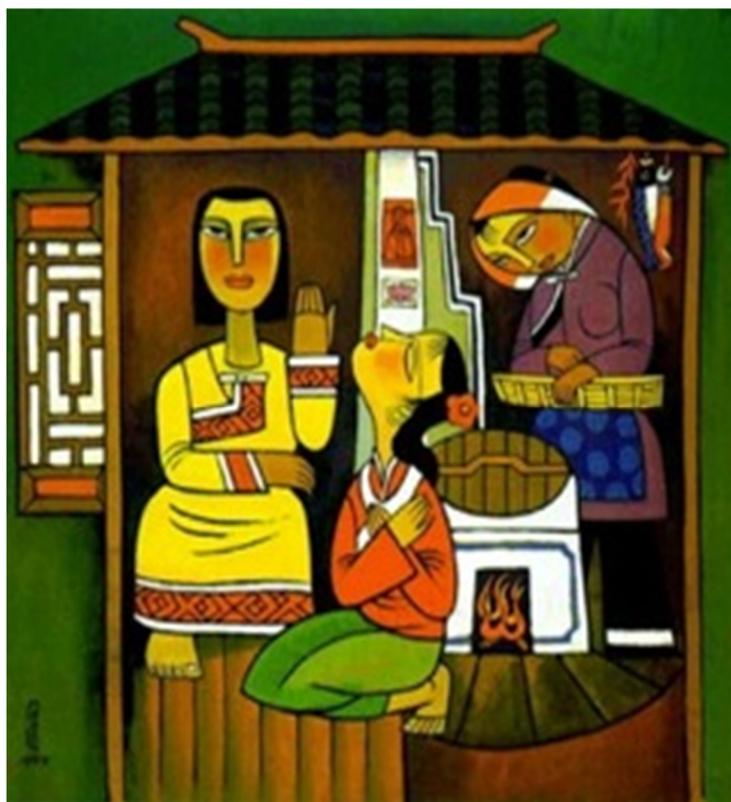


The Congregational Church of West Medford
An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship

July 28, 2013

10:00 am

WELCOME

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ, is a community that strives to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ and to share in the costs and joys of discipleship. We unconditionally welcome and affirm people of every age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, race, culture, ability, and economic circumstance, and invite everyone into full participation in our church life and ministry.

If you're visiting for the first time, feel uncertain about church, find yourself here infrequently, or attend weekly, there's a place for you here. There are many ways to be involved and if you'd like to know more about our many activities, please speak to a greeter or the pastor.

**We ask that you wear a name tag to help us know each other.
Blank name tags are available by the door for anyone in need.**

Please be sure to sign the Pew Register which you will find on the center aisle.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in C# Minor* — J.S. Bach

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship Richard Carle

(Adapted from Psalm 130)

ONE: It is good to give thanks to you, O God.

MANY: We declare your steadfast love in the morning;

ONE: For you have made us glad by your work in the world.

MANY: At the works of your hands, we sing for joy.

***Gathering Song "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" # 4**

Prayer of Praise (Unison)

O God, in our time of worship and throughout the hours of our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. When all that we do seems to fly off in scattered bits and pieces as our lives spin on, draw us back to you. Hold us together as individuals and as a community of faith. Be for us a home base, a center of gravity, a balance point, a source of loving support through Christ Jesus, our guide and our companion.

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

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Lov-ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri-umph song of life.

CONSECRATION

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Be Now My Vision

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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A Time of Confession

Preparing our Hearts “Spirit of the Living God”

—Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me, Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we humbly confess our faults. For anger, impatience and quickness to misunderstand—forgive us. For unkindness, indifference, and thoughtlessness—forgive us. For all the times we have not followed Jesus in the way of love—forgive us. Heal, and transform us. Make us new again. Amen

*The Good News of God’s Grace and Presence

This is the good news of Jesus Christ: God longs for our healing and loves us into wholeness. By divine grace we are forgiven and set free.

*Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

*Sung Response “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” # 293

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

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.

Church Life and Mission

Hymn

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

One: God in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer**

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

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

From the Bible

Luke 10:38-42

MARY AND MARTHA IN OUR KITCHEN

Bev Cohen, Robin Baker

Sermon

BALANCE

Rev. Judy Brain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Sung Response

"Be Now My Vision"

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(Verse 1)

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory

Song of India

—Rimsky-Korsakoff

***Doxology**

***Procession of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

***Closing Hymn**

"Be Now My Vision"

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(Verses 2 - 4)

Blessing and Sending

Left: May the hope of God surround you and the love of God enfold you,

Right: **May the power of God protect you on our way.**

Left: May the Spirit guide and teach you and the Church's faith sustain
you,

Right: **And God's Spirit dwell within you every day.**

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

Gigue

—Frescobaldi

Please join in a time of fellowship and connection immediately after worship in Barnes Chapel. Exit the sanctuary in the front through the door to the left of the pulpit.

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

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WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

Today, Sunday July 28, 2013, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgist for today is Carol Luongo

The Deacon of the Month for July is Robin Baker.

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

Next Sunday, August 4 , Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Save the Dates:

Mark your calendar for special guest preachers during Rev. Wendy's medical leave!

Rev. Wendy will have hip replacement on July 1 and is expected to return in five-six weeks following the surgery.

These are fabulous and renowned preachers that you will NOT want to miss

Sunday, July 28: Rev. Judy Brain

Sunday, August 4: Rev. Judy Brain



Judy Brain returns to CCWM after having served as our bridge pastor last fall, a graduate of Harvard Divinity School where she was awarded the Billings Prize for Preaching. For 10 years, as part of the Pastoral Excellence Program for the Mass. Conference, UCC, she has led groups for clergy who are in the first years of their ministries. She is also certified in supervision for student pastors and has helped to launch more than a dozen seminarians into ministry. We are so grateful that Judy is free to be with us again and celebrate her warm and wonderful preaching gifts..



THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH
July 28– August 3, 2013

July 28 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service-10 am with Holy Communion
Goodland Church-5:30 pm
Goodland Church Fellowship Hall—2:30-5:00 pm

Monday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm
Yoga- 6:30 pm

Tuesday

Zumba– 6:30 pm
Gamblers Anonymous- 7:00 pm

Wednesday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am— 6:15 am;
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm
Zumba- 6:30 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous- 8:00 pm

Thursday

Youth Champions– 5 pm
Food Addicts– 6 pm

Friday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;
8:15 am-- 9:00 am, 5:30--6:15 pm

Saturday

Alanon - 9 am
Yoga- 9am
Boot Camp- 12:15 pm

August 4, 2013 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service-10 am
Goodland Church Worship--5:30—7:30 pm

Weekdays

(M—F) **Bright Stars Afterschool Enrichment Program**, www.BrightStarsKids.org
(M-F) **Gentle Dragon Co-op Preschool**, www.GentleDragonPreschool.org
(M-F) **English at Large** (ESOL/ESL Programs), www.englishatlarge.org

The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ

Ministers: All of us!

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Herman Weiss

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

Moderator: Paul Roberts
Treasurer: Beverly Roche

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