

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Prelude - "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Hegarty

Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn – "I Come with Joy"

Call to Worship

Strife and contention are all around.

The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

How many threats surround us; warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still – the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!

Choral Introit - "Come to the Table" Nystrom

Prayer of Confession

God of all, you call us to proclaim your greatness and to be your living body in a broken world. Yet we confess that we have not lived as one body. We are divided by fear, pride, and indifference. We forget your promise of justice and fail to show kindness to our neighbors and unity with your Church around the world. Forgive us, heal us, and make us one in Christ. 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

Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Reflection – video "World Communion Sunday"

Offertory Anthem - "Circle the Table" Horman

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, you call us to trust beyond what we see and to serve without seeking reward. Receive these gifts as seeds of hope, watered with gratitude. Even when our faith feels small, you multiply it into healing and justice. Grow in us a humble willingness to serve, trusting you are at work in every generous act. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

Gospel Reading – Luke 17:5-10**

Sermon

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Supper

Sanctus

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion Hymn - "Let Us Break Bread Together"
(Please join the choir in singing)

Closing Hymn - "We Are the Church"

Announcements

Benediction

And God's people say:

Amen.

Benediction Response - "Farewell Blessing" Graham

Postlude - "Call to Service" Hughes

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

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

**The Flowers on the altar** this morning are given to the Glory of God by Carole Wyant in loving memory of her sister.

**Today** – Senior Choir

Acolyte – Preston Willett

Lay Reader – Deb Allen

Communion Ministers – Preston Willett, Deb Allen, Holly Cerullo

Minister of Music – Karen Leonard

Pastor – Rev. Geisa Matos

## THIS WEEK AT WEST CHELMSFORD UMC

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, World Communion Sunday**

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

**9:30 AM, Sunday School, location TBD**

**10:30 AM, Coffee Hour, location TBD**

1:30 PM, MVR Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

3:00 PM, Westford Girl Scout Troop 70533 Meeting in the Vestry

Monday – 6:45 PM, Cub Scout Pack 70 Bear Den Meeting in the Vestry

**7:30 PM, Jubilee Ringers rehearsal in the Sanctuary**

Tuesday – **10:00 AM, Congregational Care Team Meeting in the Library or Vestry**

Wednesday – **7:30 PM, Trustees' Meeting via Zoom**

**7:30 PM, Festival Ringers rehearsal in the Sanctuary**

Thursday – **7:30 PM, Senior Choir rehearsal in the Choir Room**

**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<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 who 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**.

**Altar Visuals:** Today, our altar area celebrates World Wide Communion Sunday with the world hemispheres on the back curtain. We celebrate with Christians all around the world, as the multicultural people around the hemispheres depict. The congregational bread used today is Nisu (Gluten-free), a Finnish sweet bread. The bread that Rev Geisa holds up during Consecration is Naan, a Middle Eastern flatbread.

**Methodist Youth Fellowship** - I would like to welcome everyone to this year's MYF, which starts today. We have two events planned for October.

- October 5<sup>th</sup>, after Sunday School, if the weather is good, we are planning to go for a fall hike at one of the local hiking trails. I would ask if your child is planning on going on the hike, they come to Sunday School with a bag lunch and wear appropriate walking shoes and clothing for outdoors.
- October 26<sup>th</sup>, after Sunday School, we are having our annual family pumpkin carving event. If you can bring a pumpkin and some kid-friendly carving tools, it would be greatly appreciated. I will also bring some pumpkins to give out if you are unable to find one. We would like to have a potluck lunch before we start carving and would ask everyone to bring a dish to share. I will also bring some stencils and kid-friendly pumpkin carving tools.

If your child has any food allergies, please let me know.

Additionally, the MYF is open to all children who wish to participate. If you have never attended a MYF event, please join us and have a great time. All kids must be picked up by a parent or guardian at the end of the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Harry Johnson  
617-784-3776

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

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

**Spooky Messy Church, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM!** - Get your costumes ready for the next Messy Church in October. We are inviting our congregation and the surrounding community to join us at the beginning of our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Messy Church! WooHoo! For those who have never been, Messy Church is a fun way to enjoy your faith by joining us for a free dinner, activities for all ages, music, dancing, and a message celebrating our faith. We are sure to have lots of fun. We are celebrating an early Halloween Night on **October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM**, so wear your costume or spooky Halloween shirts.

At this Messy Church, we will be collecting canned goods for the Open Pantry as we continue our offerings to the community to fight food insecurity, so please bring what you can.

**Fabulous Finds Rummage Sale:** I hope you are organizing your donations for this sale. Things to keep in mind. Donation times will be very specific. Please adhere to these times only. If you need to drop off outside of these times, contact Holly Cerullo, [hbcteach@comcast.net](mailto:hbcteach@comcast.net), 978-846-2203, or Abbey Ciardi, [abbeyandrj@yahoo.com](mailto:abbeyandrj@yahoo.com), 802-345-8893.

Donation hours are:

- Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Monday – Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Items **not** accepted:

- Single mugs, dishes, or teacups without saucers.
- Water bottles, Stemmed Wine Glasses, and glassware with Logos
- Frames/Pictures over 8” x 10”
- Chipped or broken dishes, knick-knacks
- CDs, VCR tapes, cassette tapes
- Large furniture
- Textbooks
- Artificial flowers
- Wrapping paper, ribbon, bows

Café/Kitchen: See Sue Loisel

Advertising: See Roberta Stratton or Bill Evans

**Jewelry Donations:** Please donate any jewelry to the Fabulous Finds Rummage Sale. It will be set aside for sales at the Holiday Fair. We will also accept broken jewelry as it can be used for crafts. Thanks, Holly Cerullo, Lori Evans, Heidi Vaughn.

**“Fabulous Finds Rummage Sale Cafe”** needs your help. The following donations will be needed to offer snacks, soup, or hot dogs during the upcoming rummage sale, both Friday evening and Saturday. Please contact Sue Loisel with your contribution to make this a delicious way to take a break from shopping.

Assorted Pastry & Sweets such as brownies, cookies, bars, etc. (packaged in small baggies for quick sale with 2-4 pieces in each bag)

Hot Dogs & Buns

Suggested Soups (but not limited to this list) are requested:

- Turkey Rice Gluten Free
- Butternut Squash
- Spicy Chicken, Bean & Veggie
- Minestone
- Vegetarian Chili
- Chili with Meat
- Veggie Soup- spicy or not
- Chicken Rice or Noodle

Also, help will be needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Please let Sue know if you're willing to give some time on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, or Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Sue through email, text, or phone: [loisellesue@gmail.com](mailto:loisellesue@gmail.com) or 978-337-2163

**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, October 22, 2025**. Thank you for your support of this important mission.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A8AB28AAFF2-58534811-copy>

**How Can We Help?** - The Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) is an emergency shelter for unaccompanied individuals over 18 years of age who are experiencing homelessness. With winter coming, the LTLC needs specific items for its guests. So how can we help? The easiest and fastest way to help is through the LTLC Amazon Wish List! Just click on the link below, or follow the QR Code, and select the items that you wish to donate. Then, annotate the Amazon Gift Order message box with WCUMC. It couldn't be easier! The items will be shipped directly to the LTLC!

Link for [LTLC Amazon Wish List](#)

LTLC QR Code:



Alternatively, you can bring in any of the following items and leave them in the designated bin in the lobby of the Education Building: Adult-size hats, gloves, mittens, clean, gently used jackets, sweatpants, and sweatshirts (men's & women's all sizes), foot and hand warmers, socks, wash cloths, and bath towels. ***Please note: We will suspend the in-person collection for LTLC from October 18th to October 25th to avoid any possible confusion with the Rummage Sale.***

**This campaign will run until Friday, October 31, 2025.** The Amazon Wish List will be posted on the WCUMC Website for future reference. If you have any questions, please get in touch with a member of the Missions Committee.

**WCUMC Hockey Game Event** - UMASS-Lowell hockey marketers reached out to Rev Geisa to have a group event for our church. Let's GOOOO! We have selected Saturday, November 1st, at 6:00 PM. UMASS-Lowell is playing Providence College, and it should be a great game for these two rivals. They are also giving away t-shirts for the first 1500 fans, so get there early. They are also honoring the Manning School of Business this night as well. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Please sign the "I want to GO!" sheet on the table in the Vestry and the number of people in your party. Bill will reserve seats the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup> in advance since this is a very popular game.

Contact Bill Evans at [evans1818@verizon.net](mailto:evans1818@verizon.net) or 978-852-1456 if you'd like to be added to the list. Tickets are \$13 and can be paid to Bill when you see him. Let's GOOOOOO Riverhawks!

**Joys and Concerns Prayer Cards** - These cards are available on the Ushers' table in the Narthex for parishioners to fill out before worship. Please fill them out and give them to the usher before the time of Joys and Concerns.

**Prayer Chain Mailing List** – If you want to join the prayer chain, update your email address in the prayer chain, or send a prayer request, please contact **Beth Arnard** at [barnald@verizon.net](mailto:barnald@verizon.net). Please do not contact the church office, as Roberta does not have access to the Prayer Chain mailing list.

#### **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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