

Pentecost Sunday
Worship Service at WCUMC and via Zoom

May 24, 2026
9:30 AM

Prelude – “God Is Spirit” Southbridge

Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn – “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

Call to Worship

The Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God’s good news among us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Love draws us together to restore and renew our relationship with God and one another.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Holy Spirit is moving among us even now. Will you open your hearts to all the Spirit longs to give?

We come to receive the Spirit’s abundant gifts, that we may live God’s truth, love, and freedom in our homes, our community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

Choral Introit – “Spirit of God” Garnaas-Holmes

Opening Prayer

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Breathe through your people once again with wind and fire, courage and compassion. Dwell among us, even when your presence startles and unsettles us. Pour out your justice and love upon this weary and yearning world, and fill us with the courage to live as your people of peace. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

Children’s Message/Passing of Peace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Pastoral Prayer – “Remembering with Gratitude: A Memorial Day Prayer”

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Reflection

Offertory Anthem - “Holy Spirit, Come” Keveren

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Empowering God, you are the one who pours out your Spirit on sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld your gifts, but have shared them freely: truth, empathy, vision, and power. As your Spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts—not out of fear or obligation, but in response to your boundless generosity. Use these offerings to fuel the prophetic witness of your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like your Spirit, be poured out without limit. Amen.

First Gospel Reading – Acts 2:1-13**

Hymn - “Come, O Holy Spirit, Come”

Second Gospel Reading – Acts 2:14-21**

Sermon – “Broken Bodies, Burning Spirit”

Closing Hymn – “O Spirit of the Living God”

Announcements

Benediction

And God’s people say: **Amen.**

Benediction Response – “Spirit of God” Garnaas-Holmes

Postlude – “The Lord Reigneth” 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, on Zoom, or watching later via a video link.

**The Flowers on the altar** this morning are given to the Glory of God for Memorial Day to remember, honor, and celebrate all service women and men who gave their lives for our freedom and continue to serve us today, also, from Sandi Huss for the blessings of warmth, growth, and renewal that come with springtime.

**Today** – Senior Choir

Lay Reader – Maggie Elmore

Minister of Music – Karen Leonard

Pastor – Reverend Geisa Matos

Liturgical resources: Call to Worship (adapted), Opening Prayer & Prayer of Dedication, United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministry for May 27, 2026. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/god-poured-out/pentecost-sunday-year-a-planning-worship/day-of-pentecost-year-a-liturgical-resources>

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

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday**

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

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

Monday – **Memorial Day – Church Office is closed**

Tuesday – **7:00 PM, MVR Rehearsal in the Sanctuary**

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Trinity Sunday**

**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 Monday**.
- Articles for the **church bulletin insert** are due in the church office by **9:00 AM Tuesday**.

### **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, May 27, 2026**. Thank you for your support of this important mission.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A8AB28AAFF2-63684503-may27>

**MYF Campout** - The campout will be on **Saturday, June 6, 2026** (rain date Saturday, June 13, 2026). We will meet at the church around **2:00 PM** to set up the tents. We will cook hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill for supper, have some games, and an outdoor fire to toast some marshmallows.

On Sunday morning, we will have breakfast, then sit around the campfire for a Sunday School lesson. The children can be picked up at 10:30 AM after the church service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 617-784-3776.

Harry Johnson

**Men's Group Study** - *The 5 Masculine Instincts* by Chase Replogle -

Through this book, the intent is to discover your instincts and believe that they are neither a curse nor a virtue. They are the experiences by which you develop a new and better instinct - an instinct of faith. By exploring these five instincts through the lives of Cain, Samson, Moses, David, and Abraham, we will strive to understand our own instincts and how we could step forward on our own faith journeys, listening to God's intended message.

Our next discussion will wrap up and summarize the 5 instinct discussion we have had over the last several months. Please review Chapters 8 and 9 in preparation for our discussion group on **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, following the Sunday Service.

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).

**2026 Summer Camp** - Summer is just around the corner. If you are looking for a summer camp experience for your child, the following camps are accepting registrations.

- **Aldersgate** – For information and Camp Registration, [click here](#).
- **Mechuwana** – For information and Camp Registration, [click here](#).
- **Wanakee** – For information and Camp Registration, [click here](#).

**Lost and Found** – If you are missing a men’s flannel shirt, a child’s jacket, a sweater, a pair of earrings, a pair of gloves, a single glove, or a toy dinosaur, please pick them up in the church office. Your items miss you.