



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



### **The Congregational Church of West Medford**

An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of the United Church of Christ

October 6, 2013

10:00 o'clock 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.

*As an act of prayer, you are encouraged to light a candle on the table at the front of the sanctuary—for yourself, for a loved one, for peace, for the world.*

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

*Voluntary*

— Stanley

Welcome and Prayer of Praise

### \*Call to Worship

Beverly Cohen

One: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

**All: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.**

One: All who thirsty will find will find a fountain of grace here.

**All: All who are lost will find safety here.**

One: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

**All: All who are broken will find healing here.**

One: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

**All: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!  
Let us worship God!**

### \*Gathering Song

**"As We Gather at Your Table"**

**# 332**

**Church Life and Mission**

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

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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

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

### \*Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.    *All: And also with you.*

### \*Sung Response

#### "Somebody Prayed for Me"

—Darling and Norwood

Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind, took the time and prayed for me  
I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed for me.

The preacher prayed for me, ..

My mother prayed for me...

Jesus prayed for me,

### Reflection

BREAD, BREAD, BREAD

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

### A Blessing of the Breads

### A Reading

"And the Table Will Be Wide"

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

### A Musical Meditation

Elizabeth Reian Bennett  
Shakuhachi Grand Master

—traditional Japanese music

### \*Offering

Beverly Cohen

#### Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

#### Offertory Solo

*Largo*

— Handel

### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit, comforter; One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen

### \*Procession of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Invitation

### Prayer of Preparation

One: To God be the glory: great things God has done!  
... yet seeking grace:

**All: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.**

One: God of Justice, ... yet seeking forgiveness:

**All: God, we yearn for the justice you promise.**

One: God of Peace, ... yet seeking a forgiving heart:

**All: God, we yearn for the peace you promise.**

One: Knowing that through Christ all things are made new,  
...to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

**All: God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you.**

***This we pray through Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

### Preface & Thanksgiving

One: Loving and gracious God...With many tongues, yet with one voice,  
we honor you singing:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff, with a bass line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music includes the following lyrics: "¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi" and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My". The second system includes: "cor - a - zón te sa - be de-cir: san - to e - res Dios." and "heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God." The score is accompanied by a series of chords: C, G7, C, F, C, F, C, Am, F, G7, C.

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

## Words of Institution

### Blessing of the Elements

One: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you  
and with our neighbors near and far.

**All: *Come Holy Spirit, bless this bread.***

One: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people  
around the world.

**All: *Come Holy Spirit, bless this cup.***

***May this simple meal bring us into union with you,  
your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.***

### 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 tempta-  
tion but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

### Sharing the Elements

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving (after communion)

Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal.

Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity.

Thank you for this day on which we worship and serve you. Amen.

#### \*Closing Hymn

**"I Come with Joy"**

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### Blessing and Sending

#### Postlude

*Ricercare*

—Telemann



If you are participating in a Crossroads Small Group today we encourage you to be  
prompt in getting to your group.

A time of fellowship and conversation will be held immediately after worship in

Barnes Chapel, for those who are not in Crossroads today.

Exit the sanctuary in the front through the door to the left of the pulpit.

## WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

*In conjunction with our 'Crossroads: A New Beginning' dialogue, our worship this week (and on Oct 20th) is intergenerational and designed to last 30-40 minutes.*

*Nursery Care is provided during the worship 'hour'.*

*School aged children will remain in worship with their families.*

*The Children's program that was planned for the Crossroads program has been cancelled due to lack of need. If you need this please advise Rev. Wendy.*

### **Today, Sunday, October 06, 2013, World Communion Sunday**

**Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am—10:40 am**

**Crossroads Session 5 —11:00 am—1:00 pm**

**Blue Group House Meeting—Living Room**

**Red Group House Meeting—Charlene Carle's**

**Youth Faith Formation/Confirmation: 4:00—6:00 PM (LR)**

We welcome special musical guest, elizabeth reian bennett of Medford.

She is the first woman to be certified a Grand Master of the shakuhachi and one of only a handful of western players trained in traditional Japanese music.

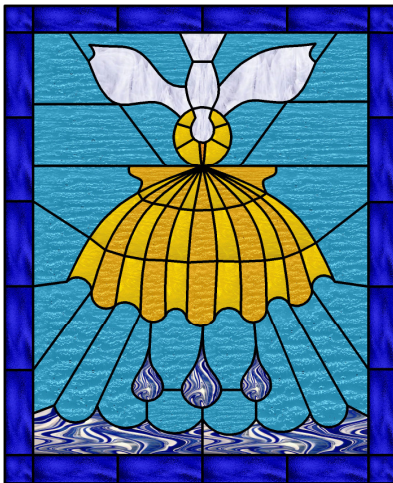
Reian Bennett performs and teaches frequently in Japan and worldwide.

The liturgist for today is Beverly Cohen.

The Deacon of the Month for October is Robin Baker.

We celebrate the gift and beauty of perpetual flowers on the altar

Our worship for this week is centered on Holy Communion as we celebrate with faith communities all over the world this blessed sacrament of the church.



### **Next Sunday, October 13, 2013,**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Worship with Baptism—10:00 am**

The Why Church? series concludes with "Reason Number Four: Mentors." All of us need spiritual guidance and the church can be a great place to get the kind of spiritual mentoring we all crave. St. Paul himself is both a strong model and a good teacher about what great spiritual mentors might look like and act like! As we consider our future we might ask "how can we mentor each other in the 21st century church?"



## **Crossroads: A New Beginning**

### **The conversation continues today. All are welcome.**

*This is what the Lord says:  
“Stand at the crossroads and look;  
ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is,  
and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”*  
—Jeremiah 6:16

Dear Friend,

‘Crossroads: A New Beginning’ is designed to enable our congregation to make a decision that will allow the church to reach sustainable levels for our future witness.

**Everyone** is welcome to this imperative and meaningful conversation about the future of our congregation—whether ‘member’ or friend, whether you have been here 50 years or 50 days, if you have an interest in the Congregational Church of West Medford’s mission and ministry—you are urged to participate.

Small group “House Meetings” which are being offered either Sunday after worship or Monday evening. If you have not already signed up, please see Rev. Wendy about being assigned to a small group. **You CAN join a group today.**

Today and two weeks from today (Oct 20) Sunday Worship will be 30-40 minutes and Intergenerational. There will be a Fellowship Café Lite for those who are not participating in Crossroads on Sunday. Following worship, the Crossroads small groups will go to their House Meetings and children will remain at the church to participate in a children’s program offered concurrently with the Sunday Crossroads Sessions (and led by professional child care providers).

We welcome and encourage teens from Confirmation age and above to participate in Crossroads at the discretion of their parents/guardians.

Any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the church office, Rev. Wendy, Paul Roberts or one of the facilitators (Stephanie Miller, Jenna Nackel, Julie Roberts, Kathy Williams, Karen Barca McCune, and Charlotte Wilensky).



## THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH

**October 6-12 2013**

October 6, 2013 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

Crossroads Session 5 Blue Group (LR) / Red Group (Charlene Carle's Home) 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Faith Formation/Confirmation Class— 4:00 pm

Goodland Church Worship (in Korean) (Sanctuary) 12:30 pm

### Monday

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

8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm (FH)

Spiritual Life—10 am

Crossroads: Session 5 Green Group (Joy Roberts)

Yoga— 6:30 pm (FH)

Mothers Club— 7:30 pm (LR)

Seaside Production Rehearsal— 7:30 pm (BC)

### Tuesday

Gamblers Anonymous—7:30 pm (BC)

Gam-Anon—7:30 pm (YR)

### Wednesday

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

8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 p--6:15 pm (FH)

Alcoholics Anonymous— 8:00 pm (YR)

### Thursday

Youth Champions Cheering—5:00 pm (FH)

Food Addicts—6:00 pm (YR)

### Friday

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

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

### Saturday

Alanon - 9:00 am (YR)

No Yoga This Sat.—

Boot Camp- 12:15 pm (FH)

October 13, 2013 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Baptism of Alexis Clarke 10:00 am

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

Goodland Church Worship (in Korean) (Sanctuary) 12:30 pm

## **Weekdays**

(M—F) **Bright Stars Afterschool Enrichment Program**, [www.BrightStarsKids.org](http://www.BrightStarsKids.org)

((M—F) **Gentle Dragon Co-op Preschool**, [www.GentleDragonPreschool.org](http://www.GentleDragonPreschool.org)

(M—F) **English at Large** (ESOL/ESL Programs), [www.englishatlarge.org](http://www.englishatlarge.org)

**Room Legend:** (FH) Fellowship Hall; (BC) Barnes Chapel; (YR) Youth Room; (LR) Living Room

### **The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ**

Ministers: All of us!

Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Herman Weiss

Moderator: Paul Roberts

Treasurer: Beverly Roche

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

Deacon of the Month: Robin Baker

Clerk: TBD

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