

WEST CHELMSFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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10th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion August 17, 2025

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

Prelude – “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” arr. Mansfield

Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

God summons us.

In perfect beauty all around us,

God brightens our hearts.

When we worship with pure hearts,

God is pleased to give us the kingdom.

Come, then, with open hearts!

Let love and mercy be our worship.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we often care more about earthly treasures than eternal truths. Sometimes we cling to comfort and success, and neglect our call to love, serve, and give. Forgive us, and turn our hearts toward your kingdom. Teach us to seek what lasts, and to live in ways that reflect your grace on earth. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Listen to the good news.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

Thanks be to God.

Passing of Peace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Ellen Cellini

Offertory Reflection

Offertory – “Grace and Peace to You”

Logan

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Creator and Provider of all that exists, you told us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Bless the gifts we will share with this community. May they be used to help build God's Kingdom of Justice and peace on earth. Amen.

Gospel Reading – Luke 12: 32-40**

Sermon

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Supper

Sanctus

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion - “Soliloquy”

Kendall

Hymn Sing

“You Are the Seed” (verses 1, 2)

“Love Lifted Me” (verse 1)

“The Summons” (verses 1, 5)

“Take Time to Be Holy” (verses 1, 4)

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Announcements

Benediction

People get ready.

And God's people say:

Amen.

Postlude – “Lord of Our Life”

arr. Smith

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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 the McIlvenna Family in honor of their son, Scott's birthday.

**Today**

Lay Reader – Nancy O'Neil

Communion Minister – Nancy O'Neil

Minister of Music – Karen Leonard

Pastor – Rev. Geisa Matos

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

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Communion**  
**9:30 AM, Worship Service In-person and via Zoom**  
**10:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Vestry or Outside (weather permitting)**

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**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 September 2025 Newsletter** are due in the church office by **Tuesday, August 19, 2025**.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

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

**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, August 27, 2025**. Thank you for your support of this important mission.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A8AB28AAFF2-57628858-stpauls>

**Rolling Ridge Retreat** - Into the World, Unafraid; A Day of Retreat at Rolling Ridge Retreat Center. North Andover, MA, on **Friday, September 26, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**.

Don't miss this opportunity to gather with our church in this peaceful place! We'll come together to find perspective on our turbulent times and experience some techniques to channel our fears in positive ways. We'll explore our Christian calling to understand others and work to find courage and hope as individuals and as a community of faith. Morning coffee and luncheon are included with the registration fee of \$85 per person. Space is limited, so register soon to secure your spot by contacting the church office at [office@wcumc.us](mailto:office@wcumc.us). **We need a minimum of ten people to run this retreat. Please let Roberta know by August 25<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending.**

**Rummage Sale** - Thank you for the very helpful feedback for our annual Rummage Sale. Some suggested that we sell on Saturday and sell only soft goods. The majority would like to have our usual two-day sales. I received some ideas for places that will accept our remaining items. However, we will need to be more selective about what we can accept for our sales. Stay tuned for more information, but keep letting me know your thoughts about the Rummage Sale.

Holly Cerullo - [hbcteach@comcast.net](mailto:hbcteach@comcast.net).

### **4 Ways to Give to WCUMC**

- **Mobile Giving** – Download the Tithely app. Fill out the Tithely secure donation transfer form. Enter donation and fee coverage (if desired)
- **QR Giving** – Using your phone's photo app, click the link after hovering over the QR code (see below). Fill out the Tithely secure donation transfer form. Enter donation and fee coverage (if desired)
- **Click "Give" or "Donate"** – Go to [www.wcumc.us](http://www.wcumc.us). Fill out the secure donation transfer form for PayPal or Tithely. For Tithely, remember the code number assigned for future login. Enter donation and fee coverage (if desired)
- **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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