

The Congregational Church of West Medford
An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship
July 21, 2013
10:00 am

WELCOME

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ, is a community that strives to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ and to share in the costs and joys of discipleship. We unconditionally welcome and affirm people of every age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, race, culture, ability, and economic circumstance, and invite everyone into full participation in our church life and ministry.

If you're visiting for the first time, feel uncertain about church, find yourself here infrequently, or attend weekly, there's a place for you here. There are many ways to be involved and if you'd like to know more about our many activities, please speak to a greeter or the pastor.

We ask that you wear a name tag to help us know each other.
Blank name tags are available by the door for anyone in need.

Please be sure to sign the Pew Register which you will find on the center aisle.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Pavana

— Byrd

Welcome

Call to Worship

Carol Luongo

One: God is our rising sun,

All: a never-ending day!

One: God is a burning lamp:

All: the shadows fly away!

One: God is a shining star

All: to guide our homeward way!

One: The morning is new with mercy and hope;

All: the sky is fresh with mercy and love!

One: Come then, and worship God! Come now, and give God praise!

***Gathering Song**

"Morning Has Broken"
(from The Chalice Hymnal)

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** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able*

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Morning Has Broken

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing-ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev-ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Am G C G Am Dm GW C

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

Light of all, you rise in the morning with brilliant grace and bring all things to life. You warm the broken heart, the heart grown cold with fear, the heart that cannot love. You brighten the path that leads to life and help us meet each other on the way. You shine in shadows, find the lost, and bring us home. You are the lamp over the door of our lives. In your light, O Lord, we all see light. Praise, glory and thanks to you, now and forever. .

A Time of Confession

Preparing our Hearts “Spirit of the Living God”

—Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me, Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayer of Confession

You call us to be light in the world, but sometimes we refuse to shine. You send us to others to warm their lives with the fire of your love, but sometimes we refuse to go. Your mercy glows in the deepest sorrows of our souls, but sometimes we are ungrateful. Kindle our love again, O Lord. Forgive, heal and bless us. Make us undimmed lamps in your world in need of light. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***The Good News of God's Grace and Presence**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Sung Response**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

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Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Church Life and Mission

Commissioning of the Pine Ridge Volunteer Mission Team

One: God of every pathway and place, look with favor on your servants who have accepted the call to minister in love and companionship on the Pine Ridge Mission Team.

** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able*

All: Send them from our midst with your blessing.

One: Give them the grace to do the work set before them with selflessness, asking nothing in return.

All: Send them from our midst with your blessing.

One: Keep them safe coming and going, and in between, and fill their hearts with joy.

All: Send them from our midst with your blessing.

One: And give us all a heart for your children, wherever they may be, and the will to serve each other in any way we can, for the sake of justice and peace, and for Jesus' sake.

All: Amen.

Hymn "Lord I Want to Be A Christian"

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Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

One: God in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer (You are welcome to pray in the language most familiar to you)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

From the Bible

Genesis 1:1-5

Matthew 5:13-6

Sermon

THIS LITTLE LIGHT

Rev. Dr. J. Mary Luti

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Sung Response "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

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Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory *Prelude in D Flat*

—Chopin

***Procession of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication**

** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

***Closing Hymn**

“This Little Light of Mine”

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Blessing and Sending

Left: God bless you keep you and give you God's peace!
Right: God fill you with love and show you God's way!
Left: God's light go before you to brighten your life!
Right: God's fire be within you to warm you with love!
Left: God send us in mercy, like lamps in the night,
Right: like lamps in the night, let out little lights shine!
One: Go in peace!
All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Voluntary

—Scheidt

Please join in a time of fellowship and connection immediately after worship in Barnes Chapel. Exit the sanctuary in the front through the door to the left of the pulpit.



WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

Today, Sunday July 21, 2013, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion

The liturgist for today is Carol Luongo

The Deacon of the Month for July is Robin Baker.

We celebrate the gift and beauty of perpetual flowers on the Altar.

Next Sunday, July 28: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Save the Dates:

Mark your calendar for special guest preachers during Rev. Wendy's medical leave!

Rev. Wendy will have hip replacement on July 1 and is expected to return in five-six weeks following the surgery.

These are fabulous and renowned preachers that you will NOT want to miss.

Sunday, July 14: Rev. Judy Brain

Sunday, July 28: Rev. Dr. J. Mary Luti

Sunday, July 21: Rev. Dr. J. Mary Luti

Sunday, August 4: Rev. Judy Brain

Judy Brain returns to CCWM after having served as our bridge pastor last fall, a graduate of Harvard Divinity School where she was awarded the Billings Prize for Preaching. For 10 years, as part of the Pastoral Excellence Program for the Mass. Conference, UCC, she has led groups for clergy who are in the first years of their ministries. She is also certified in supervision for student pastors and has helped to launch more than a dozen seminarians into ministry. We are so grateful that Judy is free to be with us again and celebrate her warm and wonderful preaching gifts..



Mary Luti is an author and a sought-after conference speaker, workshop leader, and preacher and was recognized for outstanding teaching by the United Church of Christ at its 2011 General Synod. She served as senior minister of First Parish in Cambridge, Congregational (UCC)—its first woman pastor in 375 years of continuing congregational life. Formerly the Academic Dean, Luti returned to Andover Newton Theological School in 2008 as Visiting Professor of Worship and Preaching and as Director of Wilson Chapel. Her teaching centered on the many ways people of faith have sung, prayed, preached, shaped communities, and handed down the meaningful traditions of the Christian church over the centuries. We are blessed to have her join us.

THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH

July 21– July 27, 2013

July 21 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service-10 am with Holy Communion

Goodland Church-5:30 pm

Goodland Church Fellowship Hall—2:30-5:00 pm

.Monday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;

8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm—6:15 pm

Yoga- 6:30 pm

Tuesday

Zumba– 6:30 pm

Gamblers Anonymous- 7:00 pm

Wednesday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am— 6:15 am;

8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm—6:15 pm

Zumba- 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous- 8:00 pm

Thursday

Youth Champions– 5 pm

Food Addicts– 6 pm

Friday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;

8:15 am-- 9:00 am, 5:30--6:15 pm

Saturday

Alanon - 9 am

Yoga- 9am

Boot Camp- 12:15 pm

July 28, 2013 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service-10 am

Goodland Church Worship--5:30—7:30 pm

Weekdays

(M—F) **Bright Stars Afterschool Enrichment Program**, www.BrightStarsKids.org

((M-F) **Gentle Dragon Co-op Preschool**, www.GentleDragonPreschool.org

(M-F) **English at Large** (ESOL/ESL Programs), www.englishatlarge.org

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ

Ministers: All of us!

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Herman Weiss

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

Moderator: Paul Roberts

Treasurer: Beverly Roche

Deacon of the Month: Robin Baker

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