

# WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 11, 2021  
9:30 a.m.

**OUR MISSION**  
**We seek to live Christ's love,**  
**welcome all people and joyfully serve God.**



## Service for the Lord's Day

*As the music begins, let us use this time for quiet reflection and prayer, so that we, individually and as a great crowd of witnesses, may prepare ourselves to reaffirm our faith as the people of God.*

### ~GATHERING FOR GOD'S WORD~

PRELUDE

"Gather Your People"  
(music at the end of the bulletin)

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WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Nancy Wagner, Liturgist

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another.

**Just as Christ has loved us,  
let us love one another.**

OPENING HYMN #398

"How Very Good and Pleasant"  
(music at the end of the bulletin)

HOW VERY GOOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry,  
and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,  
and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak,  
and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.  
Help us to trust your power  
to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant  
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news of God's promise:  
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.  
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

**"Gloria"**

**Grundy**



Glo - ry to the Cre-a - tor, and the Christ and the Spir-it so near,  
as it was from the start so it shall be for - ev - er one God, al-ways here.

**~PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD~**

**SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION**

**Rev. Hannah Zyla**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Rev. Nancy Wagner, Liturgist**

Living God, with joy we celebrate  
the presence of your risen Word.  
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit  
so that we may proclaim the good news  
of eternal and abundant life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts: 43:32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133

<sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

SERMON

Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

**~RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD~**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Derek Bastian

OFFERING INVITATION

In the spirit of the first believers,  
we are called to share our goods in common  
and contribute to the needs of the poor  
with glad and generous hearts.

OFFERTORY HYMN 322

"We Are One in Christ Jesus"  
(music at the end of the bulletin)

SOMOS UNO

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In every time and every age, O God,  
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks,  
for your mercy is sure  
and your steadfast love endures forever.

In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus,  
who sets us free from death  
and leads us to life eternal

And so, with all creation  
with all the needy and hungry ones,  
with all those who have enough and plenty,  
with creatures large and small,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
and with the saints of every age,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.**

**Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.

By your power and love you continue  
to deliver your people from bondage,  
thwart the designs of evil,  
show the way through the wilderness,  
turn hardship into righteousness,  
and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.

You came among us to feed and heal and teach,  
to confound the haughty,  
to confuse the deceivers,  
to challenge the wrong-hearted,  
and, in all these things,  
to give hope to those who long for peace.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ is the bread of life.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord  
until he comes in glory.**

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.

You give us words when we have none;  
you fill us with vision when we have the most need;  
you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.  
Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace,  
Spirit of Love,  
Breath of Life.

Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew,  
and teach us to proclaim with her,  
“I have seen the Lord!”

In the unity of the Holy Trinity,  
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,  
we praise you, God of all that is,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We remember with thanksgiving our Lord's Passover meal,  
shared with his closest of friends,  
in which he took the bread and blessed it,  
broke it open, and gave it to them, saying:  
This is my body.  
Take and eat it, remembering me.

We remember how he took a cup, saying:  
This is the new covenant in my blood.  
Drink it, all of you, and remember me.

## COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection  
as you feed us with bread and wine.  
And as much as we might prefer  
to stay here in this protected place,  
you send us back to our work—  
only it is no longer the same work  
because we know you are with us and in us,  
shaping and transforming us  
to be your witnesses in the world.  
Nourished in body, mind, and spirit,  
may all that we say and do  
give you glory. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #244

"The Stone's Been Rolled Away"  
(music at the end of the bulletin)

Geoff Bullock

### CHARGE

Let your life be a sign of Christ's life  
so that others may come to believe  
that the Lord is risen indeed. **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

This is the blessing of the Lord:  
life forevermore **Alleluia!**

*As you rest in the postlude, our final offering to God, you are invited to use this time to reflect on how you have met God here today, and how you will bring God's love into the world that awaits.*

### **Worship Notes**

Some prayers and liturgical texts for worship are provided by:

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## **Welcome to our Guest, Derek Bastian**

This morning we are pleased to welcome Derek Bastian, Executive Director at Webster-Rock Hill Ministries as our guest to share a Minute for Mission. Webster-Rock Hill Ministries was formed in 1982 with the support of churches throughout our community, including Webster Groves Presbyterian. The stated mission at the time was "to provide assistance to the elderly, unemployed, people with disabilities and people with low incomes" throughout Webster and Rock Hill, beginning primarily with food assistance. We are so grateful for the partnership that we have shared over almost 40 years, and look forward to hearing an update about their plans for the future.

## **Those Who Serve Today**

**Ushers:** Marilee Campbell, Becky Claussen, Freda Cook, Deb Grossman, Debbie Miali, Bob Weng and Judy Weng.

**Liturgists:** Rev. Nancy Wagner

**Camera Operators:** Allison Byrne, Josh Zumwinkel

## **Chancel Flowers**

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, the gift of Sue and Glenn Davis.

## **Online Worship**

In order to reach beyond the walls of WGPC and into the homes of those who are unable to worship with us in person, each of our worship services is live-streamed and video recorded for viewing on our website, [wgpc.org](http://wgpc.org), Facebook and YouTube pages. Children's participation in the Scripture Conversation indicates implied parental consent to be recorded.

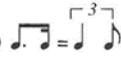
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# GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

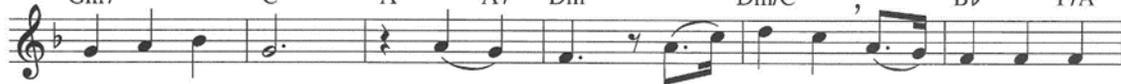
REFRAIN With a gospel swing (♩ = ca. 112) 

Capo 3: (D) (G/D) (D) (G/D) (A/C#) (Bm7)  
 F Bb/F F Bb/F C/E Dm7



Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord. Gath - er your

(Em7) (A) (F#) (F#7) (Bm) (Bm/A) (G) (D/F#)  
 Gm7 C A A7 Dm Dm/C Bb F/A



peo - ple, O Lord. One bread, one bod - y, one spir - it of

(Esus4) (E) (Em7) (Em7/A) (G/D) (D) (A)  
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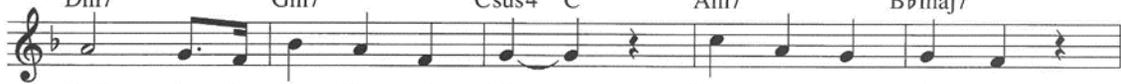
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love. Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord.

- VERSES
1. Draw us
  2. We are
  3. No more
  4. Wash us,

(Bm7) (Em7) (Asus4) (A) (F#m7) (Gmaj7)  
 Dm7 Gm7 Csus4 C Am7 Bbmaj7



1. forth to the ta - ble of life: broth - ers and sis - ters,  
 2. parts of the bod - y of Christ, need - ing each oth - er,  
 3. harm on the moun - tain of God; swords in - to plow - shares.  
 4. Lord, in the wa - ters of life; wa - ters of mer - cy,

(Em7) (F#m7) (G) (C) (G/B) (G/A)  
 Gm7 Am7 Bb Eb Bb/D Bb/C 2 D.C.



1. each of us called to walk in your light.  
 2. each of the gifts the Spir - it pro - vides.  
 3. Free us, O Lord, from hard - ness of heart.  
 4. wa - ters of hope that flow from your side.

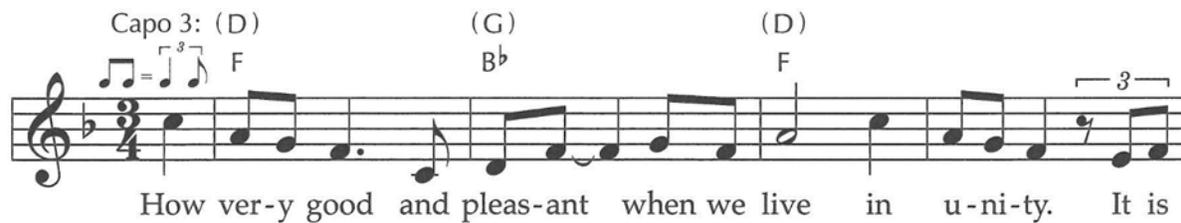
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# 398 How Very Good and Pleasant

(Psalm 133)

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D)

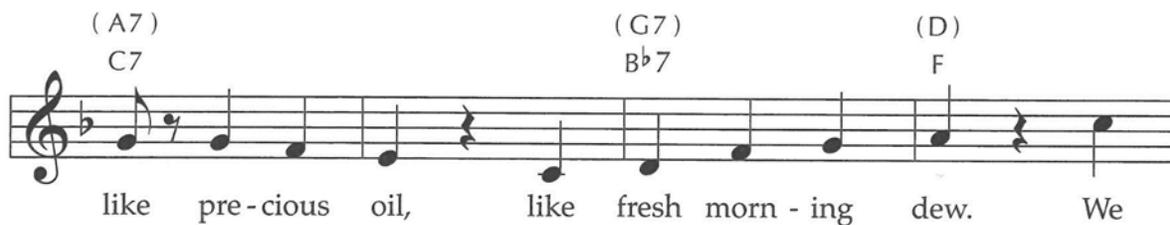
F B $\flat$  F



How ver-y good and pleas-ant when we live in u-ni-ty. It is

(A7) (G7) (D)

C7 B $\flat$ 7 F



like pre-cious oil, like fresh morn-ing dew. We

(D) (G) (F#) (Bm)

F B $\flat$  A Dm



gath-er here to-geth-er with our hearts and voic-es raised to

(G) (D) (A7) (D)

B $\flat$  F C7 F



God, who's the cen-ter of our u-ni-ty and praise!

# 322 We Are One in Christ Jesus

*Somos uno en Cristo*



We are one in Christ Je - sus, all one bod - y, all one  
*So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no, so - mos*

1 2



spir - it, all to - geth - er. geth - er. We share one  
*u - no, u - no so - lo. so - lo. Un so - lo*



God, one might - y Lord, one a - bid - ing faith, one bind - ing  
*Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la fe, un so - lo a -*



love, one sin - gle bap - tism, one Ho - ly Com - fort - er,  
*mor, un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es - pí - ri - tu,*



the Ho - ly Spir - it, u - nit - ing all.  
*y é - se es el Con - so - la - dor.*

# The Stone's Been Rolled Away

Words and Music by  
Geoff Bullock

♩=114

Em/A D/E A D/E Em/A D/E

4 A Bm B#° A/C# D7

7 Em/A D/E A Bm B#° A/C# D7

10 B7 Bb7 1, 3. Em/A D/E A D/E

13 2, 4. Em/A D/E A D/E A7

17

21 C7 B7 Bb7 1. Em/A D/E

24 A D/E D.C. 2. Em/A D/E A D/E

27 C7 B7 Bb7 A7

# April 11, 2021 Announcements

## Coffee Fellowship

*Sundays, following the 9:30am worship service*

Join us in the parking lot after the worship service for in-person, socially distanced fellowship and coffee!

## Adult Faith Formation - Is Resurrection Real?

*Sunday, April 11th, 10:45am - Fellowship Hall or Zoom*

The Easter message of Resurrection is the heart of the Christian Faith - and yet it is a mystery that is hard to understand or explain. What do you think? Join this dialogue with Pastor Ed and Pastor Susan as we reflect on two appearance stories from the Gospel of John and the Gospel of Luke, as well as ideas from theologians Shirly Guthrie and Marcus Borg. Doubtters are welcome!

See the Friday Flash for the Zoom link.

## Adult Faith Formation - Benefits of Bees

*Sunday, April 25th, 10:45am - Fellowship Hall or Zoom*

Join us to hear Dr. Ed Spevak explain the important relationship between the bees and other beneficial insects buzzing around our home gardens, and the plants that rely on them to thrive. He has dedicated the last 40 years of his career to the conservation of invertebrates and is currently the Curator of Invertebrates at the Saint Louis Zoo and the director of the Zoo's WildCare Institute Center for Native Pollinator Conservation (CNPC). He also Co-Chairs the Imperiled Bombus Task Force of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign and is on the Steering Committees of the Honey Bee Health Coalition, Keystone Monarch Collaborative and Missourians for Monarchs Collaborative and the Science Advisory Council of Field to Market. Join us for this informative and fun talk!

See the Friday Flash for the Zoom link.

## **Mini Meets**

*Tuesdays at 1:00pm, beginning April 20th - Outside the Hale Entrance*

Mini Meets begins Tuesday, April 20 at 1:00pm. Bring a lawn chair and wear a mask. Come meet and greet your church friends at the Hale Entrance.

## **Bee Bulletin from Environmental Stewardship**

April and May are prime swarm season for honey bees. Honey bees have a large, complex society in which as many as 60,000 members perform services ranging from gathering food, constructing wax cells, tending the queen, providing health care, heating and cooling, nursing babies, etc.

Splitting the colony in half and leaving with the old queen allows a new colony to be born, with a new queen. Unprotected by their hive, a bee swarm is dangerously exposed to rain, cold, and predators, and generally cannot survive more than three days. Ironically, with no hive to defend, they are much less defensive when swarming. Their focus is protecting their queen mother at the center of the swarm. She is responsible for their continued existence because most worker bees don't live more than six weeks during the growing season. So, if you see a swarm, let a beekeeper, your local beekeeping chapter, or your local Cooperative Extension Service know immediately, before it changes locations, so a beekeeper can attempt to secure the bees.

## **Plenty of Seeds to Share!**

All are welcome to join in a new project to benefit pollinators – a seed sharing initiative at WGPC! There is a box on the table in the main hallway across from the library with packets of pollinator-friendly native plant seeds, collected and shared by members of the Environmental Stewardship Committee. If you have a spot in your garden for some new native plants then stop by and pick up some seeds to get started! Later this spring look for annual milkweed seeds to support the beloved Monarch butterfly. If you are a gardener who saves seeds and has some to share, contact Beth Kazlauskas at [bok@wgpc.org](mailto:bok@wgpc.org) for details!

## **Thank You!**

A big thank you to all the women who did the beautiful job of knitting all the prayer squares that were handed out this past Sunday. We appreciated the time and effort that went into this service project. We have many wonderful caring church members and the knitters are in this group.

The knitters were: Becky Clausen, Betsy Wacker, Linda Magre, Judy Weng, Donna Small, Karen Schneider, Linda Schwartz, Ruth Meyers, Robin Reynolds, Penny Porter, Vicki Lane, Cinda Hauf, Nancy Price, Barbara Homeier, Ida Perabo, Marlene Levine, and Lynne Rapp.

Thanks again for a job well done. -The Gathering Task Force