

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Words of Welcome

Lisa Izzo

Gathering Song “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

NCH #476

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation. I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing; It finds an echo in my soul- how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living. What though the shadows gather ‘round? A new song Christ is giving. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I’m clinging; Since Love commands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it; And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; All things are mine since I am Christ’s. How can I keep from singing?

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

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. 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.

Sung Prayer Response “Come and Find the Quiet Center” (Verse 3)
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TFWS

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other’s pain. Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: There’s a place for deepest dreaming, there’s a time for heart to care. In the Spirit’s lively scheming, there is always room to spare.

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

"May the Peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

Choral Anthem "Knowing You"- arr. Lloyd Larson

Ron Milliman, Director

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

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Scripture Reading (Common English Bible)

John 3:1-17

3 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

4 Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?"

5 Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. **6** Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' **8** God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?"

10 "Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? **11** I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13** No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. **14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up **15** so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. **16** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. **17** God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

The Gift of Communion

Song of Response “God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” NCH #531

God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, God, that I may lead some wanderers along life’s way; O feed me so that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.

O fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know; In glowing word and kindling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, God, use even me just as you will, and when, and where, until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Announcements

Benediction

Sung Congregational Benediction “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

(verse 1) NCH #77

God, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace; Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, travelling through this wilderness.

Postlude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Heather Himes

Greeter— Polly Ellstrom

Livestream – Heather Himes

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.

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Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone