



**The Congregational Church  
of West Medford**

An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of the United Church of Christ

Palm Passion Sunday Worship

April 13, 2014

10:00 o'clock am





## Time with Young Christians

### Church Life and Mission

#### A Letter of Gratitude from Earth Tipi

#### Choral Anthem Hosanna! Sing Praises!//All Hail King Jesus

—Schrader and Moody

#### Confession and Assurance

Pulpit Side: We shout “Hosanna!”

Lectern Side: We cry “Crucify!”

Pulpit Side: We see a ruler.

Lectern Side: We watch a criminal.

Pulpit Side: We make a road of palms.

Lectern Side: We line a road to Calvary.

Pulpit Side: We proclaim our Messiah.

Lectern Side: We laugh at our God.

Pulpit Side: We will welcome Jesus.

Lectern Side: We will condemn him.

Pulpit Side: We will turn from him.

Lectern Side: We will never follow him.

Leader: It was a long week, a long march from the high gate of Jerusalem to a forsaken place and a cross. Even longer from the praise of “Hosanna!” to the blasphemy of “Crucify!” A long march for human kind: from the high point of crowning God’s chosen one, to the depths of having him executed. A long, long walk through the fickleness and whims of humanity. God lives with us still.

Pulpit Side: Forgive us, God.

Lectern Side: Forgive us, God.

Leader: The scriptures proclaim that God’s love goes on forever, through all the tragic story of human wrong and misery. Be assured that, as Jesus forgave his killers from the cross, so God forgives you. Go and sin no more.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### \*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.

**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.

Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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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

Philippians 2:5—11

Bev Cohen

**Long Walk**

It is a long walk to heav-en this way. It is a long walk home. Keep to the jour-ney my friend, it is a long way home.

*Words and music by Roddy Hamilton © 2003 Seasons of the Spirit*

Images of the Passion

from Matthew 26:14—27:66

The Women

*You are invited to sing “Long Walk” between each of the following reflections.*

Woman with the Ointment

The Trial

At the Fire

In the Street

Golgotha

The Burial

Reflection

“It was on the Sunday”

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

**Offering**

**Invitation to Joyful Stewardship**

**Offertory**

**There is a Balm in Gilead**

—spiritual

**My Lord What a Mornin'**

—arr. Burleigh

Susan Allen, soloist

**\*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**

**\*Hymn**

**"What Wondrous Love is This"**

**# 223**

**Sending Forth**

The way has begun.

This time next week the world will be different, but the journey has to be travelled.

Go now and walk in the shadow of the promise

with the God who has already walked and will walk again,

the same path, in the name of love.

It is a violent and disturbing week: the heart will be torn out of the universe,

but the promise is that it will beat again.

Go, and all heaven's peace be with you.

Amen.

**Postlude**

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

—Metzger



Everyone is encouraged to gather for Lunch and a Presentation immediately after worship—  
through the door to the right of the chancel.

Presented by the Strategic Planning and Crossroads Leadership Teams.

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

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**WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD**

**Sunday, April 13, 2014, Palm Sunday**

**Palms for Passersby—8:00-9:00 am**

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

**Palm Sunday Worship Service—10 am (Sanctuary)**

**All Church Meeting—Presenting “The Bold Decision” Recommendation (Barnes)**

**Palms for Passersby—12:30-1:00 pm (after worship/meeting)**

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The Liturgist today is Bev Cohen.

Special thanks to additional Readers in our Holy Week Narratives.

Special thanks to Soloist, Susan Allen for her gifts.

The Deacon of the Month for April is Julie Roberts.

Leadership for Fellowship Hour for April is the Stewardship, Building & Grounds.

with special thanks to those who brought goodies &  
Karen McCune Barca for this week's refreshments.

The Altar Flowers today are given by Ethel M. Winsor,  
in loving memory of her brother, Donald Pike.

The Lectern Flowers are given by Thelma Thompson,  
in loving memory of her mother, Emma.

**NO Wednesday Online Worship for Holy Week**

**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

**Worship at 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)**

With choir and soloist Susan Allen.

**Sunday, April 20, 2014, Easter Sunday**

**Easter Pot Luck Breakfast—8:30 am (FH)**

**Easter Egg Hunt— 9:15 am (Front Lawn)**

**Easter Sunday Worship with Communion, Festival Choir—10 am (Sanctuary)**

**Online Wednesday Worship and Study:—7:00 pm**

Nooma Film with /Rob Bell

**Sunday April 27, Holy Hilarity Sunday!**

**Worship with Special Guest Preacher Rev. Wendy Vander Hart—10 am**

Q&A Session after Fellowship Hour with Wendy Vander Hart and the CCWM Leadership Team  
to discuss recommendation for “The Bold Decision.”

## **THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH**

### **Sunday, April 13, 2014, Palm Sunday**

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Palm Sunday Worship Service 10 am (Sanctuary)  
All Church Meeting 11:30 am (Barnes)  
Palms for Passersby—12:30-1:00 pm (High & Allston)  
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

#### **Monday**

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm (FH)  
Peer Group—10:00 am (LR)  
Yoga—6:30 pm (FH)

#### **Tuesday**

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)  
Alcoholics Anonymous—8:00 pm (YR)

#### **Thursday**

Food Addicts—6:00 pm (YR)  
Maundy Thursday Worship—7:00 pm (Sanc)

#### **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)  
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)

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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

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