

Transfiguration Sunday February 15, 2026
Worship Service at WCUMC and via Zoom 9:30 AM

Prelude – “The Wings of Every Hour” Southbridge

Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn* – “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” UMH 176

Call to Worship*

Come, let us worship the Lord.

We come to praise the Lord Most High.

Worship the Lord who meets us on the mountain.

We worship our Lord and our King.

Come, step under divine coverage.

We enter God’s presence with reverence and joy.

Handbell Introit - “Celebration No. 1” Keller

Opening Prayer

Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory. As you appeared to your servant Moses in devouring fire on Mount Sinai, appear to us now in power and might during our time of worship. As you revealed Christ’s resplendent light to his disciples on the mountaintop, reveal your radiant light to us during our fellowship together. Transform us with your glory, that our souls might shine your light into a world shrouded in darkness. Amen.

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 UMH 895

Children’s Message

Offertory Reflection

Handbell Offertory – “Hymn of Promise” Sleeth/arr. Thompson

Doxology* UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication*

Holy and Radiant God. You meet us in holy mystery and call us into deeper trust. You cover us with your presence and invite us to listen, to follow, and to love. Receive these gifts—not as routine offerings, but as signs of grateful hearts shaped by Christ’s light. Use them, and use us, to carry Your love into places where shadows linger. May all your beloved children know they’re seen, known, and cherished under your divine care. In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 24:12-18**

Hymn* – “Sanctuary” FWS 2164

Gospel Reading – Matthew 17:1-9**

Sermon – “Under Divine Courage”

Closing Hymn* - “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” UMH 349

Announcements

Benediction

And God’s people say: **Amen.**

Benediction Response – “Father Give Thy Benediction” arr. Callahan

Postlude – “God the Omnipotent” arr. Thygeron



**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 Kristen & Stephen Kirby in loving memory of her father, Robert Mears.

Today – Festival Ringers

Acolyte – Josephine Ciardi

Lay Reader – Maggie Elmore

Minister of Music – Karen Leonard

Pastor – Rev. Geisa Matos

THIS WEEK AT WEST CHELMSFORD UMC

Sunday, February 15th, Transfiguration Sunday

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

9:30 AM, Sunday School in the Education Wing

10:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Vestry

1:30 PM, MVR Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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

Tuesday – **7:30 PM, Church Admin Council Committee Meeting via Zoom**

7:30 PM, Festival Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Wednesday – **7:30 PM, Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary and via Zoom**

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

Saturday – **10:30 AM, Ruth Wyman's Celebration of Life Service in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. Refreshments to follow the service in Fellowship Hall**

3:30 PM, Private Event in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 22nd, 1st Sunday in Lent

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

Ongoing Prayer Requests

- World peace and social justice for all God's children, independently of race, gender, or socioeconomic background.
- 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 **March 2026 Newsletter** are due in the church office by **Monday, February 16, 2026**.

Worship resource adapted from: Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J. Abingdon Worship Annual 2026. Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

Altar Visuals: Today is Transfiguration Sunday, and our scriptures relate to mountain-top experiences. On the left side of the altar, behind the "mountain," are the tablets containing the commandments received from God by Moses. **Exodus 24: 12** *"the Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone...'"* On the right side is a wheel with flames representing Elijah, who appeared on the mountain with Jesus. The letters IHS represent Jesus, while the white cloths depict **Matthew 17: 1,2** *"...Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John...and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light."*

MYF Event – The MYF sledding trip is today, **Sunday, February 15, 2026**, at the Nabnasset Country Club Golf Course in Westford. Please bring a lunch to eat before we go and dress appropriately with a warm coat, hat, boots, and gloves or mittens. If you have a sled, please bring it; I will have extra sleds if you do not. I will have permission slips for parents to sign before we leave. When we arrive back at the church, we'll serve some hot chocolate while we wait for the kids to be picked up.

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

Also, the MYF is open to all kids who would like to participate. If you have never attended a MYF event, please join us and have a good time. A parent or guardian must pick up all kids at the end of the event.

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

Thanks,

Harry Johnson 617-784-3776

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Ash Wednesday – This year, West Chelmsford UMC will host the Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 7:30 PM** with our brothers and sisters from Aldersgate United Methodist Church in-person and via Zoom.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Celebration of Life for Ruth Wyman – Ruth’s Celebration of Life service will be held on **Saturday, February 21st, at 10:30 AM** in the Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following the service.

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, February 25, 2026**. Thank you for your support of this important mission.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A8AB28A AFF2-61903615-stpauls>

2026 Lent Devotional - This year, the Congregational Care Committee decided on two ways to provide a devotional for everyone: a free online daily Bible devotional app (see below) and a printed devotion called “The Sanctuary for Lent 2026.” This devotional booklet is available at the Usher’s Table.

The app is extremely easy to use and very thought-provoking. Every morning, it will appear in your notifications and include a Daily Bible "Verse of the Day", a "Guided Scripture" video, and a "Guided Prayer.”

We pray that you find these devotions inspiring and that they help you deepen your connection to God. May all of our lights shine bright, in Jesus’ name.

With love,

The Congregational Care Committee- Janice Rutter

Instructions for the Daily Bible Devotional (The App icon is Holy Bible with a red background)

These instructions may require you to use your password to complete the connection. If you have difficulty, Sue Loiselle, Ellen Cellini, or Janice Rutter can help you during coffee hour after the church service.

- For the Apple iPhone
 1. Go to the App Store on your device
 2. Click on “Search” (looks like a magnifying glass at the bottom of the page)

3. Type “YouVersion Bible App” by Life Church (HOLY BIBLE - red icon)
4. Click on “Get.”

- For an Android Phone
 1. Go to the Google Play Store on your device
 2. Search for "YouVersion Bible App" by Life Church
 3. Install by tapping “Download” or “Install” to install the app.

Message from the Trustees

- If you are the last person leaving the church or education building, please make sure that the door is locked behind you. There have been several recent incidents of the front doors of both buildings being left unlocked.
- Trustee Spring Cleaning day is still a few months away, but we encourage all committee members to take a close look at their storage areas/closets with an eye to what is still being used and what could be disposed of come the warmer weather.
 - In addition, committees should also review files and papers that are stored in the church office. Can older papers be shredded and destroyed? Is filing current and up to date?

Lost and Found – If you are missing a pair of gloves, a single glove, a hat, or a toy dinosaur, please pick them up in the church office. Your items miss you.

Open Pantry Donations - Storage space is limited at the Greater Lowell Open Pantry, but that doesn’t mean that we cannot help families in need. We can make monetary donations directly to the Open Pantry at <https://theopenpantry.org/donate/>. In addition, small-denomination Gift Cards for local grocery stores, like \$10 and \$15, can be shared with families whenever their supplies run low.

And speaking of Gift Cards... Do you have random gift cards sitting in a desk drawer with a few bucks left on them? Or did you perhaps receive a holiday gift card to an establishment that is not quite your cup of tea? How about donating those gift cards to the Missions Committee? We can check the existing value online and then receive a portion of the balance, after paying a processing fee. It may not be a lot of money, but with a little effort, we may have enough to buy another grocery store gift card!

Gift Cards can be put in the Collection Plate or left in the Office, and the Missions Committee will deliver them to the Open Pantry. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Missions Committee.

“Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”

~Sir James M. Barrie.

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. 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.

QR Giving Code:

