

Prelude – “Hour of Communion”

Paxton

Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn – “Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

Call to Worship

When the Lord seems far away,

may we place our faith in God.

When God’s face is hidden from us,

may we put our trust in God’s steadfast love.

When our souls bear the pain of earthly trials,

may we seek God’s strength, lest we break.

Let us place our trust in God’s goodness and mercy.

Our hearts rejoice in God’s salvation.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, hear our prayer. We confess that when life feels uncertain, we don’t always trust your presence. When we feel cast aside or when things are falling apart, we forget that we are held in your arms of love. Forgive us when fear speaks louder than faith, when we lose sight of your goodness, and when we fail to proclaim your strength and grace. Help us sing once again of your love. Show us your goodness, your presence, and your mercy, over and over again, and teach our hearts that we never walk alone. In your mercy and grace, 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

Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Reflection

Offertory - “The Soul Set Free”

Paxton

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Bountiful God, when we come to you with nothing, you provide us with the offering. When life’s demands threaten to overwhelm us, you spare us the deadly cost. In tribute and thanks for your manifold blessings, we offer you what we have in certain hope of your abiding love. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 22:1-14**

Sermon – “God Will Provide”

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Supper (see last page)

Sanctus

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Closing Hymn – “Be Still, My Soul”

Announcements

Benediction

Go forth trusting in God’s steadfast love.

We will trust in God’s love.

When faith is tested, may God’s mercy renew us.

We will not walk alone.

Go in peace, held by God’s love and sent in hope.

And God’s people say: **Amen.**

Postlude – “Rondo”

Blake

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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 by Carole, Rebecca, and Gregory Wyant in loving memory of Geoff, husband and father.

**Today**

Lay Reader – Maggie Elmore

Minister of Music – Karen Leonard

Pastor – Reverend Geisa Matos

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

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Communion**

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

**10:30 AM, Coffee Hour outside (weather permitting)**

**1:15 PM, Private Event in Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**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 **midweek 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**.
- **Articles for the August 2026 Newsletter** are due in the church office by **Monday, July 20, 2026**.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

**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, July 22, 2026**. Thank you for your support of this important mission.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A8AB28AAFF2-64609255-july>

**Save the Date** - Our third annual **Blessing of the Animals worship service is on Sunday, August 23, 2026**. Join us as we celebrate God's love for all creation and give thanks for the joy and companionship of animals.

In conjunction with the Blessing of the Animals worship service on Sunday, August 23, 2026, we are sponsoring an in-gathering for the

Lowell Humane Society's Pet Food Pantry to help them provide pet food, free of charge, to those in need. If you are able, donations of all types of non-perishable pet food, in sealed packages, will be collected from now until the Blessing of the Animals event. A Pet Food donation Collection box is in the Education Building lobby. All types of non-perishable dog and cat food, wet or dry, bird, and small animal food are welcome. It is helpful if dry dog food comes in 5-lb bags so it can be given to more families.

Also, animal shelters go through an incredible amount of sheets, pillow cases, blankets, and towels in their daily operations. If you would like to recycle any of your old linens, please bring your old but clean linens and items, marked for the Lowell Humane Society. All sizes are welcome, but they must fit into a standard-size washing machine. Look for the "Linens and Things" Collection Bin in the Education Building lobby.

Donations of old newspapers are very helpful to Animal Shelters. If you have any that are no longer needed, please leave them in the box marked "Newspaper" in the lobby of the Education Building.

Boredom for shelter pets is a real problem. Volunteers at the Lowell Humane Society would like to purchase enrichment items to help keep the animals engaged. If you can spare a dollar or two, please place them in the Jar on the Lowell Humane Society Table at the Blessing of the Animals event.

Thank you for your support. Your donations make a big difference! We look forward to seeing you at this year's Blessing of the Animals.

**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.

**Toddler Afternoon Assistant Wanted** – Cottage Montessori for Toddlers (located in the Education Wing) is seeking a part-time afternoon assistant for the 2026-2027 school year, Monday-Wednesday from 12:15 to 3:45 PM. Experience with children is welcome, but not necessary. Training and mentoring provided. Please contact Karen Wagner for more information at 508-397-4581.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Communion Responses**

### **Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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### **Memorial Acclamation**

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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### **Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

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