

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 4, 2026 10:00 AM

Reverend Michelle Sumption Stone

WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 4, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Words of Welcome

Lisa Izzo

Gathering Song “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

NCH #4

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love: hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of strife and sadness, drive the storms of divide away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays, stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed. Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you; teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; boundless love is reigning o’er us, reconciling race and clan. Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

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 "I Want Jesus to Go With Me"

NCH #490

I want Jesus to go with me; I want Jesus to go with me. All along my pilgrim journey, O I want Jesus to go with 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 "One World, One Communion"- Pepper Choplin

Ron Milliman, Director

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Prayer of Gratitude and Dedication

Scripture Reading (Common English Bible)

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?" ²⁶ Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?" ²⁷ He responded, "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*" ²⁸ Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live." ²⁹ But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. ³¹ Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³² Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³³ A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' ³⁶ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?" ³⁷ Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Message

“Good Neighbors”

Pastor Michelle

Song of Response “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

NCH #498

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Knelt at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet, Jesus, you acted as servant to them. [Refrain]

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

The Gift of Communion

Announcements

Benediction

Sung Congregational Benediction “Lead on Eternal Sovereign”

NCH #573

Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way, loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day. Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong, to carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.

Postlude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Resources: [bread-of-life-liturgy.pdf](#)

Serving you this morning:

Reader – Carole Kohler

Greeter— Ruth Peck

Livestream – Heather Himes

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/4/26

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

CAFE FOR A CAUSE: The Rebel Beat youth & kids will host a breakfast after worship on October 4th. All proceeds support youth outreach projects.

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.

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