

# 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 6, 2026      10:00 AM  
Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone

## WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 6, 2026

10:00 A.M.

### Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

### Words of Welcome

#### Gathering Song "Gather Us In"

TFWS #2236

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wind and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is yours. Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, lightyears away, but here in his place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own. Gather us in- all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

#### 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** "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

TFWS #2146

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is portion? My constant friend is he: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

## **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** "Above All" (Leblanc, Baloché/Hayes)

Ron Milliman, Director

## **Offering**

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Oleksandra Yurchenko

## **Sacred Text Reading** *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

## **Scripture Reading** (New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition)

Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

## **Message**

"We Can Work It Out"

Pastor Michelle

**Song of Response** “Great Spirit God” (verses 1, 2, and 5)

NCH #341

Great Spirit God, the things which are yours are numerous and great. The heavens above you set in their place, and earth received its form by your hands. The ocean depths respond to your will, for you can do all things.

Your will, mysterious and so strong, brings growth to all the earth. Food for our souls and clothing to wear, are like your cup that blesses and fills. Provide for us each day of our lives sufficient for our needs.

Your sacrament entrusted to us, Jesus, now share with me. Your bread of life and drink for our souls, which you have offered, purify now. Sanctify minds and bodies to you; restore us by your love.

**The Gift of Communion****Announcements****Benediction****Sung Congregational Benediction** “May You Run and Not Be Weary” TFWS #2281

May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song. And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with Joy! And may the road you travel always lead you home.

**Postlude**

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Heidi Zastowny  
Greeters— Linda Ims

Livestream – Ken Mihalyov

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/6/2026

**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](mailto:Wlesko88@gmail.com)

**FREE COMMUNITY SUNDAY SUPPER-** September 13, 4:30-5:30. Everyone is welcome. The menu is .... chili, cornbread, tossed salad & brownies. Contact Wendy if you'd like to volunteer [wlesko88@gmail.com](mailto:wlesko88@gmail.com)

**HOT TOPICS:** Hot Topics discussion group has resumed meeting! We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, so our next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 15. 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](mailto:richard_kendrick@verizon.net).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

### **ONGOING**

**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! 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)

**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** 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 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; (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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Church of Christ

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**3:00 PM**

**570 Klem Road Webster, NY**

Service will also be livestreamed on  
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**Reception to Follow**