. God of hope, you have an everlasting purpose for us. God of wisdom, you open our minds and teach and guide us. So we come to worship you, Source of Wisdom, Son of Mercy, Spirit of Hope, offering you our prayers and our praise, trusting you to offer us the gifts we need to thrive and to serve you in the world you love this day and always.

Prayer of Confession

All: Creator God, our Redeemer, we are not proud of all you hear in our thoughts and prayers. We complain when we want things to change, but don't know what to do. We justify ourselves when you call us to change, but we don't want to. We blame others when things change and upset our expectations. Forgive us, God, when we are not listening for you.

Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: While it is true that we have sinned and gone our own way, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. All who humbly seek the mercy of God may trust that, in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

Gloria Patri

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Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Prayer for Understanding

All: Jesus Christ, we turn to you this day to be refreshed by God's living Word in the Scriptures. Let the Holy Spirit open our eyes to your truth and shine truth on the way you set before us. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Anthem

"Lonesome Valley"

arr. Hart Morris

Alleluia Bells; Sally Turner - flute

2nd Scripture Reading

John 4:5-42

Sermon

Reverend Russ Roth

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

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Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Having tasted the living water in Christ's love and forgiveness, we bring our gifts to God in gratitude for such refreshment and renewal.

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: Loving God, with our gifts we offer you our very selves, knowing you receive us as we are. Bless all that we have to offer so that we may become gifts to those who encounter us through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

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Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Leader: Revealing God, we seek to offer you our prayers in spirit and in truth. We thank you for the truth of your love which welcomes us as we are, not as the world tells us we should be. Thank you for the truth of your mercy which embraces us even when you recognize our mistakes and failures. Thank you for the truth of your purpose which gives us meaning and direction for our lives. And thank you for the truth of your vision which gives us hope for our future, even in challenging times. Revealing God,

People: Guide us in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Revealing God, we seek from you truth for our times. We are surrounded by claims of truth and much that misleads. We pray for those who feel overwhelmed by so much information. Grant us all the ability to discern fact from fabrication, and to recognize self-interest disguised as sincerity. Revealing God,

People: Guide us in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Revealing God, we seek from you truth in our history. We know that most history has been written by the winners, so give us the willingness to hear the stories that have been silenced. We pray for those who have stories that are difficult to tell. Grant us both the courage to speak and to listen, and the wisdom to recognize truth even when it makes us uncomfortable. Revealing God,

People: Guide us in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Revealing God, we seek from you truth in our characters and shared humanity. We hear voices that are fearful, critical and cynical, so help us listen for voices of respect, generosity and filled with hope. Show us the potential we have to work together, to find common cause even among those with different perspectives, and accomplish more than we can imagine right now, because together we have been created in your image. Awaken in us and among us the potential to serve you in serving one another, for this is the way you revealed to us in Jesus Christ, both Friend and Savior.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

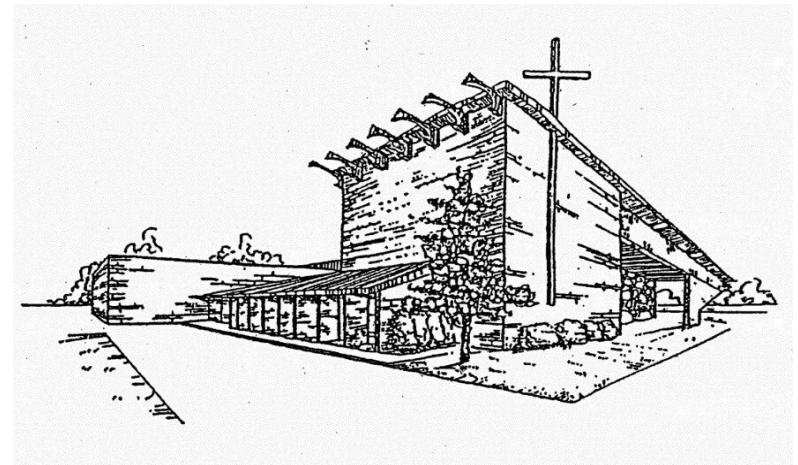
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Come, Labor On* # 415

Benediction

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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living and sharing the love of God
through faith and action,
welcoming all.*

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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. TODAY ADULT ED. "Yes, I Am" is the topic for today's discussion. Bring an NRSV Bible or borrow one from the chair rack, and join us following the worship service in Room 9/10.
3. EASTER FLOWER orders begin today for display on Easter morning. 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.
4. A PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be held in the Social Room following the service on March 29th. 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.
5. 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.
6. A BOOK chosen by your ONE in Christ committee is available today 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. There will be a discussion of the book during Adult Ed. on April 26th and May 3rd. We encourage you to read it and join the discussions.

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Lectionary Passages

	March 8 th	March 15 th
Old Testament	<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>	<i>I Samuel 16:1-13</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 95</i>	<i>Psalms 23</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 5:1-11</i>	<i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i>
Gospel	<i>John 4:5-42</i>	<i>John 9:1-41</i>

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 8

- 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. Adult Ed. Lenten Series in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 344 in the Memorial Room

Monday, March 9

- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room

Tuesday, March 10

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 4:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service Team in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in room 9/10

Wednesday, March 11

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 12:00 P.M. Naomi Circle Lunch at Flaherty's
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 715 in the Memorial Room
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, March 12

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in Room 4
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Long-range Planning Committee in Room 9/10

Friday, March 13

- 8:00 A.M. Heritage Christian Services Event in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

- 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. Lenten Series in Room 9/10
- 12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 1:00 P.M. Memorial Service in the Sanctuary