



## The Congregational Church of West Medford

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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.**

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

*Prayers: Joys and concerns are often requested as an act of worship. Our pastor and deacons pray these requests through the week. You are also welcome to request prayer via the blue sheet in your bulletin, leaving it in the offering plate or with the pastor or a deacon.*

*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**

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

**\*Opening Song**

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

**Insert (436)**

**Opening Prayer**

Charlotte Wilensky

One: God of goodness and life, we gather in the hope and beauty of this day,  
to be further opened along the pathways of faith you set before us.

**All: Holy One, be our journey and destination.**

One: Question our safe decisions, prod our imaginings,  
and walk boldly beside us into the unknown, yet promised-filled future.

**All: Holy One, be our journey and destination. Amen.**

**Sharing Ourselves with God and Each Other**

**Invitation—Difficult Decisions, Bold Blessings**

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

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### Kyrie Eleison: Lord, have mercy

Musical score for Kyrie Eleison. The score is written for a choir and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e,". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.".

Music: J. Berthier  
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### Confessional Meditation

#### 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

"Down at the Cross"

Insert (189)

## PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Time with Young Christians "God's Promise"

Genesis 12:1-4a

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

### Church Life and Mission

#### Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

*You are invited to name your prayers or write your prayers on the blue prayer sheet.*

#### 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.

Choral Anthem

*“King of Suffering”*

—Choplin

**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

Psalm 121

Charlotte Wilensky

Genesis 12:1—4a

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Reflection

VALUES AND MISSION

**Sung Response**

**“I Want Jesus to Go With Me”**

**Insert (490)**

**A Community Conversation About Values**

*Is this what you stand for? Is this what we stand for? Could you sign up to be a member of this kind of community? Could you tell someone about your community?*

**A Draft Mission Statement:**

*Who are we? What is God calling us to be and do? Who is our neighbor?*

We are action-oriented followers of Jesus, who humbly strive through worship, faith formation and the practice of Jesus’ teachings to love God and our neighbors as God loves us.

God calls us to love and meet people where they are; share a life of prayer and service with all; and together--worship, rest in, and serve God. We are seekers of justice and lovers of all of God’s creation. Through the community formed by the Holy Spirit, we are consoled, forgiven, refreshed and inspired.

We extravagantly welcome all people; believers, non-believers, doubters, questioners, no matter the color of their skin, who they love, their economic circumstance, education, age or gender. All are a blessing to our journey of faith and we seek to share God’s love and grace with all.

**A Response to the Draft Mission Statement**

*The difference between mission and vision. Does this have outcomes to which you could be called? What is your feedback about the mission statement?*

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

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## Affirmation of Faith (In Unison)

We believe in the God of astonishing hope who calls us to common futures grounded in the ways of peace, fairness, respect, and equality.

We believe in Jesus the Christ who accompanies us in all our explorations; right turns, wrong turns, openings, and closings. We are never alone in these.

And we believe in the Spirit of Life who fills us with a burning desire for new ways; equipping and delighting us with an irrepressible vision for a renewed heart and world.

## Offering

### Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

### Offertory

*Devotion*

—Mendlessohn

### \*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: Thank you God for providing for us so abundantly and for equipping us to minister in your name. Above all, we are filled with gratitude

**All: *that you sent Jesus to minister among us, accepting us where we are and leading us on grace-filled paths toward the way of love that you intend. We offer with our treasure our renewed commitment to your purpose. Amen.***

### \*Closing Song

“Oh Jesus, I Have Promised”

Insert (493)

### Benediction

### Postlude

*All That is Born of God*

—J.S. Bach



Everyone is encouraged to join in a time of community building immediately after worship in Barnes Chapel.

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 16, 2014, First Sunday in Lent**

Cleaning out our Closets (w/Kathy Williams) 9:30 am  
Prayer for our Process (Bean Chapel) 9:15 am—9:30 am  
Worship (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am  
Emerging/Exploring Ministry Presentation (Barnes) 15 minutes after worship  
Crossroads Phase II Leadership Meeting (LR/DR) 11:45 am  
Faith Formation/Confirmation Class (LD/DR) 4:00—6:00 pm

**The Liturgist today is Charlotte Wilensky.**

**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 Brenda Briggs and Karen McCune Barca for this week's coffee hour.**

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

**Wednesday Worship/Study: Being Jesus Followers**

**March 19 via Fuse Meeting: 7:00—8:15**

Nooma Film "Rain" which speaks to where God is when the rains come into our lives.

**Sunday, March 23, 2014, Second Sunday in Lent**

Crossroads Phase II Leadership Meeting (LR/DR) 10:00 am

**NO WORSHIP AT 10 AM**

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**Our Worship will be held at  
North Prospect Union Church  
In the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm  
with a simple time of fellowship to follow.**

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NO Faith Formation/Confirmation Class (LD/DR) due to schedule change

**Lenten Wednesday Worship and Study: Online Via Fuze Meeting  
'Nooma®' Films and Discussion**

Nooma is a series of short films, (10 minute-ish) about God and our lives. Like parables, they use the experiences of our lives to teach about the fullness of life through Jesus, tackling issues like forgiveness, discipleship, and unconditional love.

The study materials accompanying each NOOMA encourage meaningful discussion with relevant questions and biblical references.

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March 19: "Rain" — How God loves us...

March 26: "Sunday" — Why do we "Do" Church...

April 2: "Noise" — Hearing God in the midst of the noise of our lives...

| <b>Upcoming Schedule for Worship</b>                                                    |           |                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Please note these changes in our plans for worship as our Exploration continues:</b> |           |                                                                                                            |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 3/23/2014 | <b>No worship at 10 am;</b> Worship at North Prospect Union @ 5 pm                                         |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 3/30/2014 | 10 am: Worship in Sanctuary; make Outdoor Church Sandwiches                                                |
| Saturday                                                                                | 4/5/2014  | 4 pm: Worship w. Communion at UU Church, Medford                                                           |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 4/6/2014  | <b>No Worship at 10 am</b>                                                                                 |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 4/13/2014 | 10 am: Palm Sunday Worship in Sanctuary;<br>11: 30 am: All Church Meeting re: Bold Decision Recommendation |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 4/20/2014 | 8:30 am: Easter Pot Luck Breakfast w/Egg Hunt<br>10:00 am: Easter Worship in Sanctuary                     |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 4/27/2014 | 10 am: Wendy Vander Hart Preaching, Worship in Sanctuary                                                   |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 5/4/2014  | <b>No Worship at CCWM</b><br>10 am: Worship w/Communion, Non sanctuary space TBD                           |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 5/11/2014 | 10 am: Worship in Sanctuary, Mother's Day and Baptism                                                      |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 5/18/2014 | 10 am: Worship in Sanctuary, Confirmation Sunday                                                           |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 5/25/2014 | 10 am: Worship in Sanctuary                                                                                |
| Sunday                                                                                  | 6/1/2014  | 10 am: Worship at CCWM<br>Congregational Decision Making Meeting —Bold Decision                            |

## **THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH**

### **March 16, 2014 Second Sunday in Lent**

Prayer for our Process (Bean Chapel) 9:15—9:30 am  
Cleaning The Closets—9:30 am-10:00 am; 11:00 am--12:00 pm  
Sunday Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am  
Crossroads Phase II Leadership Meeting (TBD)—11:30 am  
Tibetan Sunday School (Lower Level) 12:00 pm Church of Redemption (Bean Chapel) 12:00 pm  
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)

#### 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)  
Spiritual Direction—9:30 am (LR)  
Worship and Study: Being Jesus Followers—7:00 pm  
(Online via Fuze Meeting)  
Alcoholics Anonymous— 8:00 pm (YR)

#### Thursday

Food Addicts—6:00 pm (YR)  
Spiritual Direction—6:00 pm (LR)

#### Friday

(2) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am-- 9:00 am (FH)  
Strategic Planning—9:30 am (LR)  
Gould Farm Coffee House—6:00 pm (FH)

#### Saturday

Alanon— 9:00 am (YR)  
Yoga—9:00 am (FH)  
Boot Camp—12:15 pm (FH)  
Fuller D'Arcy Wedding Renewal—5:30 pm (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, March 23, 2014, Third Sunday in Lent**

Cleaning The Closets—9:30 am-10:00 am; 11:00 am--12:00 pm  
No Sunday Worship Service at The Congregation  
Crossroads Phase 11 Leadership Meeting (LR/DR) 10:00 am  
Tibetan Sunday School (Lower Level) 12:00 pm Church of Redemption (Bean Chapel) 12:00 pm  
Goodland Church Worship (in Korean) (Sanctuary) 12:30 pm  
Worship Today at North Prospect Union Church 5 pm

*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**

Ministers: All of us!

Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Herman Weiss

Co- Moderators: Paul Roberts & Rich Carle

Treasurer: Beverly Roche

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

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