

Sunday Worship
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM

Prelude Oleksandra Yurchenko

Song of Celebration New Century Hymnal #584

REFRAIN:

*I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.*

*To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below, the sky above! (Repeat REFRAIN)*

*To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
To see all God's children everywhere! (Repeat REFRAIN)*

*To bring hope to every task you do, to dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old person's heart
And sing to the colors of the earth! (Repeat REFRAIN)*

Words of Welcome and Introduction Rev. Samuel Kinsman

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

*Gathered here in the mystery of this hour, gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the power, Spirit draw near.*

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

Choral Anthem: "Go Light Your World" WUCC Choir, Ron Milliman, Dir.

Sharing Our Gifts

Musical Meditation Oleksandra Yurchenko

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading Heather Himes

Luke 24:44-53 New Revised Standard Version (updated)

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Message: "Come What May" Rev. Samuel Kinsman

Song of Celebration

New Century Hymnal #451

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart; nothing surpasses the love you impart.
You my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping your presence my light.*

*Be now my wisdom and be my true word; ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me, now and forever your child I will be.*

*Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise, you my inheritance now and always,
You and you only are first in my heart, great God, my treasure, may we never part.*

*Sovereign of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, o bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Announcements and Updates

Sung Benediction

*O Go in beauty, peace be with you, 'til we meet in our hearts in the light.
O Go in beauty, peace be with you, 'til we meet in our hearts in the light.*

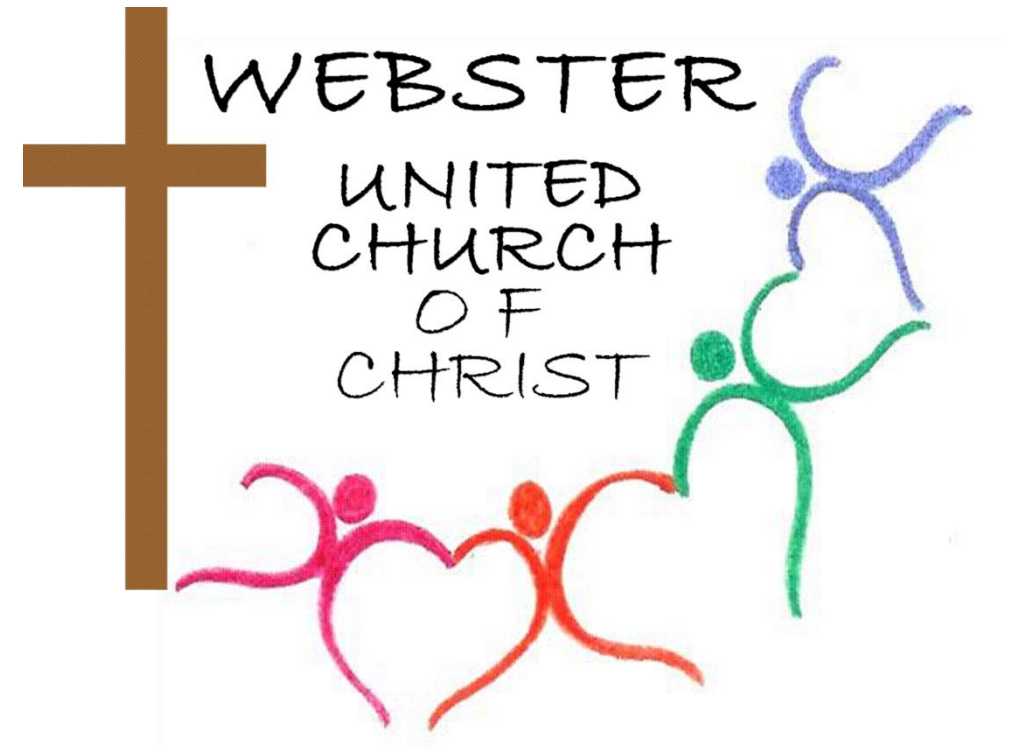
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Serving you this morning:

*Greeters – Norm and Judy Short
Reader – Heather Himes
Livestream – Ken Mihalyov*

We welcome the Rev. Samuel Kinsman to our pulpit today. Sam is an authorized minister in the United Church of Christ who serves as a campus Chaplain at the University of Rochester and Rochester Institute of Technology.



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Webster, New York***

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***Rev. Samuel Kinsman
Guest Preacher***