

# **The Congregational Church of West Medford**

## **Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

September 7, 2014 at 10 o'clock am

God is Still Speaking,



# WELCOME

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ 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

# Welcome

## Church Life and Mission

# Introduction to the History of the Stained Glass Windows

<b>*Opening Song</b>	<b>“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”</b>	<b># 1</b>
	<b>Stanza 1 &amp; 2</b>	

## Perspective

Hymn	“Shall We Gather at the River”	# 597
	Stanza 1, 3 , Refrain	
	Stanza 4, Refrain	

## Concerning the Church and Her Windows

Scripture Psalm 111 Page 696

***Congregation will read the indented lines and sing the response.***

## The Sanctuary Windows

## St. Peter and Dorcas (St. Tabitha)

St. Paul and St. Lydia  
 St. Mark and Eunice  
 St. John and St. Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus  
 St. Luke and St. Martha  
 St. Matthew and St. Mary of Bethany

**\*Hymn**

**"When the Morning Stars Together"  
 Sung to the Tune of 'Weisse Flaggen' (#243)**

**# 453**

**Stanza 1 & 2**

The Narthex and Clock Tower Windows

St. Gabriel  
 Doorway Angels—Praise and Prayer  
 Pastor Henry Francis Smith  
 Psalm 121 and Psalm 100

**\*Hymn**

**"Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"**

—Thompson/Scruggs

*♩=60*

1. Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
 - pow'r me to be a wit - ness for you, act - ing

ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks -  
 bold - ly, in your name; seek - ing

-giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu -  
 jus - tice, where there is hurt - ing off - 'ring

- ar - y for you. 2. God em -  
 hope where there is pain.

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## The Balcony Windows

## The Great Balcony Window: Jesus The Christ

## The Nativity

## The Prophets: Jeremiah, Isaiah, Hosea & Amos

## The Ancestors: Moses, Daniel, Samuel, & David

## The Descendants: The Twelve Sheep

## Hymn

## “Somebody Prayed for Me”

♩=65

Gm/C F F/C F

1. Some - bod - y prayed for me, had me on their mind,  
prayed for me, had me on her\* mind,  
prayed for me, had me on her mind,  
prayed for me! Had me on his mind,

Gm/F C G C D7 Gm F/Bb C D7

took the time and prayed for me. I'm so glad they prayed,  
took the time and prayed for me. I'm so glad she\* prayed,  
took the time and prayed for me. I'm so glad she prayed,  
took the time and prayed for me. I'm so glad he prayed,

Gm F/Bb C F Gm/Bb F/C C7 F

I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed for me.  
I'm so glad she\* prayed, I'm so glad she\* prayed for me.  
I'm so glad she prayed, I'm so glad she prayed for me.  
I'm so glad he prayed, I'm so glad he prayed for me.

Bb/F F Gm/C Bb/F Gm/C Bb/F F

1. 2. 3. 4.

— 2. The preach-er — 4. Je - sus —  
— 3. My moth-er —

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

West Balcony Window—Children of Scripture

Joseph and his brothers, Baby Moses, Young David, Young Ruth

Jesus and the children, Timothy, Young John, Anna

West Balcony Stairway —The Psalm 23 Window

**Hymn**

**“My Shepherd is the Living God”**

**# 247**

**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.

The Clerestory Windows—Symbols of the Saints

St. Andrew, St. James Major, St. James Minor

St. Jude, St. Philip, St. Bartholomew

St. Thomas, St. Simon, St. Matthias

St. Joseph of Arimathea, St. John the Baptist, St. Zacharias

St. Timothy, St. Philip, St. Stephen

St. Paul’s Companions: St. John Mark, St. Silas, St. Barnabas

**Offering**

**Invitation to Joyful Stewardship**

Offertory

**\*Procession of Gifts**

***You are invited to come forward to the chancel during the doxology .***

**\*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**

The Chancel Clerestory Windows

Holy Communion

The Gift of Music

**Closing Song**                    "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

**# 295**

The Good Shepherd Chapel Window

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



Our Congregational Meeting will take place  
immediately after worship in Barnes Chapel.

All are welcome to conversation and vote about our new ministry name.

**Issued August 31, 2014**

**Call to a Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 14, 2014,**  
**11:30 am—immediately after worship**  
**400 High Street, Medford MA**

The Officers and Church Council of the Congregational Church of West  
Medford, UCC issue this call to a Congregational Meeting of the Governing  
Body to:

Vote that the name by which the congregation's ministries will be known is to  
be: "Sanctuary, UCC." The legal name of the congregation will continue to  
be "The Congregational Church of West, Medford, United Church of Christ"  
and she will be doing business as (DBA) "Sanctuary, UCC".

Signed, Paul Roberts and Bruce Roberts, Co-Moderators

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

**Today, Sunday, September 14, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—10:00 am Worship**

A Journey of our Traditions and our Faith through the Stained Glass Windows.

**11:15 am—Congregational Meeting to Vote on New Name**

***We celebrate the perpetual beauty of the altar flowers.***

***Special thanks today to:***

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

The Deacon of the Month for September is Julie Roberts (heronjulie@yahoo.com)

**OUR LEAVETAKING CONTINUES**

**Sunday, September 21, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—10:00 am Worship**

Remembering our Joys, celebrating our past and Praying our Goodbyes.

**12:00 pm—Medford Community Day**

**Are you planning to be with us for Medford Community Day?**

**Please be in touch with Rev. Wendy about Helping.**

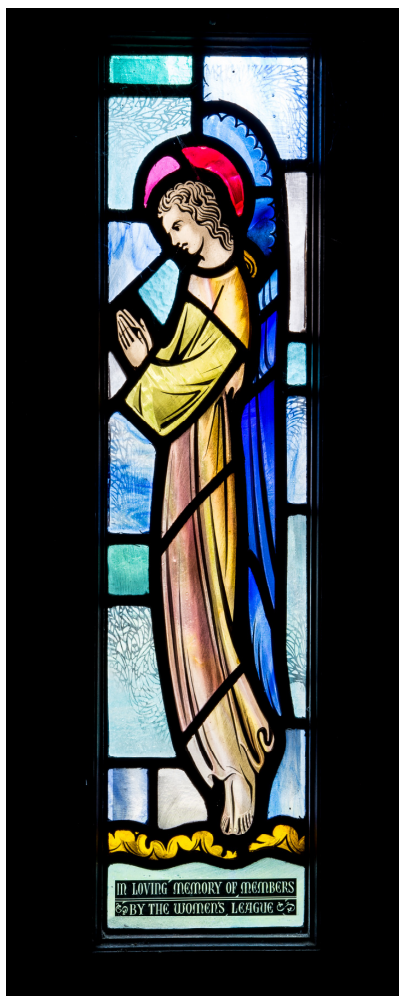
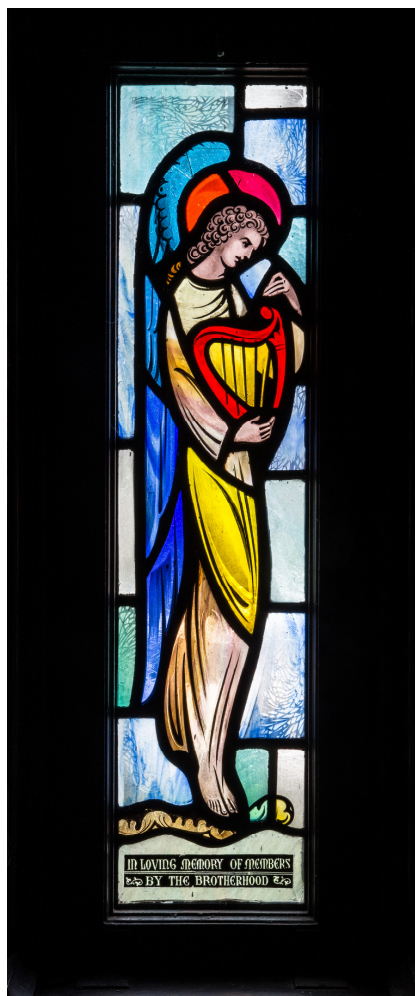
**What might you bring?**

**Sunday, September 28, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—10:00 am Worship**

Our ministry at 400 High Street comes to a close as we take our leave and process to the new ministry center at 458 High Street, taking with us symbols of our past that will sustain our future and arriving to celebrate our new beginning. A “party” will ensue!!!

**Sunday, October 5—10:00 Worship**

**@ 458 High Street**



**The Congregational Church of West Medford,  
United Church of Christ**

Ministers: All of us!

Organist: Dr. Herman Weiss

Co- Moderators: Paul Roberts & Bruce Roberts

Treasurer: Amanda Coughlin

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

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