

# WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 11, 2026

10:00 A.M.

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**Prelude**

Oleksandra Yurchenko

**Words of Welcome**

Attila Lampert

**Gathering Song “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”**

**NCH 286**

[Refrain:] Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; And over the eons you called to each thing, “Awake from your slumbers, and rise on your wings.” [Refrain]

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; And down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [Refrain]

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes, With bold new decisions your people arise. [Refrain]

**A Mary Moment**

**An Offering of Prayer- Joys and Concerns**

PLEASE LIFT YOUR HAND TO SHARE REQUEST

In response to each request, the minister will say “Loving God”

The congregation will respond, **“Hear our Prayer.”**

**Pastoral Prayer**, followed by The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your Name, Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Sung Prayer Response “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

**TFWS #2193**

God, listen to your children praying, God send your Spirit in this place; God, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

"Mary the Peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

**Choral Anthem- "Spirit Of God" - Dave and Jean Perry**

Ron Milliman, Director

**Offering**

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Oleksandra Yurchenko

**Scripture Reading (NRSVue)**

Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, <sup>[a]</sup> with whom I am well pleased."

**Message**

"There By The Water"

Pastor Michelle

**Song of Response "O Holy Dove of God Descending"**

NCH #285

O holy Dove of God descending, you are the love that knows no ending, All of our shattered dreams you're mending: Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Wind of God now blowing, you are the seed that God is sowing, You are the life that starts us growing: Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Rain of God now falling, you make the Word of God entralling, You are the inner voice now calling: Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Flame of God now burning, you are the power of Christ returning, You are the answer to our yearning: Spirit, now live in me.

**Announcements- Please introduce yourself****Benediction****Postlude**

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Lon Krautwurst  
Greeter- Linda Ims

Livestream – Ken Mihalyov

# BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment.*

Care for the poor.

**Forgive often.**

**Reject racism.**

**Fight for the powerless.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

Embrace diversity.

**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

Sunday January 11, 2026 10:00 AM

Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone