

**BE THE CHURCH! ...Live-Stream Sunday Worship -  
February 21, 2021 - 10:00 AM**

**Gathering Music**

Oleksandra Yurchenko

**Song of Praise** - "Awesome God" (lyrics below)

**Greeting –**

Here,  
in this demanding place,  
accompanied by things,  
and nourished by nature,  
considerations are made clear.  
Here,  
the echo  
of your boldly claimed words  
"you are my beloved"  
reside with me these forty days,  
and I know these words  
are not just for me,  
but are for all things  
and is the good news  
that I will proclaim.

- Neryl McCallum

**Welcome to Worship!**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter:

**Times when we're filled with joy and hope,  
and times when we are sad and scared...**

There are times when we laugh and times when we weep.

**Times when we are confident and strong,  
and times when we are unsure and weak.**

In every season, our steadfast God promises to be with us.

**When we are tempted to despair, God can  
turn us back to this enduring promise:**

**"You are my beloved!"**

**Gathering Prayer...**

Loving and holy God, as we enter into the season of Lent, we consider what is means to be tempted. When we listen to voices in the crowd and the false promises of advertising, call us back! When we can't quiet our minds or our lives long enough to be aware of your presence, call us back! Have mercy on us, your 'beloved' ones, and hold us in your light and love. Amen.

**Celebrating in Song!** "Come and Find the Quiet Center"  
(lyrics below)

**Prayers and Meditations of God's People -**

How was the week just passed?  
Who is in need of our thoughts and prayers?

\* Text prayer requests to 585-857-8267

**Guided and Silent Meditation**

**The Lord's Prayer** (using words most familiar to you!)

**Sharing God's Peace...**

**Scripture that Guides our Meditation...**

Mark 1:9-15 (NRSV)

**Special Music**

"Fall On Me"

**The Good News**

"Into the Wilderness"

**Meditative Music -**

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**Sending Us Forth...**

Lent is a good time for changes and life-altering decisions.

**A time to remember the cycles of life, and the distances  
we have traveled, and a time that reminds us about whom  
we serve, and whose we are.**

**"What in God's Name Are We Doing?"**

**Song of Witness** "Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days"  
(lyrics below)

**We're Glad You're Joining Us!**

Thank you!! If you are new or visiting our church for the first time, you can learn more about our church community by visiting our website at [www.uccwebster.org](http://www.uccwebster.org). You will find information about our denomination and about monthly events and activities here at Webster UCC.

**Texts for the coming week...**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

***AWESOME GOD (SB 2040)***

Our God is an awesome God!  
God reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, pow'r, and love.  
Our God is an awesome God!

***COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTER (SB 2128)***

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend that claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to know the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

***LORD JESUS, WHO THROUGH FORTY DAYS (NCH 211)***

Lord Jesus, who through forty days for us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,  
Yes, evermore, in life and death, O Christ, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.