

Sunday Worship
70th Anniversary Sunday
November 19, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days –come swiftly Mother, Father, come, for yours is the power and the glory and the mercy. Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Prayer Response

Song of Celebration

“All Are Welcome”

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace,
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life’s darkest hour, there is light and life there is help and power
In the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.*

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions; all are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat,
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us; all are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the word they’ve known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face,
Let us bring an end to fear and danger; all are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard,
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.*

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 Prayer of Jesus by Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come. We pray that your good will be done. Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.

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

The Sacred Practice of Baptism for Mae Merry Case

Congregational Response:

In this holy encounter with the Sacred, we celebrate with joy the life of this precious child. We welcome Mae Merry Case into the household of faith. We invite the deepest blessing of the Divine upon her life and growth, and we pledge our support, our encouragement, and our love through all of her days. May she always feel the welcome she holds among us, in our hearts and in our midst. Amen.

Song:

New Century #539 (vs. 2,3,4)

*We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I’ll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we’ve seen this journey through.*

Choral Anthem “ Bound for Greater Things “

Ron Milliman, Director

Offertory Meditation

“My Tribute”

Ron Milliman & Oleksandra Yurchenko

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Lisa Izzo

Philippians 1:3-6

New Revised Standard Version (updated)

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Message and Video Presentation “A Path of Our Choosing” Rev. David Gregory

Sing a New Song “Dream God’s Dream”

REFRAIN:

*Dream God’s dream, Holy Spirit help us dream of a world where there is justice
And where everyone is free to build and grow and love, and to simply have enough,
The world will change when we dream God’s dream.*

*I’m dreaming of a world, where the color of one’s skin
Will mean less than what’s within a person’s heart.
A world where water’s clean and where air is safe to breathe, and every child born has enough to eat.*
REPEAT REFRAIN

*I’m dreaming of the call God is offering to me, how to use my energy and my best gifts
To do the work of Christ, to say “God please use my life,
To spread your healing love and to live your truth.*
REPEAT REFRAIN

Announcements and Updates

Sung Benediction

*Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the Spirit of Love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

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. You will find information about our denomination and about monthly events and activities here at Webster UCC.

Serving you this morning:

Greeter – Linda Ims

Reader – Lisa Izzo

Livestream – Rick Ashley

Flowers placed by Colleen Kunz, in Celebration of Colleen and Rick Kunz’s anniversary.



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