

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

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2014

10:00 o'clock am



"Jesus Calling the Disciples" by Qi He

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

Prelude and Fugue in C

—J. S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship (*From Isaiah 9:2–3 :The Message*)

Robin Baker

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: For those who live in a land of deep shadows—light! sunbursts of light!

One: You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy;

All: Oh, they're so glad in your presence! Festival joy.

One: Come, let us worship God.

***Opening Song**

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

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Sharing Ourselves with God

Call to the Congregational Meeting

Rich Carle

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Gracious God, forgive us. Call us again to seek your face and follow the Christ. As we turn to you, help us see this tipping point as an opportunity to see the whole

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

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world and our lives in a new light. Amen.

Silence

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

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For those who live in a land of deep shadows – light! sunbursts of light!

All: *Thanks be to God, our light and our salvation!*

***Passing of the Peace**

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

Children may go to Sunday School at this time

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Sung Response**

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

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Refrain Only (3 Times)

Church Life and Mission

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

You are invited to write your prayers on the blue sheet in the bulletin and pass them to the aisle.

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

Matthew 4:12—23

Robin Baker

Homily

A DAY BY THE SEA

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Response

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Crossroads Phase II

Rev. Wendy

A Celebration of our Ministry—The Reports

Paul Roberts

Offering

Robin Baker

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory

Minuet

—Mozart

***Procession of Gifts During Offertory**

***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.***

2014 Budget

Paul Roberts

2014 Nominations

Karen McCune Barca

One Ministry and Mission Team

Rev. Wendy

Proposed By Law Change

Rev. Wendy

“Members who are connected to a meeting of the governing body via technology such as Skype or Tele-Conference and are able to listen and speak via said technology will be considered “present” at said meeting of the governing body; thereby providing those connected via technology the opportunity to participate in the meeting and vote on decisions per the practices of said meeting. Remote members who desire to be present via technology will be required to provide for themselves the equipment, network connection and a “technology-partner” who is physically present in the meeting and able to facilitate both the electronic connection and the remote member’s interactions with the meeting.

Close of Meeting/Prayer

***Closing Song**

“I Want Jesus to Go with Me”

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***Commission and Blessing**

One: Jesus calls us to follow.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

One: Our heart says,

All: *come on, let’s go.*

One: Hallelujah!

All: *Amen!*

Postlude

Elevatione

—Zipoli

WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

*The Strategic Planning Team, Leadership Development Team and Pastor
Are available for further Q&A during the fellowship time in Barnes Chapel.*

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.

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

**Today, January 26, 2014 Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Worship and Annual Meeting of the Governing Body (10:00 am)**  
**The meeting begins in prayer and praise in our regular worship**  
**Faith Formation/Confirmation (LR) 4:00 pm**

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*The Liturgist today is Robin Baker  
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 Jenna Nackel for this week's coffee hour.*

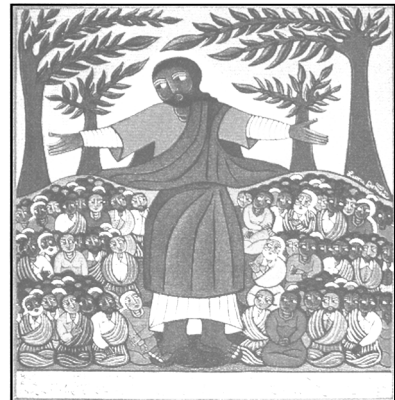
**The Altar Flowers are given by Jean Hinds-Johnson in memory of Mr & Mrs. Herman Hayes.**

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Sunday, February 2, 2014, Worship (10:00 am)**  
**Faith Formation/Confirmation (LR) 4:00 pm**

Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" invites us to see God's love in a new light, bend our understanding of the world around us, and take more seriously our response to God's loving welcome and liberation. In fact—God's reality turns the ways of the world upside down.

Rev. Wendy offers a four week, Sermon on the Mount series from the Matthew Texts:

February 2: The People of God's World (1) -- Mt. 5:1-12



## 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?

Chords: B $\flat$ , F, Gm, Dm, E $\flat$ , B $\flat$

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

Chords: 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,

1.  $E\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $Cm$   $F$   $B\flat$   $B\flat$   $F/A$

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.  $Gm$   $Dm/F$   $E\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $Cm7$   $F$   $B\flat$   $B\flat$  1. repeat ad. lib. 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 26, 2014 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Cleaning Out The Closets—9:30 am-10:00 am; 11:00 am--12:00 pm

Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

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

Faith Formation/Confirmation (LR/DR) 4:00 pm

### Monday

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

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

Yoga—6:30 pm (FH)

Mothers Club—7:30 pm (LR)

### Tuesday

Church Council—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)

### Saturday

Alanon - 9:00 am (YR)

Yoga—9:00 am (FH)

Boot Camp—12:15 pm (FH)

February 2, 2014 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prayer for our Process (Bean Chapel) 9:15—9:30

Cleaning Out The Closets—9:30 am-10:00 am; 11:00 am--12:00 pm

Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

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## **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: Brenda Briggs

Clerk: TBD

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