

# 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 July 5, 2026 10:00 AM  
Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone

**Prelude**

Oleksandra Yurchenko

**Words of Welcome**

**Gathering Song “In Christ There Is No East or West”**

**NCH #395**

In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North, but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find, God’s service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North, one joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.

**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 Parent, 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 comes. Come swiftly, Holy Parent, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

**Sung Prayer Response “Sanctuary” TFWS #2164**

God, 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.”

**Choral Anthem "Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord"- Benjamin Harlan**

Ron Milliman, Director

**Offering**

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Oleksandra Yurchenko

**Scripture Reading (Common English Bible)**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

<sup>16</sup> "To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, <sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't mourn.' <sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>19</sup> Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by her works."

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. <sup>26</sup> Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.

<sup>27</sup> "My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. <sup>30</sup> My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

**Message**

"Sleep in Heavenly Peace"

Pastor Michelle

**Song of Response "I Come with Joy" NCH #349**

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free. The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near, and join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here, that Christ is risen here.

Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay, and go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

## **The Gift of Communion**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

### **Sung Congregational Benediction “Sanctuary”**

**TFWS #2164**

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## **Postlude**

Oleksandra Yurchenko

## Serving you this morning:

Reader – Pat Hauck  
Greeter— Linda Ims

Livestream – Heather Himes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/5/26

**PRIDE PARADE SIGN-UP** sheet is in the narthex for anyone interested in marching. Limited number of seats are available for those who would like to participate but can't walk. We will carpool from the church. Details to follow on specific time to meet up.

**FLOWERS** We invite anyone who would like to contribute to the beauty of our worship service to bring flowers on Sunday for the communion table. Whether from your garden, a roadside bouquet, or a florist, your gift will create a beautiful expression of gratitude and praise.

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

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

**FREE COMMUNITY SUNDAY SUPPER-** July 12, 4:30-5:30. Everyone is welcome. The menu is .... Barbecue Chicken Drumsticks, Mike's Famous Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad & Cookies. Contact Wendy [wlesko88@gmail.com](mailto:wlesko88@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer

**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

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP-** Please use the following link to sign up to volunteer during our Sunday services:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WOuyTcNEEEsn85ejfqr0eoZrqaqNgNLa9TxELbduamM/edit?usp=sharing>

**HOT TOPICS:** The Hot Topics discussion group is on break for July and August. We will resume our conversations on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. In the meantime, if you'd like more information or to be added to the Hot Topics e-mail 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

**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."

**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.

**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 BookBox 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

Benefit for Webster Community Chest ...Free will offering

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 it's 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 6:00 pm \* Music plays 6:30- 8:00 pm

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