

# Celebration of Worship

February 23, 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

### Reflecting on 200 Years

### Reflection

Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship. Forgiveness is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning."*

### Ringling of the Bell

### Gathering Song

*How Lovely, Lord*

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place.  
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest,  
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

### Call to Worship

One: In this sacred space, trust in the Holy Spirit.

**Many: On this sabbath day, take delight in Jesus Christ.**

One: Among the faithful, commit your way to the Lord.

**Many: Let us worship the triune God with gladness!**

### Hymn

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

Insert

### Call to Confession:

Leader: Jesus teaches first by example. The one who says, "Do not judge, but forgive," asks only of us what he has already done for us. Let us practice the Teacher's instruction in prayer.

### Prayer of Confession

**All: O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagining. The economy of our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessing we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts.**

## Moment of Silent Reflection

### Assurance of Pardon

One: God is always offering us another chance. God is always offering life and abundance. Turn to God and receive the good news:

**Many: Yesterday, today, tomorrow, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

### 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

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: Forgiveness

### Prayer of Illumination:

Leader: Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word, and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Old Testament Reading *Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

### Anthem

*Delight Yourself in the Lord*

Michael Barrett

Chancel Choir

Delight yourself in the Lord. Commit your way unto Him.

The Lord will sustain and always remain faithful and true.

Delight yourself in the Lord. Commit your way unto Him.

Step out of your night. Rejoice in the Light. Delight yourself in the Lord.

Refresh yourself in streams of righteousness. Depend on His unchanging Word.  
Let all the world declare His holiness. Sing out and let your voice be heard.

Delight yourself in the Lord. Commit your way unto Him.

The Lord will sustain and always remain faithful and true.

Delight yourself in the Lord. Let hearts be filled with His praise.

Step out of your night, rejoice in the Light.

Delight yourself in the Lord. Delight yourself in the Lord!

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 6:27-38*

**Sermon**

*Kingdom Ethics*

Rev. Susan Frost

*"But I say to you that listen..."*

*Luke 6:27*

**RESPONDING IN LOVE**

**Hymn**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

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**Affirmation of Faith**

(adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

**All:** God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

**Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles**

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

**Invitation to the Offering**

Leader: There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

**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.

**Prayer and Blessing of the Offering**

**All:** May the gifts that we now offer up to God be a sign of our trust in God's promise of a new tomorrow, a better day, a sign that love and forgiveness have indeed found way. Amen.

**MOVING IN GOD'S WAY**

**Hymn**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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**Charge and Benediction**

Leader: As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: "Follow me." Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. Alleluia!

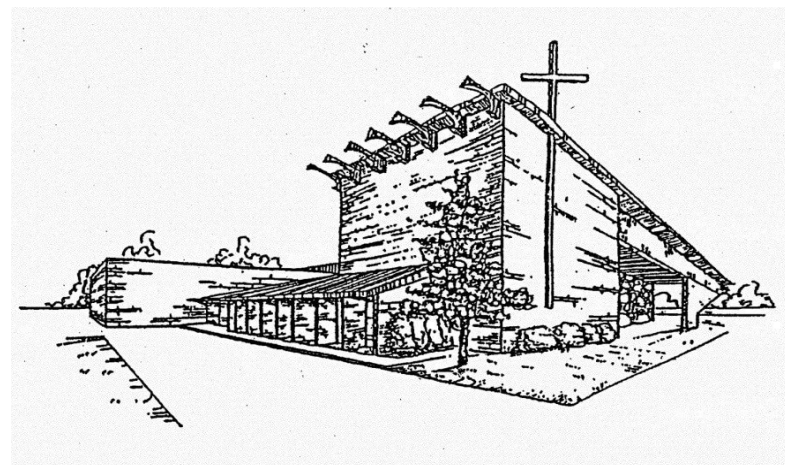
**Response** (sung)

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

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**Postlude**

**WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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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. FLOWERS on the communion table are given by Gayl Galen in loving memory of her mother, MaryGrace Thomas.
3. ADULT ED. - Following the worship service in Room 9/10:  
 - Today we will meet to continue a study using the book, *Into the Mess*, discussing the chapter, "When Daughters Go in Peace," p. 97.  
 - Next Week the guest speaker for Adult Ed. will be Jaime Lustig, who came out in 2019 as a transgender woman. She is a certified school and district leader in NYS, and is employed by RCSD as Director of External Special Education. Jaime will be sharing her insight and experience on how we can create a safe space free of judgments, where people can honestly communicate with each other, educate one another, and ask any and all questions. Please join us.
4. A VISIT TO PEOPLE'S PANTRY of Rochester is being organized by the Mission Committee for Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. If you would like to join us on this tour, please contact Laura Oliver at [loliver421@gmail.com](mailto:loliver421@gmail.com) to add your name to the list.
5. WPC POTLUCK DINNER AND TALENT SHOW - All are welcome to join us on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 pm. Let your light shine and come perform in the talent show! Sign-ups for both will be in the Narthex until March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, see Laura Oliver or Beth Algase. (email Laura at [loliver421@gmail.com](mailto:loliver421@gmail.com)).
6. A \$500 DONATION to assist the victims of the California fires is being sent from the church. If you would like to add to that total, please make a donation to WPC and it will be added to this effort.
7. PLEASE USE LIDS on your cups when bringing coffee or cocoa into the Sanctuary to avoid stains on the carpet from spills. Thank you.

### Memory Verse

*The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;  
 He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will renew you in His love;  
 He will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.  
 Zephaniah 3:17*

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, February 23

- 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. Adult Ed. Book Discussion of *Into the Mess*, p. 97

### Monday, February 24

- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle in the Memorial Room
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room

### Tuesday, February 25

- 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 & Music Committee on Zoom

### Wednesday, February 26

- 6:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, February 27

- 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

### Friday, February 28

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. BFF Book Study on Zoom
- 1:00 P.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room
- 5:00 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room
- 5:45 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 510 in the Memorial Room

### Saturday, March 1

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 A.M. Luisa Hall Memorial Service in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 2 - Communion 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. Adult Ed. Speaker in the Sanctuary

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	<u>February 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>March 2<sup>nd</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Genesis 45:3-11, 15</i>	<i>Exodus 34:29-35</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40</i>	<i>Psalms 99</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50</i>	<i>II Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 6:27-38</i>	<i>Luke 9:28-43a</i>