

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 27, 2026 10:00 AM
Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 27, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Words of Welcome

Attila Lampert

Gathering Song “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

NCH #42

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories
ever echoing the triumphs of God’s grace!

My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim to spread through all
the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease is music in
the sinner’s ears, is life, and health, and peace!

Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given by all the saints in
every age, the church in earth and heaven.

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 by Manny Santiago)
**Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be Your Creation. May your reign be
a reality here on earth. May we become more interested in building Your
kin-dom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above. Let
us share our bread with those who hunger. Let us learn to forgive as well
as to receive forgiveness. Help us through the time of temptation,
delivering us from all evil. For ours are the eternal blessings that You pour
upon the earth. 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 "Shelter In The Storm" Joel Raney

Ron Milliman, Director

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Sacred Text Reading *Excerpt from "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

Scripture Reading (NRSVue)

Exodus 17:1-7

17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Message "Just Keep Breathing and Breathing and Breathing"

Pastor Michelle

Song of Response "We Are Your People"

NCH #309

We are your people: Spirit of grace, you dare to make us Christ to our neighbors of every culture and place.

Joined in community, treasured and fed, may we discover gifts in each other, willing to lead and be led.

Rich in diversity, help us to live closer than neighbors, open to strangers, able to clash and forgive.

Glad of tradition, help us to see in all life's changing, where Christ is leading, where our best efforts should be.

Church Chat

Announcements

Benediction

Sung Congregational Benediction “Halle, Halle, Halleluja” (Sung 3x) TFWS 2026

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluja!

Postlude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Heather Himes
Greeters— Polly Ellstrom

Livestream – Ken Mihalyov

ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/27/2026

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK: The WISE team will be walking again this year on October 3. Contact Sharon to walk with us! sharon.mathiason@gmail.com

COCKTAIL CLASS: October 15, 6:30 pm. Just in time for spooky season, spend an evening with Joe Izzo and Ilse Passalacqua listening to stories about poisoners, purloiners, and pirates while sipping the cocktails they inspire. All are welcome (≥21 years of age).

Please RSVP to joespub.xyz@gmail.com by October 11.

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/1liYF3ZKd0bNtr3b35Mup_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 encouraged to join us! To volunteer, contact Wendi Latko

wendi.latko@gmail.com or Wendy Lesko wlesko88@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

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

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

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: The Hot Topics discussion group will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of October - October 6 and October 20 - at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be discussing the upcoming November elections - Who are the candidates? What are the issues? How might the election be manipulated? And anything else pertaining to the elections that is on your mind. For more information, or to be added to the e-mail list, 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

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

Spots Available at Woodside Nursery School



AM and PM Tiny Tots



**AM and PM
Busy Bees**



**Wednesday and
Friday Pre-K**



Busy Bees STEM



Pre-K STEM



Explorers