

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

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2013

10:00 o'clock am



## Great and Small

Deep down here inside my pocket there's a little piece of paper  
I take it out and read it when I'm feeling out of shape  
To keep my fears at bay, It says you are great

Deep down in my other pocket there's another piece of paper  
I take it out and read it when I'm getting into shape  
When I'm walking tall, it says you are small

'Cos you are great and small, you are tiny and tall,  
remember through it all you are great and small.

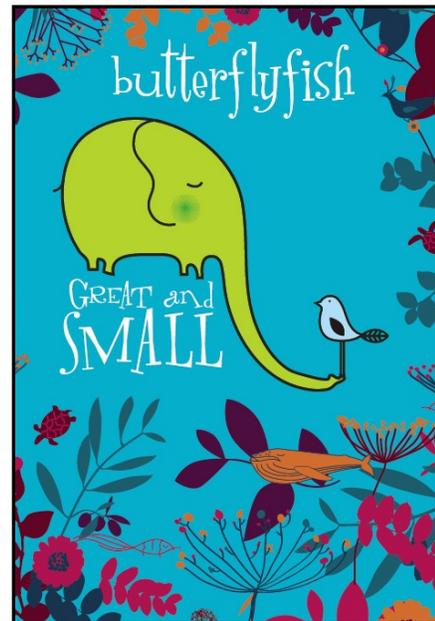
Heard it said that we are made in the image of the Maker  
so I wrote that down on a little piece of paper,  
read it every day, remember you are great...

Then again I know we build a lot of tall, tall steeples  
whole wild world is more than just us people  
so through it all remember we are small.

We are great and small, we are tiny and tall,  
remember through it all you are great and small.

Dust to dust we shall return  
The whole wide world was made for us to learn  
That we are great and small, we are tiny and tall  
Remember through it all, We are great and small

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Remember through it all, we are great and small.



—Great and Small, Matthew Meyer Boulton

## 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.

*As an act of prayer, you are encouraged to light a candle on the table at the front of the sanctuary—for yourself, for a loved one, for peace, for the world.*

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude *Fantasia in B Minor* — J.S. Bach

Welcome

**\*Call to Worship** (written by Maren Tirabassi) Paul Roberts

One: We come with the shirts of our hearts hanging out.

**All: *We come embarrassed because we forgot someone's name.***

One: We come, aware that, for all our good intentions, we had a week of "random acts of dumb."

**All: *We come the least likely saints and sure we are sinners.***

One: We come, not with clever speeches, pitch-perfect hymns, push-the-envelope giving, naming rights to the church ...

**All: *We come with simple words – "please" and "thank you" and "I'm sorry."***

One: And God welcomes us.

**All: *God welcomes us all.***

**\*Gathering Song**

**“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

**# 12**

**A Time of Confession**

**Invitation**

**Bless the Lord**

♩ = 78

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 78. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' and 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.'

Music: J. Berthier  
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**Prayer of Confession (*Repeat Sung Response*)**

**Silence**

**\*The Good News of God's Grace and Presence**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

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

**\*Sung Response**

**“Somebody Prayed for Me”**

—Darling and Norwood

Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind, took the time and prayed for me  
I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed for me.

Jesus prayed for me,

**Time with Young Christians**



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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### Welcome

One: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

All: **“Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.”**

One: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Sponsors

### **Congregational Pledge (In Unison)**

There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call unto us in Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. We, as the people of this congregation, now fully promise our faithful support, our nurture, and our Christian love to the one about to be baptized, and to those who care for her. We acknowledge that Celine will minister to us as much as we minister to Celine. Give to her: strength for life’s journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Prayer of Baptism

Presentation

*Celine Grace Shedd*

*Child of God*

*Daughter of Rebecca Jean Roberts Shedd & Scott Thomas Shedd*

*Granddaughter of Julia & Paul Roberts and Lucille & the late Bill Shedd*

*Goddaughter of Kyrsten Shedd and Laura Roberts*

Act of Baptism

Act of Praise—Presentation of Baptismal Certificate and Gifts

Prayer for the Baptized

Hymn

**“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”**

**# 325**

*Children are invited to go to Sunday School during the hymn.*

**Church Life and Mission**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### 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.

Musical Meditation

*"Old Time Religion Medley"*

—arr. Hayes

From the Bible

Luke 18:9-14

Paul Roberts

Sermon

LIFE'S TWO POCKETS

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

### \*Offering

Paul Roberts

#### Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

#### Offertory

*Prelude in B Minor*

—Chopin

### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, comforter; One God, true, whom we adore. Amen

### \*Procession of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

### \*Closing Hymn

**"Not My Brother, nor My Sister"**

**# 519**

### Blessing and Sending

### Postlude

*Sarbande*

—Buxtehude



A time of fellowship and conversation will be held after worship in Barnes Chapel.

Please join us as we celebrate the baptism of Celine Shedd.

Exit the sanctuary in the front through the door to the left of the pulpit.

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

*Nursery Care is provided during the worship 'hour'.  
Church School is provided for children through age 12.  
Youth ages 13 —16 are invited to remain in worship and join our Sunday afternoon  
faith formation/confirmation program (please see Rev. Wendy about the schedule)*

**Today, Sunday, October 27, 2013.**

**Worship with the Sacrament of Baptism 10:00 am**

*We celebrate the baptism of Celine Grace Shedd  
daughter of Rebecca & Scott Shedd and granddaughter of Julia & Paul Roberts*

**Crossroad Leaders and Strategic Planning Team Meeting: 11:30—1:30 pm (LR)**

**Youth Faith Formation/Confirmation: 4:00—6:00 pm (LR)**

We welcome our choir back to worship and celebrate their ministry.

The liturgist today is Paul Roberts.

Deacon for Today is Joy Roberts.

We celebrate the gift and beauty of altar flowers, given by Jean Hinds-Johnson In loving  
memory of her father, Lesley P. Hinds

Saints and Sinners! The gospel lesson from Luke compares a Pharisee and a Tax Collector as  
they arrive at the temple to pray. In the text, one is humble about his sin and one, well, not so  
much! The scriptures this week celebrate how nothing stands in the way of God's love, and no  
distance is too great for God's grace to reach. We are both Great and Small.

**Next Sunday, November 3, 2013, Memorial Sunday**

***Celebrating All Saints and All Souls Day—remembering those who have gone before us***

**Worship with Holy Communion: 10:00 am**

**Pine Ridge Planning Conversation: 11:30 am(LR)**

**MBA UCC Fall Meeting, at United Parish of Auburndale: 2:30—5:00 pm**

**Youth Faith Formation/Confirmation: 4:00—6:00 pm (LR)**

All Saints Day invites us to gaze forward to the time when God's promises to all who believe will  
be fulfilled. It is also an opportunity for us to remember all those loved ones, all those saints  
who have passed away and joined the Communion of Saints. We will name our loved ones an  
ring a bell in their honor as we gather around the table of grace.

If you are not able to be with us this Sunday,  
please email Rev. Wendy or call the church office with the names of loves ones  
you would like to honor as part of our worship.

## **THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH**

**October 20-26, 2013**

### October 27 2013 Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Worship and Baptism (Sanctuary) 10:00 am  
Crossroad Leaders and Strategic Planning Team Meeting 11:30-1:30 pm— (LR)  
Goodland Church Worship (in Korean) (Sanctuary) 12:30 pm  
Faith Formation/Confirmation Class— 4:00 pm

#### Monday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm (FH)  
Seaside Production Rehearsal— 7:30 pm (BC)  
Mother's Club (LR) 7:30 pm

#### Tuesday

Gamblers Anonymous—7:30 pm (BC)  
Gam-Anon—7:30 pm (YR)  
Girl Scouts B. & J Briggs 6:00 pm (GR)

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

Food Addicts—6:00 pm (YR)

#### Friday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am-- 9:00 am, 5:30--6:15 pm (FH)  
Girl Scouts— 7:00 pm (BC)

#### Saturday

Alanon —9:00 am (YR)  
Yoga—9:00 (FH)  
Boot Camp- 12:15 pm (FH)

### November 3, 2013 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am  
Goodland Church Worship (in Korean) (Sanctuary) 12:30 pm  
Faith Formation/Confirmation Class— 4:00 pm

## **Weekdays**

(M—F) **Bright Stars Afterschool Enrichment Program**, [www.BrightStarsKids.org](http://www.BrightStarsKids.org)

((M—F) **Gentle Dragon Co-op Preschool**, [www.GentleDragonPreschool.org](http://www.GentleDragonPreschool.org)

(M—F) **English at Large** (ESOL/ESL Programs), [www.englishatlarge.org](http://www.englishatlarge.org)

**Room Legend: (FH) Fellowship Hall; (BC) Barnes Chapel; (YR) Youth Room; (LR) Living Room**

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

Ministers: All of us!

Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Herman Weiss

Moderator: Paul Roberts

Treasurer: Beverly Roche

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

Deacon for Today: Joy Roberts

Clerk: TBD

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