



The Congregational Church of West Medford

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



God is Still Speaking,

Celebrating Father's Day

CCWM's Sunday School,

High School Graduates & Music Ministry

June 15, 2014 at 10 o'clock am

Litany of Peace for Father's Day by The Rev. Jane Sommers

Loving God, we lift this day our gratitude for the loving men who have brought us the precious heart of your Father Love. We give thanks to you this day

**For those who have shown us kindness, For those who have shown us courage,
For those who have shown us generosity, For those who have shown us truth,
For those who have shown us compassion, For those who have shown us faith,
For those who have shown us love.**

Blessed be the name of all sons and brothers and fathers who reveal a glimpse of your loving presence on earth. O God, you inspire your people in the ways of kindness that lift our world from its disgrace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

For every son, brother, father, grandfather, who has suffered and endured.

We lift a stone from the streambed of Living Waters to the forehead of the men and boys in our lives, touching each forehead with the sign of your healing

for every broken heart hidden from view, for every secret shame buried in darkness, for every untold story of regret and alienation.

We touch with this stone the brow of every man who has suffered for those he loved; We touch with this stone the forehead of our ancestral fathers who sacrificed their very lives,

**inviting you to heal the wars and woes and wickedness within,
inviting your everlasting peace, that the world might know your peace.**

Hear our prayer, O God, for this broken world. We pray for peace this Father's Day.

For wisdom and equity in the hearts and minds of those who lead us.

For justice with mercy that seeks equitable access to the earth's resources.

For passion and power in our churches to influence public policy for good.

For a new day when justice will roll down like waters across this land.

For the revelation of Father Love that never leaves nor forsakes.

And we lift your hope of healing for all sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers who live in mystery as your creation, who are entrusted with the life and struggles of manhood.

May they grow in Father Love to your glory.

Hear our prayer, O God, for this broken world. We pray for peace this Father's Day.

Amen.

WELCOME

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ is in a time of transformation as we move toward God's new direction for our ministry and our future. Thank you for your patience with and your participation in our experimentation and exploration.

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 of the People: 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. Please note if any requests are confidential.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Prelude in E Minor

—Chopin

Welcome

Church Life and Mission

Invoking God's Presence

- Voice 1: (light a candle) We light this candle for the Creator: the one who breathes creative and hope-filled life into all of us this day.
- Voice 2: (light a candle) We light this candle for the Redeemer: the one who inspires us to take notice of the creation that can normally go unnoticed, and sing praises for the simplest of things all around us.
- Voice 3: (light a candle) We light this candle for the Sustainer: the one who is as close as the ground beneath our feet and as warm as the sun above our heads.

*Opening Hymn

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”
Sung to Tune: Ode to Joy

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Call to Worship

Brenda Briggs

One: Let there be light and dark with us;
let the waters meet the shores amidst us.
Two: Let the sky be open to your fullness;
let our feet be grounded upon the earth in this moment.

All: *It is good.*

One: Let the fireflies radiate your brightness.
Two: Let the call of the loon bring us back to you.

All: *Is it good?*

One: We gather from days of light and after evenings of night.
Two: We are called this day into a moment with all of creation to worship.

All: *Good it is.*

One: Good it is.
Two: It is good.

All: *Amen.*

Musical Selection

"Let it Be"
Susan D'Arcy Fuller, solo

—Lennon and McCarthy

Connecting with God

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Preparing our Hearts

**"Breathe On Me,
Breath of God"**

—Trentham

Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Silence

***Words of Assurance of God's Presence and Forgiveness**

***Passing of the Peace**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Choir Anthem

"Canticle of Fellowship"

—Courtney

Celebrating our HS Graduates

Patrick Coughlin
Emma Kromm

Musical Selection

Berceuse
Robin Baker, Flute

—Faure

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

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From the Bible

God's Good Creation

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

From Genesis 1:1—2:4

Choir Anthem

"In My Father's House"

—Choplin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

You are also invited to write your prayers on the blue prayer sheet in your bulletin and place them in the offering plate later in the service. Please note if confidential.

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.

Musical Selection

"A Life That's Good"

—Monroe and Siskind

Jennifer Briggs and Charlotte Wilensky

Offering

Brenda Briggs

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory

Toccata in D Minor

—J.S. Bach

***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**

Musical Selection

"Angel from Montgomery"

—John Prine

Charlotte Wilensky

Celebration of Sunday School Youth and Leaders



Musical Selection

"And We Arise"
The Kromm Family

—Kromm

Benediction

One: As we go out into the world, let there be light and dark with us.
Let the water meet the shores amidst us.
Let the tree bend from the wind's power.

Two: Let the sky be open to your fullness; let our feet be grounded upon the earth
in this moment and in the moments to come.

All: *It is good.*

One: Let us go committed to God's world.

Two: Let us live in Christ's gentle and inspiring way.

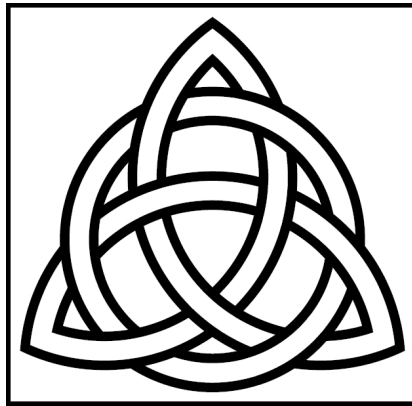
One: Let us move with the Spirit as it moves over the earth.

All: *For, it is indeed good. Amen.*

Postlude

Magnetic Rag

—Joplin



All are welcome to a time of fellowship
immediately after worship in Barnes Chapel

* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

Sunday, June 15, Trinity Sunday—10:00 am Worship

Celebration of our CE Program, Graduates and Music Ministries.

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We celebrate the gift and beauty of the perpetual flowers on the altar.

Special thanks to:

Our Liturgist for today, Brenda Briggs

Karen McCune Barca for-ever being the set-up and clean-up maven.

The Deacon of the Month for June is Brenda Briggs (bgbriggs51@gmail.com)

Sunday, June 22, Second Sunday After Pentecost—10:00 am Worship

The gospel lesson from the Sermon on the Mount falls within Matthew's teachings on discipleship. Some understand the call to be disciples as being learners. We will take a gander at how this text speaks to our own understanding of discipleship and what it means to be a disciple.



THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH

Sunday, June 15, First Sunday After Pentecost and Music Sunday—10:00 am

Celebrating Father's Day, CCWM's Sunday School, High School Graduates & Music Ministry

Tibetan Sunday School (Lower Level)—12:00 pm

Church of Redemption (Bean Chapel)—11:30 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)
Yoga—6:30 pm (FH)

Tuesday

Girl Scouts B & J Briggs—6:00 pm (Green)
Gamblers Anonymous—7:00 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)
Zumba—6:30 pm (FH)
AA—8:00 pm (Youth)

Thursday

Spiritual Direction—5:30pm (LR)
Zumba—6:30 pm (FH)

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)
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

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

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