



The Congregational Church of West Medford

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2014

10:00 o'clock am



WELCOME

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ is in a time of transformation as we seek God's direction for our future. We appreciate your patience with our experimentation and exploration.

We want you to know that we extravagantly welcome all people; believers, non-believers, doubters, questioners, no matter who they love, their gender identity or expression, their race, culture, ability, or economic circumstance. All are a blessing to our journey of faith and we seek to share God's love and grace with all.

*We pray that you might meet God here today—and connect with another seeking the same.
We invite you to participate in the acts of worship that work for you and
encourage you should you choose not to participate in others.*

Prayers: Joys and concerns are often offered openly 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.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Prelude in E Minor

—Choplin

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Gail Airasian and Theo Norton

One: Come – God our shepherd invites you here.

Two: Come – God seeks to restore your soul.

All: Come – God will lead you in paths of righteousness.

One: Come – God will lead you through the valley of the shadow of death.

Two: Come – God will comfort you and welcome you.

All: Come – God will anoint your head with oil.

One: Come – let us worship God.

*Opening Song

“Just As I Am”

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Sharing Ourselves with God and Each Other

Invitation

Confession—Psalm 23

Silence

***The Good News of God's Grace and Presence—Anointed**

* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

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*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

1 Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, down where for cleans-ing from
2 I am so won-drous - ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet - ly a -
3 O pre-cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have
4 Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet, cast your poor soul at the

sin I cried, there to my heart was the blood ap - plied—
bides with - in; there at the cross where Christ took me in—
en - tered in; there Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean—
Sav - ior's feet; plunge in to - day and be made com - plete—

Refrain
(1-4) Glo - ry to Christ's name. Glo - ry to Christ's name, glo - ry to Christ's
name; There to my heart was the blood ap - plied; glo - ry to Christ's name.

Time with Young Christians

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.

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn

"My Shepherd is the Loving God"
Stanza 1-2

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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

John 9:1—41

Gail Airasian and Theo Norton

Hymn

"My Shepherd is the Loving God"
Stanza 3

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Sermon

ALL I KNOW IS NOW I SEE

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Affirmation of Faith

One: God is like a shepherd to us:

All: *caring about us, present beside us,
nourishing and restoring our worn-out lives.*

One: God is like light to us:

All: *bringing new understanding, challenging our prejudice,
inviting our worship.*

One: God is our future:

All: *knowing our hearts, anointing us for service, filling us with God's Spirit.*

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory

Minuet

—Mozart

* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

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***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: For your goodness and mercy that overflow through our lives and equip us
to share, we give thanks. No sacrifice can match your generosity;

**All: *no offering adequate to express our gratitude. We bring ourselves
with our gifts, that all may be consecrated to your service. Amen.***

***Closing Song**

"Amazing Grace"

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Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary

—Tallis



Everyone is encouraged to join in a time of community building and refreshments,
immediately after worship on the Lower Level of the church.

Here is a draft Mission Statement which could guide our future.

It is designed to answer the three questions:

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.

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doubters, questioners, no matter who they love, their gender identity or expression,
their race, culture, ability, or economic circumstance. All are a blessing to our journey
of faith and we seek to share God's love and grace with all.

Do you think it answers the questions and defines the outcome God seeks?

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..*

Today, Sunday, March 30, 2014, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prayer for our Process—9:15—9:30 am (Bean Chapel)
Cleaning The Closets—9:30 am-10:00 am; 11:00 am--12:00 pm
Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am
Sandwich Making for Outdoor Church (after worship)
Crossroads Phase II Leadership Meeting (LR/DR) 11:45 am
Faith Formation/Confirmation Class (LD/DR) 4:00—6:00 pm

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**The Liturgists today are Gail Airasian and Theo Norton.**

**The Deacon of the Month for March is Ose Manheim.**

**The Deacon of the Month for April is Julie Roberts**

**Leadership for Fellowship Hour for March is the Spiritual Life Committee; with special thanks to those who brought goodies & Karen McCune Barca for this week's coffee hour.**

**ONLINE Wednesday Worship/Study: with Rob Bell**

**April 2, 2014 via Fuse Meeting: 7:00—8:15**

**Presenting and discussing the Nooma® Film "Noise"**

*Why is it so much easier for us to live our lives with a lot of things going on all the time than to just be in silence? Maybe there's a connection between the amount of noise in our lives and our inability to hear God. If God sometimes feels distant to us, maybe it's not because he's not talking to us, but simply because we aren't really listening*

**Saturday, April 5, 2014, Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Worship with Holy Communion—4:00 pm  
Sanctuary at Medford Unitarian Universalist, Medford  
147 High Street, Medford**

Join us "on the road" as our exploration continues. We will try out another sanctuary space to get a feel for being out of the building and worshipping at another time of the week.

**Sunday, April 6, 2014, Fifth Sunday in Lent**

***No 10:00 am Worship Service at CCWM***

Confirmation Class and Mentors Field Trip to Myrtle Baptist Church, Newton  
NO Faith Formation/Confirmation Class @ 4:00 pm  
Kindhearted Woman Film and Discussion— 4:00 pm (FH & Sanctuary)

**We are on the move.  
Here are the changes in our worship  
plans for the next few months!!**

**If you need help with transportation  
or keeping track of what is happen-  
ing, please ask a deacon for help.**



| <b>Upcoming Schedule for Worship</b><br><b>Please note these changes in our plans for worship as our Exploration continues:</b> |           |                                                                                                            |
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| 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><br><b>Confirmation Class Field Trip to Myrtle Baptist Worship</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

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Sunday Worship Service at The Congregation—10 am (Sanctuary)  
Tibetan Sunday School (Lower Level) 12:00 pm      Church of Redemption (Bean Chapel) 11:30 pm  
Goodland Church Worship (in Korean) (Sanctuary) 12:30 pm  
Faith Formation/Confirmation Class 4:00 pm (LR)  
First Parish UU of Arlington - Labyrinth Walk 7:00 pm (FH)

#### 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 Direction—6:00 pm (LR)  
Yoga—6:30 pm (FH)  
Mother's Club—7:30 pm (LR)

#### 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)  
Worship and Study: Online via Fuze Meeting: 7:00 pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous—8:00 pm (YR)

#### Thursday

Food Addicts—6:00 pm (YR)  
Girl Scout Leader Meeting—7:00 pm (BC)

#### Friday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm (FH)  
Strategic Planning—9:30 am (LR)  
PPRC—10:00 am (LR)  
Church of God of Redemption—7:00 pm (Bean)

#### Saturday

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

**Worship w Communion at UU Church — 4:00 pm**

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*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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