

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 October 11, 2026 10:00 AM
Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 11, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Words of Welcome

Attila Lampert

Gathering Song “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

NCH #164

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey: show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door. Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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 Creator, who art in heaven. hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response “God Is So Good”

TFWS #2056

God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, God's so good to 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 “Live My Life For Love”- Pepper Choplin Ron Milliman, Director

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Sacred Text Reading

The Quran 30:20, 22-25

20. One of His signs is that He created you from dust, then—behold!—you are human beings spreading over ‘the earth’. 22. And one of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the diversity of your languages and colours. Surely in this are signs for those of ‘sound’ knowledge. 23. And one of His signs is your sleep by night and by day ‘for rest’ as well as your seeking His bounty ‘in both’. Surely in this are signs for people who listen. 24. And one of His signs is that He shows you lightning, inspiring ‘you with’ hope and fear. And He sends down rain from the sky, reviving the earth after its death. Surely in this are signs for people who understand. 25. And one of His signs is that the heavens and the earth persist by His command. Then when He calls you out of the earth just once, you will instantly come forth.

Scripture Reading (Common English Bible)

Matthew 22: 1-5, 8-14

Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. ³ He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn’t want to come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants and said to them, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Look, the meal is all prepared. I’ve butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything’s ready. Come to the wedding party!”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren’t worthy. ⁹ Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.’ ¹⁰ “Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. ¹¹ Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn’t wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to his servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.’ ¹⁴ “Many people are invited, but few people are chosen.”

Message

“What the World Needs Now”

Pastor Michelle

Song of Response “De Colores (Sing of Colors)”

NCH #402

Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing; Sing of colors, of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing. Sing of colors, in the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall. Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all. Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.

Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation. Sing, rejoicing! Sing to the God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation. Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all. Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall. Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

Church Chat

Announcements

Benediction

Sung Congregational Benediction “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” TFWS #2171

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Postlude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Lon Krautwurst

Greeter— Linda Ims

Livestream – Ken Mihalyov

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/11/26

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.

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

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_4s3U09RkKBFq6hLIpVQ57o/edit?usp=drivesdk

FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ROCHESTER. fpgroc.org

Keeping families together. Getting families home for good.

THURSDAY MORNING RESOURCE GROUP- the next meeting will be "If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus," by Philip Gulley. The author provides "a profound picture of what the church could look like if it refocused on the priorities of Jesus." Beginning on October 29th, 9:30-11:00 AM, Thursdays. By Zoom.

For information contact Joe Roth (585-671-8458) or jaroth462@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: The Rebel Beat youth & kids will host a Christmas breakfast after worship on December 6. All proceeds support youth outreach projects.

MISSION TEAMS NEWS: third of four special offerings, Neighbors In Need, will be received during October. Donations support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US.

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

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

THEY LIVE ON: Will be held at Nazareth University on October 15 at 6:30pm and repeated at St. Ann's (Portland Ave) on November 5 at 2pm. Contact Pat Nugent for more info pnwrites1@gmail.com

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