

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 May 3, 2026 10:00 AM
Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 3, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Words of Welcome

Pastor Michelle

Gathering Song “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

NCH #31

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings. God made their glowing colors and made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. [Refrain]

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 kingdom 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 dominion, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response “Sanctuary”

TFWS #2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

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.”

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Scripture Reading (NRSVue)

John 14:1-7

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?¹ **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. **4** And you know the way to the place where I am going.” **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Message

“A Very, Very, Very Fine House”

Pastor Michelle

The Gift of Communion

Song of Response “O for a World”NCH #575

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Moment for Mission

Announcements

Benediction

Sung Benediction Response “Sanctuary”

TFWS #2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Postlude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Heather Himes

Greeter— Polly Ellstrom

Livestream – Heather Himes

ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/3/26

OPEN LABYRINTH EVENT at WUCC on this Saturday May 2, World Labyrinth Day, with the theme “Walk for Peace”. Everyone is welcome to walk, ponder, meditate etc.

WUCC Mission: RCTC (Rochester Construction Training Center) This project helps prepare young adults with a 90-day training program for the trades. You are invited to donate: (items in good condition) Especially needed: Cordless Power Tools, Other Power Tools, Hand Tools, Screws, Nails etc. All sorts of construction materials, and any other items that may be able to help our participants learn their craft. Drop them off at the church or contact Lowell Edwards 585-485-1063 50lwedwards@gmail.com

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 due June 7. Questions? See Wendy Lesko wlesko88@gmail.com. [MOVE-IN KITS](#)

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

CARING COMMUNITY CONCERT KICK-OFF: May 24th 11:00-12:30

TALENT SHOW- Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 7:00pm. We are looking for people to share their talents. It is open to all ages. I know there are many talented people in our congregation. Please see Ron Milliman to let him know the talent you or your groups will be performing.

LIFESPAN EVENT June 7 at 11:15. More info soon.

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

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

CARING COMMUNITY CONCERTS: July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5

PRIDE PARADE Saturday July 18

SHINE minicamp: August 3- August 5

ONGOING

HOT TOPICS: The Hot Topics discussion group will be meeting on the first and third Tuesdays in May - May 5 and 19 - at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be discussing gerrymandering. What is it? Why are we hearing so much about it? What implications does it have for fair elections? All are welcome to join us. For more information or to be added to the mailing 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!



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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 .



Come one, come all!

**Webster Caring
Community
Concerts**

KICK-OFF

Sunday, May 24

11:00-12:30

- Come meet and greet volunteers who are the backbone of our summer concerts.
- Learn how you can be a part of this marvelous mission outreach.
- Sign up to join the concert crew this summer.
- **EAT** a hot dog and chips lunch with us to celebrate year # 22!



Please join us
for lunch and a
whole lot of
summer 
Wednesday
concert fun!



Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

July 8 *Allegro*

July 15 *Acme R & B*

July 22 *Uptown Groove*

July 29 *Red, Hot, & Blue*

August 5 *Mitty and the Followers*