

Sunday Worship
The First Sunday of Advent,
November 27, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM

Prelude *Oleksandra Yurchenko*

Lighting the Advent Candle "Hope" *Liz and Mark Green,
Juliana and Dylan*

Gathering Song *New Century Hymnal #114*

*Return, my people, Israel with penitential tear;
Just as the prophet did foretell the advent of Emmanuel,
God's reign on earth is near. God's reign on earth is near!*

*Fear not, beloved, hearken now: our God has done great things!
Your vindication shall pour down like rain upon the barren ground,
Glad tidings to you bring, glad tidings to you bring.*

*Then to the faithful of the earth the call of God rings clear:
Return my people, claim your worth, preparing for your Savior's birth;
My reign on earth is near. My reign on earth is near.*

Words of Welcome *Rev. David Gregory*

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" CHAIN *sponsored by Rebel Beat Youth*

A Reading "How the Light Comes" *Rev. David Gregory*
A poem by Jan Richardson

Some Moments of Quiet

(A focus on the presence of Divine Spirit around us and within)

An Offering of Prayer

*In response to each request, the minister will say "Oh Beloved One"
The congregation will respond, "Hear our Prayer."*

The Lord's Prayer based on Luke 11:2-5 by John Philip Newell

Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, may we know your presence here, seeking your will upon earth. Grant all your creatures food for today and strength for our families. Pardon our falseness as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our need but lead us to new birth, for the glory of life and the light of life, are yours forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *The Faith We Sing #2200*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.
(REPEAT)*

Greeting One Another with God's Peace *(A wave, a nod, a sign of peace . . .)*

Choral Anthem: "Prepare the Way of The Lord"

Today's Scripture: *Lisa Izzo*

Isaiah 2:1-5 *New Revised Standard Version*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

*In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!*

Musical Meditation

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Message:

“The Practice of Gratitude”

Rev. David Gregory

Song of Celebration

New Century Hymnal #108 (vs.1,2,4)

*Isaiah the Prophet has written of old how God's new creation shall come.
Instead of the thorn tree the fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the lamb,
The wolf shall lie down with the lamb.*

*The mountains and hills shall break forth into song, the peoples be led forth in peace;
The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea, the sea,
As the waters cover the sea.*

*God, bring to fruition your will for the earth, that no one shall hurt or destroy,
That wisdom and justice shall reign in the land and your people shall go forth in joy, in joy,
Your people shall go forth in joy.*

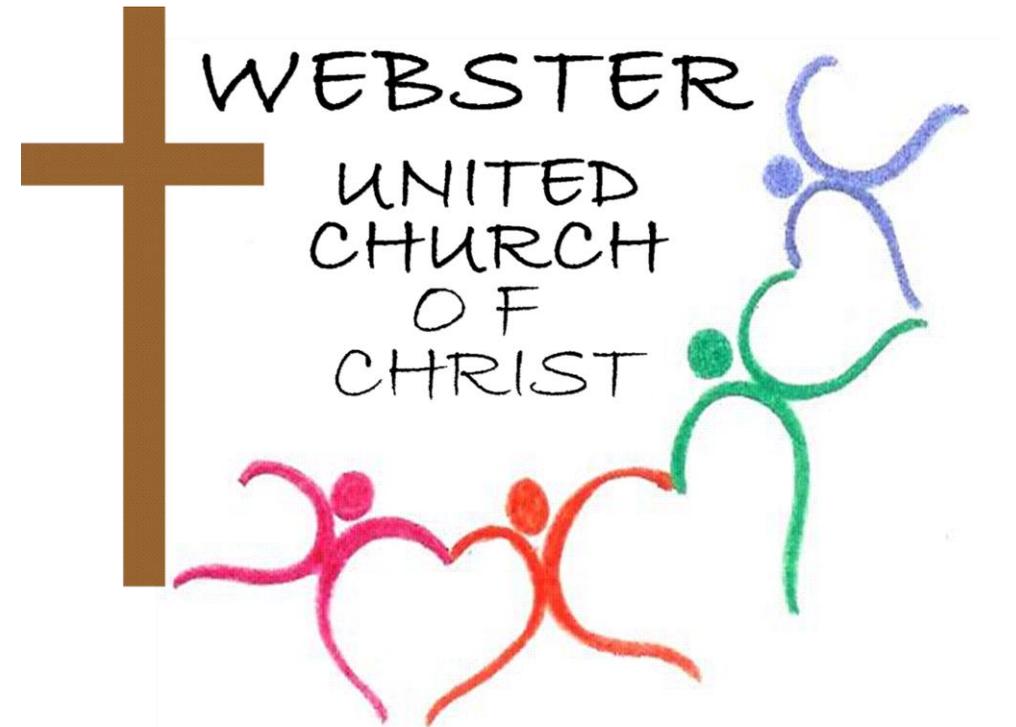
Announcements and Updates

Closing Circle and Sung Benediction

*May the blessings of God rest upon you,
May God's peace abide with you,
May God's presence illuminate your hearts,
Now and forever more.*

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***Rev. David Starbuck Gregory
Interim Senior Minister***