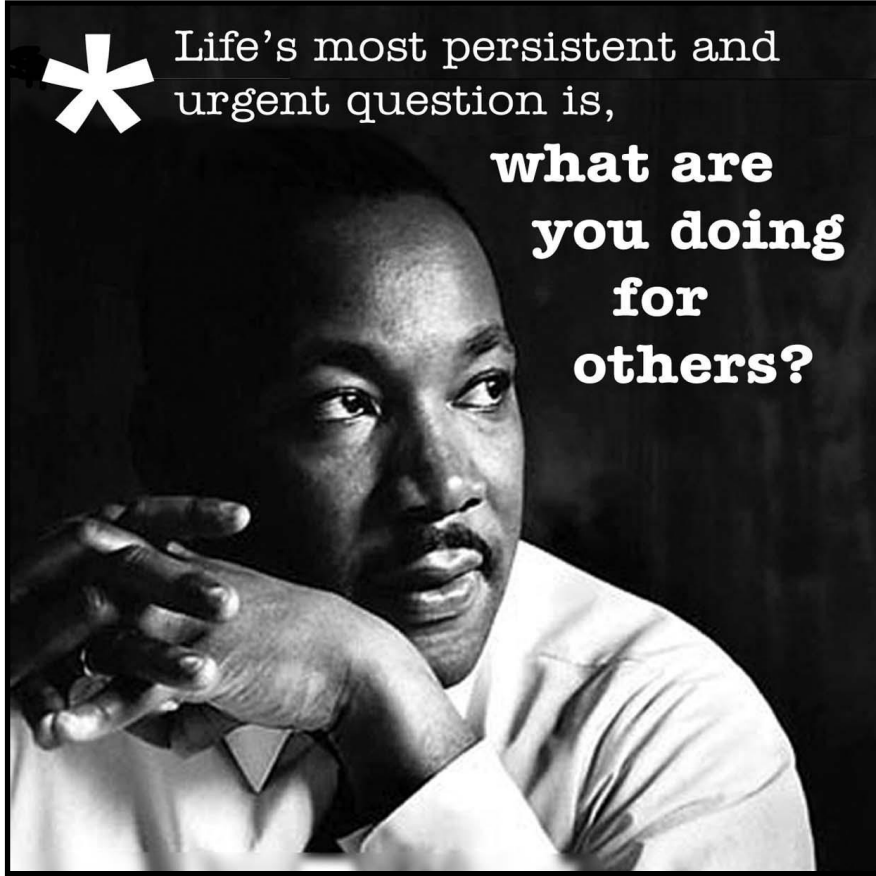


The Congregational Church of West Medford
An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2014

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

Aria

—Pachelbel

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 40:8-10)

Elizabeth Bennett

One: I want to do your will, my God,

Two: your instructions are deep within me.

One: I have told the good news of your righteousness in the great assembly.

Two: I didn't hold anything back – as you well know, O God.

One: I didn't keep your righteousness only to myself.

Two: I declared your faithfulness and your salvation.

All: Come, let us worship God.

***Opening Song**

“Hear the Voice of God, So Tender ”

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Sung to the Tune of Beach Spring

Opening Prayer

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

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Sharing Ourselves with God

Song of Preparation

“Wait For The Lord”

—Taize

Music: J. Berthier
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Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and 'Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!'.

Prayer of Guided Confession and Silence

One: The poet of Psalm 40 describes waiting patiently...
...For the times when we fall short of your hope for us, forgive us.

All: Forgive us. Amen.

*The Good News of God’s Grace and Presence (Unison)

One: God says: I will give you as a light to the nations.

All: May we be a light.

*Passing of the Peace

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

*Sung Response

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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Refrain Only (3 Times)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Time with Young Christians

I Have a Dream

—Salt Project

Children may go to Sunday School at this time

Hymn

“Many Are the Lightbeams”

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Hymn of the Month

Church Life and Mission

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 Psalm 40:1—11 Elizabeth Bennett
Isaiah 46:1—7

Response **“What Does the Lord Require of You?”** **Insert Page 6**

Sermon GOD CALLING Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Response **How will you...?**

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory *Barcarolle* —Offenbach

***Procession of Gifts**

***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

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: All that we are, O God, and all we are called to be,
we bring to this special moment of offering and hope.

**All: Receive these gifts and in your wisdom
may they be used imaginatively, for the well-being of all. Amen.**

***Closing Song** **“Lift Every Voice and Sing”** **# 593**

***Commission and Blessing**

Postlude *Trio* —Dandrieu

WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

Everyone is encouraged to join in a time of community building immediately after worship in Barnes Chapel—exit the Sanctuary through the door to the left of the pulpit.

*Nursery Care is provided during the worship 'hour'.
Sunday School is offered today for school aged children..*

Today, January 19, Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

Crossroads/Strategic Planning Team (DR) 11:30 am

Faith Formation/Confirmation (LR) 4:00 pm

Listen, God is Calling: We hear testimony everywhere. Whether TV commentators or social network updates, we are increasingly bombarded with the testimony of others. We struggle to know what sources of information are reliable. On this second Sunday after the Epiphany, we will be reading testimony that describes God's activity and will reflect on what testimony we have to offer about God.

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The Liturgist today is Elizabeth Bennett

Deacon of the Month for January Brenda Briggs

Leadership for Fellowship Hour and Ushers for January is the Outreach Committee; with the support of our Coffee Maven, Karen McCune Barca.

Thanks to Charlene Carle for this week's coffee hour.

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

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014, 10:00 am

Annual Meeting of the Governing Body

The meeting begins in prayer and praise in our regular worship.

Please note the call to the congregational meeting in the Reporter.

Serving the Poor

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world
who live and die in poverty or hunger.

Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread;
and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.

—Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 20th-century missionary to the poor

Micah 6:8

What Does the Lord Require of You?

B \flat F Gm Dm E \flat B \flat

What does the Lord re - quire of you? What does the Lord re -

The first system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat major). The notes are: B-flat, B-flat, B-flat, F, G, G, F, E-flat, D, D, C. The lyrics 'What does the Lord re - quire of you? What does the Lord re -' are written below the notes. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment with chords: B-flat major, F major, G minor, D minor, E-flat major, and B-flat major. The bottom staff is a bass line with notes: B-flat, B-flat, B-flat, F, G, G, F, E-flat, D, D, C.

Cm F B \flat 1. B \flat F/A Gm Dm/F

quire of you? What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.

Jus - tice, kind - ness,

The second system of music continues the piece. The top staff has notes: C, F, B-flat, B-flat, B-flat, F/A, G, F, E-flat, D, C. The lyrics 'quire of you? What does the Lord re - quire of you?' are written below. The middle staff has chords: C minor, F major, B-flat major, B-flat major, F/A major, G minor, and D minor over F. The bottom staff has notes: C, F, B-flat, B-flat, B-flat, F, G, G, F, E-flat, D, C.

1. Eb Bb/D Cm F Bb Bb F/A

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-

2. walk hum-bly with your God. Jus - tice,

3. To seek jus-tice

1. Gm Dm/F Eb Bb/D Cm7 F 1. repeat ad lib. Bb Bb last

quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you? you?

2. kind - ness, walk hum-bly with your God. God.

3. and love kind-ness and walk hum-bly with your God. God.

THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH

January 19-25, 2014

January 19 2014 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Prayer for our Process—9:15 am-9:30 am (Bean Chapel)
Cleaning Out The Closets—9:30 am-10:00 am; 11:00 am--12:00 pm
Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am
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)
MLK, Jr. Day of Service?—9:00 am
Yoga— 6:30 pm (FH)

Tuesday

Girl Scouts w Brenda & Jen Briggs (green room)
Spiritual Life— 7:00 pm (LR)
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 pm--6:15 pm (FH)
(Alcoholics Anonymous— 8:00 pm (YR))

Thursday

Youth Champions-5 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 (FH)
Strategic Planning—9:30 am (LR)
Girl Scouts E. O'Rourke—7:00 pm (BC)

Saturday

Alanon - 9:00 am (YR)
Yoga—9:00 am (FH)
Boot Camp—12:15 pm (FH)

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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

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!

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