

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 31, 2026 10:00 AM
Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 31, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Words of Welcome

Attila Lampert

Gathering Song “Come O Fount of Every Blessing”

NCH #459

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come: come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God. Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I am drawn anew! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you. Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

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

Loving God, in whom is heaven, may Your name be honored everywhere.

May Your kin-dom come. May the desire of Your heart for the world be

done, in us, by us and through us. Give us the bread we need for each day.

Forgive us. Enable us to forgive others. Keep us from all anxiety and fear.

For You reign in the power that comes from love which is Your glory

forever and ever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response “Over My Head” (verse 2)

NCH #514

Over my head I hear singing in the air. Over my head I hear singing in the air.
Over my head I hear singing in the air, there must be a God somewhere.

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 "Music Down In My Soul"- arr. Moses Hogan

Ron Milliman, Director

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Choral Anthem "Last Words Of David"- Randall Thompson

Ron Milliman, Director

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Scripture Reading (The Inclusive Bible)

Psalm 8

1 YHWH, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth! You have placed your glory above the heavens! 2 From the lips of infants and children you bring forth words of power and praise, to answer your adversaries and to silence the hostile and vengeful. 3 When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place— 4 what is humanity that you should be mindful of us? Who are we that you should care for us? 5 You have made us barely less than God, and crowned us with glory and honor. 6 You have made us responsible for the works of your hands, putting all things at our feet— 7 all sheep and oxen, yes, even the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatever swims the paths of the seas. 9 YHWH, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

Message

"Really Stop to Wonder"

Pastor Michelle

Song of Response "Together We Serve"

TFWS #2175

Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's word to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

Announcements

Benediction

Sung Congregational Benediction “The Trees of the Field” TFWS #2279

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Postlude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Serving you this morning:

Livestream – Heather Himes

Greeter— Polly Ellstrom

ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/31/26

Spring Annual Meeting

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Congregational Meeting will be held on **June 14** in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service. At that time, the members of Webster United Church of Christ, Congregational will be asked to elect persons to fill leadership positions and to conduct any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

This year, there are five Leadership Council positions up for election. Many of the current office holders are willing to serve another term or have identified potential replacements; however, we also welcome additional candidates who may feel called to serve.

Please let us know if you are interested in running for an elected position. These leaders help make decisions on behalf of the congregation between annual meetings. If you have wanted to have more input into how the church operates, this is a meaningful opportunity to participate. If you would be interested in “shadowing” a current council member to explore whether a role might be a good fit for you in the future, please let us know as well. Every one of us can use an extra set of eyes, ears, and hands.

Positions Up for Election

- Building and Grounds (*Current candidate: Pete Sollame*)
- Stewardship
- Mission (*Current candidate: Jeff Peck*)
- Personnel (*Current candidate: Ken Mihalyov*)
- Worship (*Current candidate: Heather Himes*)

LIFESPAN PRESENTATION June 7 at 11:15. Interested? Sign-up in the Narthex or see Heidi Z.

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](#)

FREE COMMUNITY SUNDAY SUPPER- June 14 4:30-5:30. Everyone is welcome. The menu is Grilled Sausage, Pasta Salad, Corn & Eclairs. Contact Wendy if you'd like to volunteer wlesko88@gmail.com

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 meet on the first and third Tuesdays of June - June 2 and 16 - at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be taking a summer break and will not meet during July and August. We will resume meeting on September 1. Our topic is to be determined, so stay tuned! 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



2026 Caring Community Concerts

A Summer Concert Series to Benefit Our Community.

July 8: Allegro

Benefit for WebsterComfortCare...Freewill offering

Allegro is Western New York's premier party band! Allegro's members are experienced, very versatile and have performed for thousands of satisfied customers over the past 20 years. They are known for playing many different styles of music, from straight ahead jazz to today's current hits. Allegro will surely energize and entertain you.

July 15: Acme R & B

Benefit for Webster Public Library Book Box for Kids and Teens...Free will offering

ACME R&B are a Rochester, NY based quintet of professional and accomplished musicians. They craft unique versions of classic R&B, Funk, Rock covers and select original tunes. They perform music that's audience focused, dynamic, interesting, entertaining and danceable. Expect deep funky grooves, mash-ups and a fun stage presence.

July 22: Uptown Groove

Benefit for Webster Association of Senior Program Supporters...Free will offering

The Uptown Groove is a high-energy, elite party band from Western and Central, NY. The band performs a variety of Motown, R&B Funk/Soul, Disco, Rock and Current Top 40 Pop/Rock. The Uptown Groove brings world-class musicianship, superior professionalism and an exemplary experience for every audience. GROOVE on!

July 29: Red, Hot & Blue

Benefit for Webster Health and Education Network...Freewill offering

Red, Hot and Blue is one of Upstate NY's top Americana bands! RHB was "born" in Memphis and raised in Western New York, playing the music of Paul Thorn, JJ Cale and many more great songwriters. You'll be toe tapping along and having a good ole' time!

August 5: Mitty and the Followers

Mitty & The Followers, is one of the hottest Motown, R&B and variety acts around. Known for their high stepping energize performance, this band is perfect for any occasion with its incredible ability to cover decades of music. When you feel the groove and hear the soulful and dynamic vocals, you'll know right away – It's a show and a party you won't want to miss!



Concerts to be held on front lawn of Webster United Church of Christ
570 Klem Road - Webster, New York 14580

Bring a blanket, Bring a friend...Bring a picnic, or Choose from our picnic menu.

Concessions open at 6:00pm * Music plays 6:30- 8:00 pm

For additional information contact the church office at (585) 671-3757