

Sunday Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Song of Celebration

New Century Hymnal #17 (vs. 1-4)

*To you, O God all creatures sing, and all creation, everything sings your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam sing your praises,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Your wind that blows the tempest by, your clouds that sail across the sky sing your praises, alleluia!
Your morning rises with a song, and lights of evening sing along, sing your praises,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Your flowing waters, crystal clear, make melodies for you to hear, sing your praises, alleluia!
Your fire bountiful and bright, remembering your warmth and light, sings your praises,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way, sings your praises, alleluia!
As savory fruit and fragrant flower show forth your glory and your power, singing praises,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Words of Welcome

Rev. David Gregory

An Offering of Prayer

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

The Jesus 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 #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.*

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

Choral Anthem: "Amazing Grace" WUCC Choir, Ron Milliman, Dir.

Today's Scripture: Heather Himes

John 9:13-17, 24-34

New Revised Standard Version (updated)

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

For a second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Musical Meditation

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Message:

"A Theological Evolution"

Rev. David Gregory

Song of Celebration

The Faith We Sing #2028

*Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!*

God is great, we praise our God with song! God is great, we praise our God with song!

*Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!*

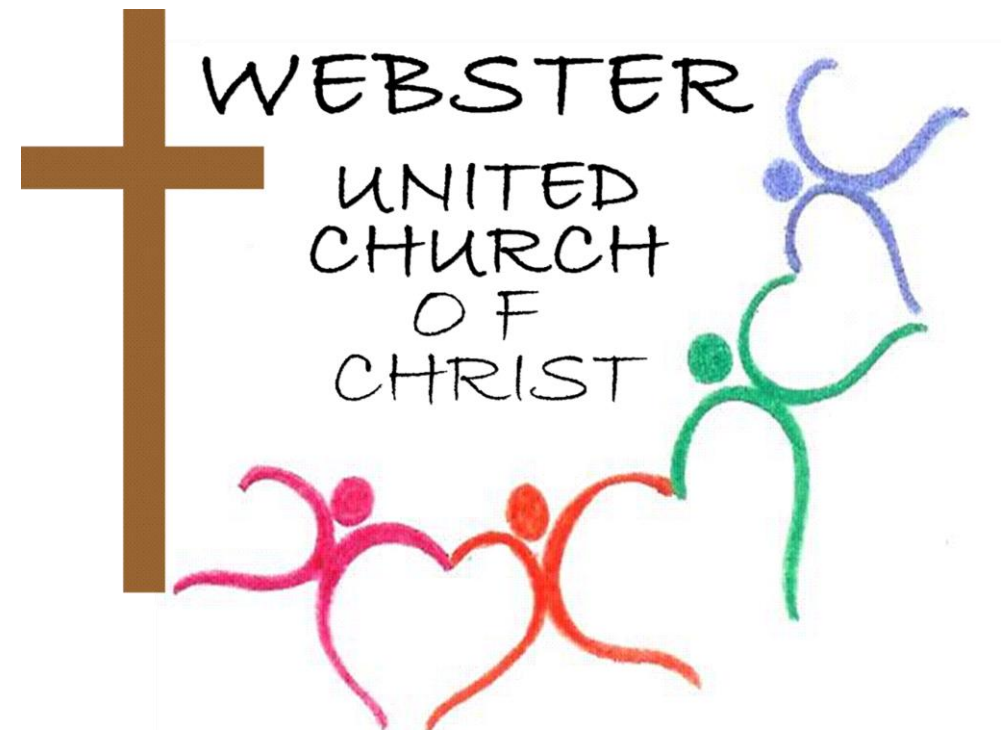
Announcements and Updates

Closing Circle - Sung Benediction

*Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

***United Church of Christ, Congregational
Webster, New York***

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