

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 September 20, 2026 10:00 AM
Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 20, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Victoria Fedysiv

Words of Welcome

Attila Lampert

Gathering Song “The Summons”TFWS #2130

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known? Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

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 “I've Got Peace Like a River” (1st Verse) TFWS #2145

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

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 "Just Two Words" Words and music by Herb Frombach, arranged by Robert Lau.

Ken Mihalyov, Director

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Victoria Fedysiv

Scripture Reading (NRSVue)

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Message

"Hi Ho, Hi Ho"

Pastor Michelle

Song of Response “Be Now My Vision”NCH #451

Be now my vision, O God of my heart; nothing surpasses the love you impart.
You my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Be now my wisdom, and be my true word; ever within me, my soul is assured.
Mother and Father, you are both to me, now and forever your child I will be.

Riches I need not, nor life’s empty praise. You, my inheritance, now and always.
You and you only are first in my heart, great God, my treasure, may we never part.

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

Victoria Fedysiv

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Pat Hauck
Greeters— Carole Haas

Livestream – Heather Himes

ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/20/2026

YOU'RE INVITED to the Installation Service for Rev. Michelle Sumption Stone
September 20th at 3:00 pm. Service will also be livestreamed on Facebook and
YouTube. Reception to follow.

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 September, we will continue to 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

MOVE-IN-KITS: The Rebel Beat youth & kids are collecting items to fill Move-In Kits for apartments after shelter.

follow the link or sign-up in narthex: (items due October 18)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iiYF3ZKd0bNtr3b35Mup_4s3U09RkKBFq6hLlpVQ57o/edit?usp=drivesdk

FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ROCHESTER. fpgroc.org

Keeping families together. Getting families home for good.

BABER HOT LUNCH: Saturday September 26th. volunteers arrive at 10:15 and are done by 1:00. All ages are encouraged to join us! To volunteer, contact Wendi Latko wendi.latko@gmail.com or Wendy Lesko wlesko88@gmail.com

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK - Saturday October 3. The WISE Team is once again participating in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention walk. Walk with us or donate in support of the team: afspwalks.donordrive.com/rochesterny. Our team name is Webster UCC W.I.S.E.

Questions? Contact Sharon Mathiason sharon.mathiason@gmail.com

CAFE FOR A CAUSE: The Rebel Beat youth & kids will host a breakfast after worship on October 4th. All proceeds support youth outreach projects. More info about their next project soon.

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? Wlesko88@gmail.com

FREE COMMUNITY SUNDAY SUPPER- October 11, 4:30-5:30. Everyone is welcome. The menu is Chicken Parmesan, pasta, garlic bread, tossed salad & apple crisp. Contact Wendy if you'd like to volunteer wlesko88@gmail.com

MISSION TEAM: Join us once again in supporting children around the world through our annual Church World Service kit drive. Below is the list of specific supplies we are collecting to build this year's School Kits. A collection bin is in the narthex.

Kids Kit Supplies -

12 colored pencils

Two-pocket folder

Glue stick

Blunt-tip scissors

70-page wide spiral-bound notebook

30-cm/12" ruler

Hand-held pencil sharpener

Large eraser

Six new, unsharpened pencils

Box of 24 crayons

SPOOKY SHENANIGANS- Our very own Rebel Beat youth kids & families will be haunting the woods again on Sunday October 18th 11:30-12:00. Fun for all ages! Invite your friends. If you would like to decorate your trunk for a little bit of trunk or treating, let Wendy Lesko know. wlesko88@gmail.com

ONGOING

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. All you need to do is sign up with your email, then RSVP, and show up! Contact Lynne with any questions StillLynnePA@gmail.com

HOT TOPICS: Hot Topics discussion group has resumed meeting! We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Stay tuned for announcements of upcoming topics. For more information, or to be added to the e-mail list for the group, contact richard_kendrick@verizon.net.

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

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 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

Richard Kendrick will be performing with the Geriactors in the ESL Rochester Fringe Festival for two performances on Sunday, September 20 at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, Sept 23 at 7 p.m. Both performances are at the Multi Use Community Cultural Center (MUCCC), [142 Atlantic Ave., Rochester, NY](#). The Geriactors perform short pieces by local writers on a variety of topics from the poignant to the hilarious. For more information and for tickets, visit <https://rochesterfringe.com/tickets-and-shows/the-geriactors-return>.

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

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570 Klem Road Webster, NY

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Reception to Follow