

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 April 26, 2026 10:00 AM
Reverend Margo Markestijn

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Words of Welcome

Lisa Izzo

Gathering Song “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

NCH #4

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. 2 All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays, Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

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.

Sung Prayer Response “Shepherd, lead, lead me in your righteousness”

Shepherd, lead, lead me in your righteousness, make your way plain before my face. For it is you, God, you, God only, who makes me to lie down in safety.

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 "God Is There"- Jay Althouse

Ron Milliman, Director

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10 (NRSVUE)

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me^[a] are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Message

"When the Shepherd is Silent"

Pastor Margo

Song of Response : "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

NCH #1

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes. Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, your great name we praise. 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might; Your justice like mountains high soaring above, your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Announcements

Sung Congregational Benediction “Lord, Make Me More Holy” (Verse 2)

Lord, make me more faithful, Lord, make me more faithful. Lord, make me more faithful, until we meet again. Faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

Benediction

Sung Benediction

Postlude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Lisa Izzo

Greeter— Marcia Kendrick

Livestream – Heather Himes

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/26/26

SPRING OUTREACH: WUCC will fill 3 MOVE-IN KITS for families at Family Promise for apartments after shelter. Each kit contains a broom & dustpan, sponges, all-purpose cleaner, antibacterial wipes, kitchen trash can, measuring cups & spoons, spatula, aluminum foil, can-opener, oven mitts, toilet cleaner & brush, bathroom cleaner, shower curtain & rings, dish soap & scrubber, paper towels, toilet paper. Follow the link to sign-up or use the sheet in the narthex. All items are due June 7. Questions? See Wendy Lesko wlesko88@gmail.com. [MOVE-IN KITS](#)

WINE & CHEESE Tuesday April 28th at 6:30. EVERYONE is welcome. It's optional to bring a drink or snack to share

OPEN LABYRINTH EVENT at WUCC on May 2, World Labyrinth Day, with the theme "Walk for Peace". Everyone is welcome to walk, ponder, meditate etc. To take a "shift" as host, sign up in the narthex.

YUMMIES FOR MONIES: A Delicious Way to do Good on May 17 following worship. Sponsored by the confirmation class to raise money for the Free Hot Lunch at Cameron Community. Taste the joy of community for a good cause. If you'd like to prepare a dish for tasting, please contact Wendy Lesko wlesko88@gmail.com.

FREE COMMUNITY SUNDAY SUPPER- May 10 4:30-5:30. Everyone is welcome. The menu is Quesadillas, Rice, Beans& Churros. Contact Wendy wlesko88@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer

ONA MIXER Monday May 18th at 6:30 in Fellowship Center and on the Deck. EVERYONE is welcome!!! Optional: bring a drink or snack to share.

LUNCH BUNCH It's a PICNIC!!!

Wednesday May 20, at Noon. Special guest Ed the Beekeeper

MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY June 7th

RAINFOREST FALLS VBS June 29-July 3 9:00-12:00

PROJECT IMPACT- Youth Mission June 29-July 2 12:30-2:30

PRIDE PARADE Saturday July 18

SHINE minicamp: August 3- August 5

ONGOING

HOT TOPICS: The Hot Topics discussion group will meet on the first and third Tuesdays in May - at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information, or to be added to our e-mail list, contact Richard_Kendrick@verizon.net.

MEDITATION GROUP- Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the back of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

The Nurture Team: is a group of caring individuals who express the love of God through their Ministry of Care. They hope to walk with those in need of company or pray. They liaison with

the pastor if a pastoral visit is desired. If you have a concern or need of prayer or if you know someone who does, please put a note in the offering plate.

PRAYER SHAWL: This group does not formally meet. It's for anyone who wants to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to people in need of comfort and/or dish cloths for outreach grocery bags given to people in need. contact Wendy wlesko88@gmail.com

INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER should be directed to Wendy Lesko wlesko88@gmail.com by the 25th of the month

ANNOUNCEMENTS EMAIL LIST If you'd like to receive email notifications from church, you can join our email list. There's a link on the church website under "Connect with Us". <https://uccwebster.org/connect-with-us/> Enter your email address and hit "subscribe."

NAME TAGS – If you need a nametag, please email Carole Kohler at carolekohler1192@gmail.com with the first and last names of your family members or sign up in the narthex.

FLOWERS for the communion table – sign-up in the hallway. One arrangement per Sunday. You can bring your own flower arrangement or pay for the florist to deliver one. Please pay in advance. Leave payment in church office or give to Heather Himes.

CLOTHING & SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Please place the items in the 2 bins located in the hall near the West Entrance. Items are distributed to Cameron Community, Matthew's Closet, or Saints Place. Thank You!

THE ROCKERS This is a group of the mature men from our congregation that meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 8:30am at The Nutcracker Restaurant

COFFEE HOUR Volunteers are needed to sign up to coordinate a week (make the coffee, provide a treat). If you are interested, please contact Heidi Zastowny (heidizastowny@gmail.com; (585) 314-0678) or Diane Cannarozzo (dcannaro@gmail.com).

IN THE COMMUNITY

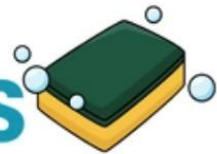
COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMP: July 13-July 15 9:00-12:00

PET FOOD NEEDED: The pet food pantry needs donations of dry and canned cat food and dog food. A collection basket is in the narthex. Thank you

Never Can Say Goodbye: The Unbreakable Human-Canine Bond

Presented by Patricia Nugent at Penfield Public Library, Monday, May 4 @ 6:30-8pm

Scientific studies have proven there is a deep evolutionary connection between dogs and humans. Dogs' social intelligence has made them more similar to human infants than to their wolf ancestors. But dog lovers already know this just by living with these amazing creatures. This session will explore the canine-human bond, what they teach us, and why it hurts so much when they cross the rainbow bridge. Drawing from her book, *Healing with Dolly Lama; Finding God in Dog*, the author will share how the unwanted gift of a puppy forever changed her life - for the better. Bring a photo of your heart dog!

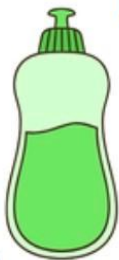


MOVE-IN KITS

for Family Promise of Greater Rochester

This Spring, Webster UCC will collect items to fill three Move-In Kits for apartments after shelter.

Each kit will contain :



broom with dustpan
 3 sponges
 all-purpose cleaner
 anti-bacterial wipes
 kitchen trash basket
 aluminum foil
 plastic wrap
 measuring cups & spoons
 spatula
 can opener

oven mitts
 toilet cleaner
 toilet brush
 bathroom cleaner
 shower curtain & rings
 Dish soap & scrubber
 Liquid hand soap
 Paper towel roll
 toilet paper 3 rolls



follow the link or sign-up in narthex:
(items due June 7)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1liYF3ZKd0bNtr3b35Mup_4s3U09RkKBFq6hLipVQ57o/edit?usp=drivesdk

FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ROCHESTER
fpgroc.org

Keeping families together.
Getting families home for good.

Family Promise of Greater Rochester (FPGROC, formerly RAIHN) assists families at risk of or experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence by providing person-centered, holistic services in collaboration with the greater community.



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A Delicious Way to Do Good

Sunday May 17
11:00-12:00
at Webster UCC
570 Klem Rd



what to expect:

- taste yummy dishes
- enjoy tasty activities
- build community



donations benefit the Free Hot Lunch program
at Cameron Community



A joyful, community-powered tasting event



where we gather together, sample amazing foods, celebrate
creativity in the kitchen, and raise money to help
feed our hungry neighbors.



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free admission. Purchase \$1 tickets to do activities .

