

2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Human Relations Day January 18, 2026
Worship Service at WCUMC and via Zoom 9:30 AM

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Prelude – “Prelude on “Song 13” arr. Scott

Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn – “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Call to Worship

Listen, O coastlands.

Pay attention, people of God.

We are called to be a light to the nations.

We are created to sing of God’s salvation.

Shout praise for God’s faithfulness.

Rejoice in our many gifts.

Opening Prayer

Holy One, may our spirits be polished arrows in the quiver of your searching love. May our words ring true with shouts of praise. Use us, Gracious God, as instruments of your mercy and compassion.

Fashion us into vessels of your abiding Spirit, that a world torn by brokenness and pain might touch your healing love through our fellowship with you and with one another. Amen.

Passing of Peace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message

Offertory Reflection

Offertory – “Blessed Quietness” arr. Thygerson

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

First Old Testament Reading – Micah 6:6-8**

Hymn – “Spirit Song”

Second Old Testament Reading – Proverbs 31:8-9**

Sermon

Closing Hymn - “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Announcements

Benediction

And God’s people say: **Amen.**

Postlude – “The Clarion Call” Paxton

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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 the Davidson and Stratton families in memory of loved ones.

**The Flowers on the altar** this morning are given to the Glory of God by Adrienne Kielsing, “May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13.

**Today**

Acolyte – William Weirich

Lay Reader – David Grudinski

Minister of Music – Karen Leonard

Pastor – Rev. Geisa Matos

### THIS WEEK AT WEST CHELMSFORD UMC

#### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Human Relations Day**

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

**10:00 AM, Sunday School in the Education Wing**

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

**11:00 AM, Men's Group Study in the Youth Lounge**

2:00 PM, Cub Scout Pack 70 Tiger Den Meeting in the Education Wing, Classroom 1

3:00 PM, Private event in Fellowship Hall

Monday – 6:45 PM, Cub Scout Pack 70 Bear Den Meeting in the Education Wing, Classroom 1

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

Tuesday – 6:30 PM, Cub Scout Pack 70 Lion Den Meeting in the Education Wing, Classroom 6

7:00 PM, Cub Scout Pack 70 Arrow of Light Den Meeting in the Education Wing, Classroom 1

Wednesday – **7:30 PM, Festival Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary**

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

#### **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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

#### Ongoing Prayer Requests

- 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**.
- Articles for the **February 2026 Newsletter** are due in the church office by **Monday, January 19, 2026**.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

**Men's Group Study** - We will continue our discussion of the 5 Masculine Instincts after the service on **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM**. We will be discussing Chapter 5 and the story of Moses regarding the Masculine Instinct of "Ambition". A short review video will be shown prior to the discussion.

We will meet in the Youth Lounge. For those of you who do not have books or would like to invite a friend, please contact Bill Evans, 978-852-1456 or [evans1818@verizon.net](mailto:evans1818@verizon.net).

**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, January 28, 2026**. Thank you for your support of this important mission.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A8AB28AAFF2-61362231-stpauls>

**Financial Statements** - End-of-year giving statements were emailed or sent in the mail this week. Please check them for accuracy. If you have any questions, please call me at 978-649-9195 or email me at [fin\\_sec@wcumc.us](mailto:fin_sec@wcumc.us).

Thank you,  
Ellen O'Neill, Financial Secretary

**Upper Room** – I contacted the Upper Room regarding the January/February 2026 edition last week. They will resend the January/February 2026 edition, and it should arrive this week.

I have a PDF file of the January/February edition of the Upper Room. If you would like a copy of the file, please call me (978-251-4834), email me ([office@wcumc.us](mailto:office@wcumc.us)), or stop by the office.

Roberta Davidson-Stratton

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