

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

The Baptism of Jesus

January 12, 2014

10:00 o'clock 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.

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 *Aria* —Pachelbel

Welcome

Call to Worship Rich Carle

One: We are called to this place to find a new way:
a way of grace, hope, faith, life.

All: *God calls and we come.*

One: Come, and let go of that which is worn out:
worn out habits, worn out dogmas, worn out resentments, worn out burdens.

All: *God calls and we come.*

One: This time is blessed and made sacred by Spirit who
heals us, reconnects us, redirects us, empowers us.

All: *God blesses and we praise.*

One: Come, and receive blessing, freedom, forgiveness, love.

All: *God blesses and we praise.*

***Opening Song "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult" # 171**

Opening Prayer

** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able* -2-

