

WEST CHELMSFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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4th Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025

Worship Service In-person and via Zoom 9:30 AM

Prelude – “My Ain Countrie” Smith

Greeting Phyllis Carrow

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn – “America the Beautiful”

Call to Worship

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Let all the peoples praise you.

Let all nations be glad and sing for joy.

For you judge the peoples with justice and truth.

Let the ends of the earth revere you, Holy One.

For you bless your people with peace and hope.

Opening Prayer

Guiding Spirit, you come to us in visions and dreams, showing us possibilities beyond our waking reality. Open our hearts this day, that we might understand Christ’s teaching and share his presence with others. Guide our footsteps on our journeys, that we might go where you send us and share your message of love and peace with the world. Amen.

Passing of Peace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Kathy Ha

Call to Prayer

Elly Evans

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us be in silent prayer.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message

Offertory Reflection

Kathy Ha

Offertory- “Grant Us Thy Peace”

Denton

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Phyllis Carrow

Receive our praise, O God, for the bounty of your love. You cause the earth to yield food to satisfy the hungry. You send rain upon the earth to give drink to the thirsty. You shine light into our darkness to show us the way. Bless the gifts we bring before you this day, that they may touch the world with your love. Amen.

First Scripture Reading – Colossians 2: 4-7

Margaret Wilkinson

Hymn – "Make Me a Servant" (sing twice)

Second Scripture Reading – Psalm 23

Sermon – “Roots and Dogs”

Elly Evans

Closing Hymn – “I am Thine, O Lord”

Announcements

Benediction – “The Trees of the Field”

Postlude – “To God Be the Glory”

arr. Birchwood

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\*\*After the scripture readings, please respond, "Thanks be to God."

We extend a warm greeting to all who are attending our worship service this morning in person or on Zoom or watching later via a video link.

**The Flowers on the altar** this morning are given to the Glory of God by Karen Leonard in loving memory of her husband, Mark.

**Today** – Staff Parish Relations Committee

Minister of Music – Karen Leonard

Pastor – Reverend Geisa Matos

Guest Speaker – Elly Evans

## **THIS WEEK AT WEST CHELMSFORD UMC**

**Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentacost**

**9:30 AM, Worship Service In-person and via Zoom**

**10:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Vestry**

**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Communion**

**9:30 AM, Worship Service In-person and via Zoom**

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

- Victims and their families of mass shootings in our country
- Victims and their families of plane crashes in our country and around the world
- World peace and conflict in the Middle East and Ukraine
- All that are sick, mourning, and/or lonely

### **Article Submission Due Dates**

- Articles for the **mid-week email** are due in the church office by **9:00 AM on Monday**.
- Articles for the **church bulletin insert** are due in the church office by **9:00 AM on Tuesday**.
- **Articles for the August 2025 Newsletter** are due in the church office by **Monday, July 21, 2025**.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

**Continue to support our Organ Fund** – Don't forget to leave your donations in the organ pipe display.

**Summer Office Hours** – Beginning the week of **June 30, 2025**, the church office hours are **Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, September 7, 2025.

**Summer Children's Messages** - Our summer worship begins on **June 15, 2025**. Although we are not changing the start time of worship, which is still 9:30 AM, many of our programs take a break over the summer. One of those programs is Sunday School. However, the Worship Team would like to continue our Children's Messages during worship. We are looking for a few volunteers to present a message so that the children get

to hear a different voice. If you are willing to present a Children's Message, please contact Holly Cerullo, [hbcteach@comcast.net](mailto:hbcteach@comcast.net) or speak to me at church.

**The sign-up sheet for the St. Paul's Meal** is now online. To volunteer, please click on the link below. The St. Paul's Meal will be served on **Wednesday, July 23, 2025**. Thank you for your support of this important mission.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A8AB28AAFF2-57376780-stpauls>

**Save the Date, Sunday, August 10, 2025!** - Come One - Come All! Big and Small! Fur, Feathers, Scales, or Fins All are Welcome!

In conjunction with the Blessing of the Animals worship service on Sunday, August 10, 2025, we are gathering pet food for the Lowell Humane Society's Pet Food Pantry. The Lowell Humane Society believes in maintaining the bond between people and pets for the life of the pet. One of the ways they help fulfill this commitment is by providing pet food, free of charge, to those in need. If you are able, donations of all types of non-perishable pet food, in sealed packages, will be collected from now until the Blessing of the Animals event. Pet Food donation Collection Boxes will be in the Education Building lobby as well as the Vestry, beginning July 6<sup>th</sup>.

All types of non-perishable dog and cat food, including wet and dry options, as well as bird and small animal food, are welcome. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the Missions Committee.

**From the New England Conference: Immigration** - There is new bipartisan legislation related to religious workers, and GBCS has an action alert related to it. Contact your Senator/Representative and help get this passed on!

<https://www.umcjustice.org/latest/action-alert-tell-congress-to-support-the-religious-workforce-protection-act-2025-h-r-2672-s-1298-6083>

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- Cash or Check – Place in the offering plate during the Worship Service or send your donation via the US Postal Service to WCUMC, 242 Main Street, North Chelmsford, MA 01863.

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