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”
Hurd
(music at the end of the bulletin)

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”
HOW VERY GOOD
(music at the end of the bulletin)

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”

~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


32 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. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 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. 35 They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

2 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.

3 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”
(SOMOS UNO)

(music at the end of the bulletin)

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" Geoff Bullock
(music at the end of the bulletin)

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!
POSTLUDE

“The Stone’s Been Rolled Away”

Worship Band

Geoff Bullock

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, 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 \( \text{\textit{d} = \text{ca. 112}} \)

Capo 3: \( (D) \) \( (G/D) \) \( (D) \) \( (G/D) \) \( (A/C\#) \) \( (Bm7) \)

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\begin{array}{c}
\text{Gather your people, O Lord.}
\end{array}
\]

\( (Em7) \) \( (A) \) \( (F\#) \) \( (F\#7) \) \( (Bm) \) \( (Bm/A) \) \( (G) \) \( (D/F\#) \)

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Gather your people, O Lord. One bread, one body, one spirit of love.}
\end{array}
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VERSES

\( (Esus4) \) \( (E) \) \( \text{[Em7]} \) \( \text{[Em7/A]} \) \( (G/D) \) \( (D) \) \( (A) \)

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\begin{array}{c}
1. Draw us
2. We are
3. No more
4. Wash us,
\end{array}
\]

\( (Bm7) \) \( (Em7) \) \( (Assus4) \) \( (A) \) \( (F\#m7) \) \( (Gmaj7) \)

\[
\begin{array}{c}
1. forth to the table of life; brothers and sisters,
2. parts of the body of Christ; needing each other,
3. harm on the mountain of God; swords into plow-shares.
4. Lord, in the waters of life; waters of mercy,
\end{array}
\]

\( (Em7) \) \( (F\#m7) \) \( (G) \) \( (C) \) \( (G/B) \) \( (G/A) \)

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\begin{array}{c}
1. each of us called to walk in your light.
2. each of the gifts the Spirit provides.
3. Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.
4. waters of hope that flow from your side.
\end{array}
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Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 12: Isaiah 2:3-4: 11:9; Bob Hard, b. 1950.
Music: Bob Hard.
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How very good and pleasant when we live in unity. It is

like precious oil, like fresh morning dew. We
gather here together with our hearts and voices raised to

God, who's the center of our unity and praise!
322  We Are One in Christ Jesus
Somos uno en Cristo

We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one
So-mos u-no en Cris-to, so-mos u-no, so-mos

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spirit, all together. gather. We share one
u-no, u-no so-lo. so-lo. Un so-lo

God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding
Dios, un so-lo Se-nor, u-na so-la fe, un so-lo a-

love, one single baptism, one Holy Comforter, 
mor, un so-lo ba-utis-mo, un so-lo Es-pi-ri-tu, 

the Holy Spirit, uniting all.
y e-se es el Con-so-la-dor.
The Stone's Been Rolled Away

Words and Music by Geoff Bullock

1. I've been forgiv-en, I've been set free. Re-stored and sancti-fied, in
   A          Bm     B♭⁹     A/C♯   D⁷
   Em/A    D/E    A          D/E     Em/A  D/E

2. I've been de-livered, I've been re-leased. Been washed and pur-i-fied, my

   A          Bm     B♭⁹     A/C♯   D⁷
   Em/A    D/E    A          Bm     B♭⁹     A/C♯   D⁷
   Christ I've been re-leased, and I am free. God has set me free. I've been re-leased.
The stone's been rolled a-way. The stone's been rolled a-way.

   Em/A    D/E    A          D/E     Em/A  D/E
   B⁷     B♭⁷     D⁷

   1, 3.
   The stone's been rolled a-way. The stone's been rolled a-way.

   Em/A    D/E    A          D/E     Em/A  D/E
   B⁷     B♭⁷     D⁷

   2, 4.
   Singing: Glo-ry, singing:

   Em/A    D/E    A          D/E     Em/A  D/E
   C⁷     B⁷     B♭⁷

   Restored and sancti-fied, the stone's been rolled a-way.

   A          D/E
   D.C.

   2, Em/A     D/E    A          D/E
   C⁷     B⁷     B♭⁷     A⁷

   Restored and sancti-fied, the stone's been rolled a-way.
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 Shirlie Guthrie and Marcus Borg. Doubters 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 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