

The Congregational Church of West Medford
An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ
Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 22, 2014 at 10 o'clock am



God is Still Speaking,



WELCOME

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ is in a time of transformation as 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

Ricercare

—Buxtehude

Welcome

Church Life and Mission

*Opening Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

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Invoking God's Presence *(Three persons bring a lit candle to the table)*

One: A light to remind us that we are heard.

Two: A light to remind us that we are known.

Three: A light to remind us that we are loved.

Call to Worship

Gail Airasian

One: Hey! I need you to hear something really important.

All: ***What is it?***

One: You need to be ready. Are you ready?

All: ***Yes.***

One: Really ready?

All: ***Absolutely! What's so important?***

One: First, take a deep breath *(pause for breath)*.

* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

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One: Ok, listen closely: God is *here* in our midst;
God is *listening* to the stories we share;
God *knows* us, more deeply than we can imagine.

**All: *What a wonderful reminder! As we rejoice in God's love,
let us come together and worship in the light of community.***

Connecting with God

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Invitation

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

One: ...the Good News is simple: God's love is not going anywhere:
God's love is real; God's love is deep; God's love is everywhere.

All: *Hallelujah! Thanks be to our awesome God!*

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Sung Celebration

Sweet, Sweet, Spirit

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There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Chorus:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.
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When we shall leave this place.

The Word with God's Beloved Children

Prayers of the People

Our worship includes an open prayer time today.

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.

From the Bible

It Is Enough

Gail Arasian

From Matthew 10: 24—39

Sermon

NOT FEAR

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Gail Arasian

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory

Prelude in D Flat

—Chopin

***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**

Closing Song

"I'm Gonna' Live So God Can Use Me"

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Benediction

Postlude

Air

—Handel



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

* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 139

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F Bbmaj7/C F F7

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me an - y -
 2. I'm gon-na work so God can use me an - y -
 3. I'm gon-na pray so God can use me an - y -
 4. I'm gon-na sing so God can use me an - y -

Bb Cm/Bb Bb Bb/D Gm/F C/F Gmsus/F

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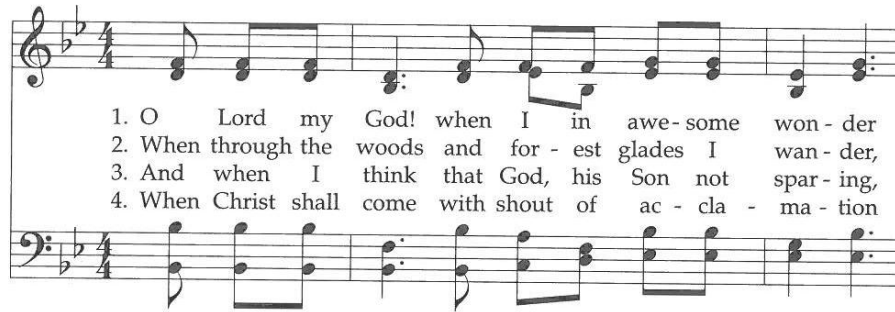
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D7 D7/F# G9 C7sus Bbmaj7/C F

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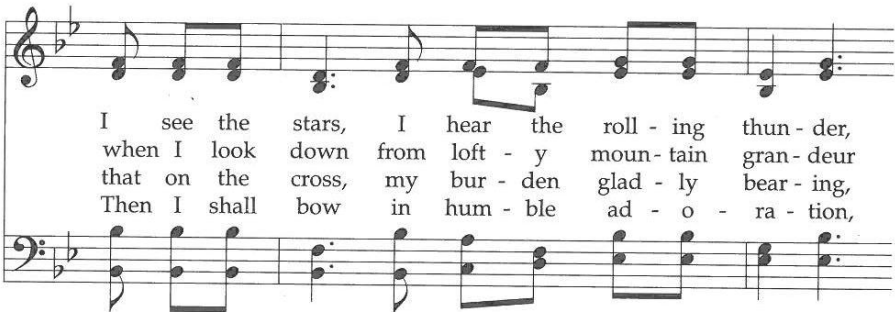
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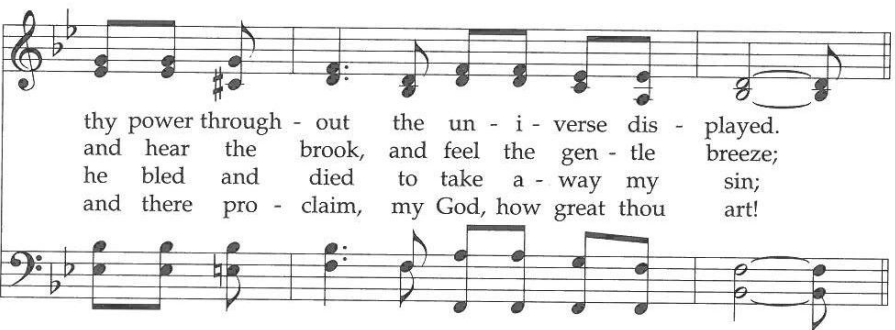
1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion



con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.



I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,



thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

WORDS and MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953, based on a Swedish folk melody

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* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;
 how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my
 soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

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

Note: Deacon's Meeting after worship at 11:15 am

***The Altar Flowers are given by Jean Hinds-Johnson, for the anniversary of,
 Lesley and May Hinds***

Special thanks to:

Our Liturgist for today, Gail Airasian

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 29, Third Sunday After Pentecost—10:00 am Worship

God has an extravagant love and welcome for all of us. The loving welcome, shown in Matthew 10:40–42, shows us how we can be in community together. This warm welcome encourages us to go beyond what is comfortable and go into our communities showing God's love.

THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH

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

Deacon's Meeting —11:30 (LR)
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

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)
Zumba—6:30 pm (FH)
AA—8:00 pm (Youth)
Church Council—7:00 pm (DR)

Thursday

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)
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)
Confirmation Trip to Heifer - Rutland Farm
Depart from Church at 1:00 pm

June 29 Third Sunday After Pentecost—10:00 am Worship

Tibetan Sunday School (Lower Level)—12:00 pm
Church of Redemption (Bean Chapel)—11:30 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: Amanda Coughlin

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

Deacon for the Month of June: Brenda Briggs

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