

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 August 2, 2026 10:00 AM

Reverend Doctor Greg Osterberg

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 2, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Lori Ianniello
Guest Accompanist

Words of Welcome

Lisa Izzo

Gathering Song

“I Come With Joy”

NCH #349

Congregational Conversation

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
[Lord’s Prayer Here]

Sung Prayer Response “Let There Be Peace On Earth” (*adapted*)

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be...

With God as Creator... family all are we

Let us walk with each other.. in perfect harmony

Let there be peace on Earth, let this be the moment now

With ev’ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me!

Words & Music by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson,

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 "Holy Is Your Name"- Don Besig and Nancy Price

Ron Milliman, Director

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Lori Ianniello

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

Matthew 14:13-21(NRSVUE)

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the

loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Message

“Soul Food”

Rev. Greg Osterberg

Song of Response “As We Gather At Your Table”

NCH #332

The Gift of Communion

Invitation to Communion (pastor)

Prayer of Consecration (*one/All*) *Let us pray...*

We are one bread, one body one cup of blessing.

Though we are many throughout the Earth we are one in Christ.

As we pray, let us ask God’s blessing upon these gifts:

ALL: Risen Christ, whose love gathers us from near and far, meet us now in our brokenness, and give us renewed hope. May your Spirit unite all who share your Table, that this bread and cup may bring your presence, your healing, and your hope to all.

Words of Remembering (pastor)

Bread and Cup are Distributed

Prayer of Thanksgiving *one/All*

Let us give thanks to the One Source of every grace as together we pray:

Living Christ, you have welcomed us at your table. Now you send us to share your feast with people everywhere. May You, who lived in these symbols of bread and cup, now live in the compassion we show for others. Amen

Song of Thanks “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

NCH #347

Announcements

Benediction

Sung Congregational Benediction “God Be With You” (vs. 1, no refrain) NCH #81

God be with you till we meet a-gain; By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain!

Postlude

Lori Ianniello

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Heather Himes
Greeter— Polly Ellstrom

Livestream – Heather Himes

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/30/2026

THE NEIGHBORS TABLE PROJECT: The Rebel Beat youth & kids established this project so they can fill ready-to-make meal bags throughout the year for families in need . For the month of August we will collect cans of kidney beans and packets of chili seasoning. Thank you so much for your help gathering these simple ingredients that will become meaningful meals because ***everyone deserves a place at the table.*** A collection basket is in the narthex. Questions? Wlesko88@gmail.com

NEW SENIOR LUNCH OUTINGS GROUP (But all are welcome) We will start going out for lunch twice a month and adjust from there, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 1 PM, and will be asking for separate checks. So, we will start on the 4th Thursday in August, the 27th. There will be a one-time sign-up sheet for your name, email address, and text number in case we need a quick change. The emails will go out ahead of time, so that we can make reservations if necessary. All you need to do is sign up with your email, then RSVP, and show up! Contact Lynne with any questions StillLynnePA@gmail.com

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

SHINE minicamp: August 3- August 5. Love God. Love Creation. Love Neighbor. Shine.

FREE COMMUNITY SUNDAY SUPPER- August 9th, 4:30-5:30. Everyone is welcome. The menu is Sloppy Joes, Salt Potatoes, Tossed Salad & Ice cream. Contact Wendy if you’d like to volunteer wlesko88@gmail.com

CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS: Just a reminder... we collect winter coats for the guests at Baber with the goal of distributing them in October and November. A basket is in the narthex. Questions wlesko88@gmail.com

DISH CLOTHS: Reminder to keep crocheting/knitting dish clothes for the Thanksgiving grocery bags for Rochester Advocates for Children and Move-in kits for families at Family Promise of Greater Rochester. Questions?

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ONGOING

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP- Please use the following link to sign up to volunteer during our Sunday services: <https://uccwebster.org/worship-volunteer-opportunities/>

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.

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 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 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.

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

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