

Celebration of Worship

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

9:30 A.M.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

by Leah de Roulet, Hospice nurse

“If there is a real purpose for any of us, it is to somehow enhance each other’s humanity – to love, to touch others’ lives, to put others in touch with basic human emotions, to know that you have made even one life breathe easier because you have lived. By and large, the meaning of a person’s life gets distilled to, ‘How well I loved?’ A person can find hope in believing: Somebody loved me and I loved him or her, and those memories that my loved one carries forward will shimmer on inside my children and grandchildren and beyond.”

Shared by Wilma Brucker

Ringing of the Bell

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Call to Worship

Leader: After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

People: **Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.**

Leader: We have begun our journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

People: **Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the Spirit as our guide and companion along the way.**

Invocation

All: **Eternal God, we are thankful for the restoration that can be found in You. Your presence is welcomed here. We delight in knowing that You want to be wherever we are. Because You are love, You show up for us. In this space, may we delight in Your assurance that all You made is good. Amen.**

Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

People: **Source of Grace, we confess that sometimes when we’re tempted, we don’t resist. Sometimes when we could do good, we don’t because it seems too hard. These are the times that we need Your grace the most. Instead of giving up on us, You transform us as we open ourselves to You. For grace that abounds as needed, when needed, we give You thanks. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

Words of Grace

Leader: All that God made is good. God made us and we are empowered to be good and to do good. Grace and mercy make goodness possible always and in all ways. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Passing of the Peace

Hymn

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

Scripture Reading

Psalms 51:1-17

Special Music

Sharon’s Song

Donald Allured

Alleluia Bells

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon

“Preparing for the Wilderness” Rev. Mark McDaniel

Good News Creed

All: **This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to the women, and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Offering Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website ‘Give’ button

Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

Hymn

I Danced in the Morning

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Benediction

Postlude

Rondo Exsultate

Douglas Wagner



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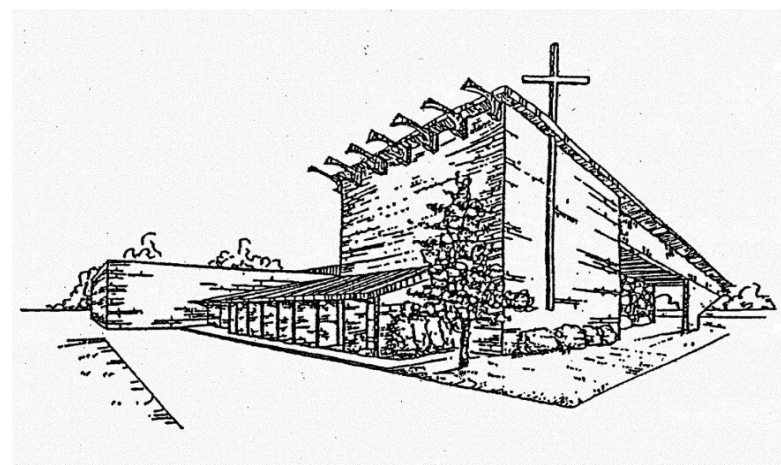
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welcoming all.*

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days # 81

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins and close by Thee to stay.
As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.
And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.
Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

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.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us; how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.
I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

I Danced in the Morning # 302

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow Me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with Me and the dance went on. - Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,
And left Me there on a cross to die. - Refrain

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance and I still go on. - Refrain

They cut Me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me:
I am the Lord of the Dance said He. - Refrain

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 26

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5th Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. DVD Lenten Series in Room 9/10 & on Zoom
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

Monday, February 27

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms
Rachel Circle at the home of Gayl Galen

Tuesday, February 28

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Children's Christian Ed. Committee in Room 1

Wednesday, March 1

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, March 2

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 3

- 10:00 A.M. FNO Practice in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, February 26th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, March 5th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7</i>	<i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 32</i>	<i>Psalms 121</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 5:12-19</i>	<i>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>	<i>John 3:1-17</i>

MEMORY VERSE

*We love because He first loved us.
I John 4:19*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. Sunday services continue to be live-streamed. You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>

THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing.
2. ADULT ED. - Following worship at 10:45 in Room 9/10 & on Zoom Today through March 26th - Join us for "Words of Life: Jesus and the promise of the Ten Commandments Today", a DVD series narrated by Adam Hamilton. This week we will look at the first 2 commandments: "*You shall have no other gods before me*" and "*You shall not make for yourself an idol.*" The Zoom link is:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUIkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>
3. A BOOK COLLECTION is being held the next few weeks for State Road students. New or gently used secular books, primarily for Grade levels K-3, but also chapter books for 4th & 5th graders, would be much appreciated. Storybooks, readers, beginning chapter books, and high interest books will be donated to children to help them find a love of reading.
4. PLEASE NOTICE that there are incubator cover kits with instructions included for interested volunteers to sew on the Heart & Hand table in the hall outside the office.
5. A FLOWER CHART to donate Sunday morning flowers to the church in celebration or honor of someone is located in the hallway across from the church office. If you would like to donate flowers, please see the instructions next to the chart. If delivery is a problem, you can contact Gayl Galen or Georgia Hubbard and they will be glad to help.
6. WEBSTER HOPE has requested the following items for their many clients with ongoing need: ketchup, canned pineapple, mayo, coffee, cooking oil, dish soap, laundry detergent, warm socks, gloves and hats. Please help as you are able by placing items in the box in the Narthex. Many Ukrainian families are moving into our area so there is a special request for gently used pots and pans with lids.