



The Congregational Church of West Medford

An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ

Transfiguration Sunday ~ Celebrating Girl Scouts

March 2, 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

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor

—J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

Girl Scouts

One: We have come into the presence of God and captured Isaiah's vision of peace where the wolf lives with the lamb and the leopard lies down with the calf.

Two: God is in this holy place.

All: *We come to worship in peace.*

One: We have sat with Jesus on the mountain and we immersed ourselves in the extraordinary and wise teachings of Jesus; the challenging way of love for all.

Two: God is calling again.

All: *We come to worship in love.*

One: We travel with Jesus and disciples of long ago, and in the glory of the clouds hear God's affirmation of the One whose life dazzled with the reign of God.

Two: God is calling again.

All: *We come to worship in joy.*

* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

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Presentation of the Girl Scouts

Evalyn O'Rourke

The Girl Scout Promise

*On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, To help people at all times,
and to live by the Girl Scout Law.*

The Girl Scout Law

*I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do and to respect my-
self and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better
place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.*

Sharing Ourselves with God

Invitation

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Music: J. Berthier
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Prayer of Confession

One: God's Spirit affirms: This is my Earth, the Beloved;
with the Earth I am pleased.

Two: We have not always heard or remembered. In our forgetting we disconnect
from and lord over the animals, plants, waters, and sacred lands of our
Earth home.

**All: *Forgive our forgetting, O God,
and may your realm shine within us again (pause).***

One: God's Spirit affirms: This is the Christ, the Beloved; with Christ I am pleased.

Two: We have not always heard or remembered. In our forgetting we pursue goals and ways of our own making and we act in ways that hurt ourselves and others.

**All: Forgive our forgetting, O God,
and may your realm shine within us again (pause).**

One: God's Spirit affirms: This is my community, the Beloved;
with them I am pleased.

Two: We have not always heard or remembered. In our forgetting we judge and complain, we expect too little or too much, and we cloud our witness with apathy and conflict.

**All: Forgive our forgetting, O God,
and may your realm shine within us again (pause).**

Silence

***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**

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

—Akers

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Irregular

Stanzas included in other editions.
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MUSIC: Dena Akers
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Time with Our Girl Scouts

Children are invited to go to Sunday School at this time.

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

Church Life and Mission

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

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

PROCLAIMING & RESPONDING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Spirit, we are preparing to open the Scriptures. We want to hear from you as we read. We want to understand these living words and apply them to our lives. We believe that you can give us insight and understanding. Move in us and give us hearts that are open to the truth we will encounter. Let us be changed because we have engaged in the word of the Lord. Amen.

From the Bible

2 Peter 1:16—21

Girl Scouts

Matthew 17:1—9

Sung Response “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Insert

Sermon

GOD-SPOKEN

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Offering

Girl Scouts

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory

Andante

—Schumann

*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 given in love and in your wisdom
may they be used creatively, for the well-being of all. Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All are welcome. In company with all who hunger for spiritual food,
we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.
Children are encouraged at the discretion of their parents.
A gluten free option is available and the cup is filled with grape juice.*

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Prayers

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.

Breaking Bread/Pouring Wine/Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

We praise you for the reminders of your creative word in what we taste, see, smell, and touch. Receiving You through this bread and wine, may we accept the promise that your coming realm is being revealed. May we offer our lives to be a place where its love is made real. Amen.

*Closing Song

"You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

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Benediction

Postlude

Second Kyrie

—Raison



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. Thanks to the Girls Scouts for hosting our fellowship.

The Emerging/Exploration of Ministry Series will begin 15 minutes after the start of fellowship time in Barnes Chapel.

WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

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

Sunday, March 2, 2014, Transfiguration Sunday

Celebrating Girl Scout Sunday

Prayer for our Process (Bean Chapel) 9:15 am—9:30 am
Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 10:00 am
Emerging/Exploring Ministry Presentation (Barnes) 15 minutes after worship
Faith Formation/Confirmation Class (Field Trip to Gospel Concert) 2:30 pm pick-up @ church
Our worship today recalls Jesus' Mountaintop Transfiguration and celebrates the spiritual foundation of the Girl Scouts.

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**The Liturgists today are members and leaders from Medford Girl Scouts.
The Girl Scout leaders and volunteers from our congregation include Evalyn O'Rourke,
Jenny Briggs, Brenda Briggs, Kathy Williams, Susan D'Arcy Fuller and Joy Harris.**

The Deacon of the Month for March is Ose Manheim.

Leadership for Fellowship Hour for March is the Spiritual Life Committee; with special thanks to the Girl Scouts and Karen McCune Barca for this week's coffee hour.

**The Altar Flowers today are given by Brenda Briggs in
loving memory of her father, William P. Todd, Sr.**

**The Lectern Flowers today are given by Rich & Charlene Carle
in memory of Parents, Dot & John Carle**

Ash Wednesday Worship: March 5 (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God." Join in this blessed worship to begin the season of Lent
with prayer, contemplation, confession and the imposition of ashes.*

Sunday, March 9, 2014, First Sunday in Lent

Prayer for our Process (Bean Chapel) 9:15 am—9:30 am
Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am
Emerging/Exploring Ministry Presentation (Barnes) 15 minutes after worship
Faith Formation/Confirmation Class (LD/DR) 4:00—6:00 pm

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Lent is a time of journeying – with Jesus towards Jerusalem but also deep within ourselves – to test and strengthen our faith. The journey may bring experiences that stretch and challenge, or times that frustrate and make us stumble. There are always choices to be made.

THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH

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 Cleaning The Closets—9:30 am-10:00 am; 11:00 am--12:00 pm
 Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am
 Spiritual Life—Care Ministry Team (LR) 11:30 am
 Tibetan Sunday School (Lower Level) 12:00 pm
 Goodland Church Worship (in Korean) (Sanctuary) 12:30 pm
 Faith Formation/Confirmation (Field Trip) 2:30 pm Carpool

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)

Tuesday

Girl Scouts w B. & J Briggs—6:00 pm (Green Room)
 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)
 Ash Wednesday Worship: 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)
 Alcoholics Anonymous— 8:00 pm (YR)

Thursday

Youth Champions—5:00 pm (FH)
 Food Addicts—6:00 pm (YR)
 Girl Scouts —7:00 pm (BC)

Friday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;
 8:15 am-- 9:00 am (FH)
 Strategic Planning—9:30 am (LR)
 PPRC—10:00 am (LR)

Saturday

Alanon— 9:00 am (YR)
 Rutland Heifer Farm—9:00 am (Carpool)
 Yoga—9:00 am (FH)
 Boot Camp—12:15 pm (FH)
 Ose Manheim's Exhibit—12:00 pm Bestsellers Cafe

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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: (BC) Barnes Chapel; (Bean) Bean Chapel; (DR) Dining Room; (LR) Living Room; (YR) Youth Room

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ

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