

# 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 June 14, 2026      10:00 AM

Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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10:00 A.M.

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**Prelude**

Oleksandra Yurchenko

**Words of Welcome**

**Gathering Song “Sing a New Church”** *To the tune of Come O Fount Of Every Blessing* NCH#459

Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity, gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity.

Refrain: Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways, sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within. Dare to dream the vision promised sprung from seed of what has been. [Refrain]

Bring the hopes of every nation; bring the art of every race. Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time and space. [Refrain]

Draw together at one table all the human family; shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free. [Refrain]

**Church Chat**

**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 (*Version from the Church of New Zealand*)

**O most Compassionate Life-giver, may we honor and praise you; may we work with you to establish your new order of justice, peace, and love. Give us what we need for growth, and help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness. Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil, for all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Sung Prayer Response “On Eagle’s Wings”**

You who dwell in the shelter of our God, who abide in God’s shadow for life, say to our God: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

## **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** "You Sing Over Me"- Heather Sorenson Ron Milliman, Director

## **Offering**

Invitation

Offertory

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

## **Scripture Reading** (The Message)

Matthew 10:5-8

<sup>5-8</sup> Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge: “Don’t begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don’t try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

## **Message**

“I Knew It, I knew It”

Pastor Michelle

## **Song of Response** “What a Covenant”

NCH #471

What a covenant, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms. What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

[Refrain}

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Savior near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

[Refrain]

## **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

#### **Sung Congregational Benediction “We Are Marching (Siyahamba)”**

TFWS#2235-b

We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God. We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of, the light of God. We are walking, walking, we are walking, ooo, we are walking in the light of God. We are walking, walking, we are walking, ooo, we are walking in the light of God.

### **Postlude**

Oleksandra Yurchenko

#### Serving you this morning:

Reader – Heather Himes

Greeter— Linda Ims

Livestream – Heather Himes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/14/26

### 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 Wester 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 ***Need one additional person***
- Mission (*Current candidate: Jeff Peck*)
- Personnel (*Current candidate: Ken Mihalyov*)
- Worship (*Current candidate: Heather Himes*)
- Investment Team (*Current candidates: Tom Hopkins, Rick Ashley, Jason Duga*)
- Treasurer (*Current candidate: Judy Short*)

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

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH** the 2nd of 4 special UCC offerings will be received during June. As God calls our congregation to be the church in new ways, your donations will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Please note STC on check.

**WINE & CHEESE** Monday June 22 6:30. Everyone welcome Optional bring snack and or drink to share. On the deck weather permitting otherwise in fellowship center.

**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 next on Tuesday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will discuss "Walking the walk: how do we live our values and ought we live our values." This will be our last meeting until Tuesday, September 1. We will be on break for July and August. For more information or to be added to our e-mail distribution list, contact [richard\\_kendrick@verizon.net](mailto:richard_kendrick@verizon.net).

**MEDITATION GROUP-** Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the back of the Sanctuary. All are welcome! Note...will not meet in July and August

**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](mailto:wlesko88@gmail.com)

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

**INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER** should be directed to Wendy Lesko [wlesko88@gmail.com](mailto: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."

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:heidizastowny@gmail.com); (585) 314-0678) or Diane Cannarozzo ([dcannaro@gmail.com](mailto: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 Webster Comfort Care... Free will 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... Free will 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