



**The Congregational Church  
of West Medford**

An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of the United Church of Christ

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 09, 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 *Let Us Be Praising Christ* —J.S. Bach

Welcome

**Call to Worship** Jenny Briggs

**\*Opening Song** "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People" # 181

**Opening Prayer**

One: Our hearts lie open before you, God of love, God of mercy:

**All: All that we are, all that you call us to be.**

One: Our deepest yearnings rise before you, God of wonderment, God of soul:

**All: All that we are, all that you call us to be.**

One: Our adoration is reserved for you alone, God of beauty, God of grace:

**All: All that we are, all that you call us to be.**

*(moment of silence)*

One: Through this time of worship, renew within us the vision of your beauty, restoring our own gift of radiance:

**All: All that we are, all that you call us to be.**

One: In the name of Christ, through the love of the Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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

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**Sharing Ourselves with God**

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

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

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**Prayer of Confession (Guided Meditation)**

**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 "Lead Me, Guide Me"**

—Akers

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME  
Irregular

Stanzas included in other editions.  
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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Time with Young Christians

*Children may go to Sunday School at this time.*

### Church Life and Mission

#### Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

*You are invited to write your prayers on the blue prayer sheet and pass them to the aisle.*

Prayer for Illumination

From the Bible

Matthew 5:13—20

Jenny Briggs

#### Sung Response

**“What Does the Lord Require of You?”**

**Insert**

Sermon

BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL AND SALTY  
ARE GOD'S PEOPLE

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

### Offering

Jenny Briggs

#### Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

#### Offertory

*Prelude in b Minor*

—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

One: All that we are, O God, and all we are called to be,  
we bring to this special moment of offering and hope.

**All: *Receive these gifts given in love and in your wisdom  
may they be used creatively, for the well-being of all. Amen.***

**\*Commission and Blessing**

One: As receivers of light,

**All: we will gladly bear light to the world.**

One: As those gifted with creativity and hope,

**All: we will boldly offer love to the world.**

One: And as those restored in the image of God,

**All: we will creatively share our beauty within the world.**

**\*Closing Song**

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

***This little light of mine...***

***Everywhere I go...***

***All through the night...***

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Trio*

—Rheinburger



Everyone is encouraged to join in a time of community building immediately after worship in Barnes Chapel—exit the Sanctuary through the door to the left of the pulpit.

The Emerging/Exploration of Ministry Series begins today during Fellowship Time!

WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD

*Nursery Care is provided during the worship 'hour'.  
Sunday School is offered today for school aged children..*

**Today, February 09, 2014 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Prayer for our Process (Bean Chapel) 9:15 am—9:30 am**

**Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am**

**Emerging/Exploring Ministry Presentation (Barnes) 15 minutes after worship**

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

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*The Liturgist today is Jenny Briggs*

*Deacon of the Month for February is Robin Baker.*

*Leadership for Fellowship Hour for February is the Christian Education Committee; with special thanks to Jenny Briggs and Karen McCune Barca for this week's coffee hour.*

**We celebrate the gift and perpetual beauty for the flowers on the altar.**

Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" invites us to see God's love in a new light, bend our understanding of the world around us, and take more seriously our response to God's loving welcome and liberation. In fact—God's reality turns the ways of the world upside down. Rev. Wendy offers a four week Sermon on the Mount series from the Matthew Texts:

This week, we will hear how God's People are to be salt and light in the world from Mt. 5:13-20.

**The series continues with :**

February 16: The Ethics of God's World (1) -- Mt. 5:21-37

February 23: The Ethics of God's World (2) -- Mt 5:38-48

**Wednesday Worship/Study: Being Jesus Followers**

**February 12 (Bean Chapel) 7:00—9:00 pm**

The Joint Ministry Team will gather for the first time, share in 30 minutes of worship and study one of Jesus' "follow me" moments. Then we will engage in discussion about faith formation and the future ministries offered by our Spiritual Life, Christian Education and Outreach/Mission ministries. Please join, all are welcome.

**Sunday, February 16, 2014, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Rev. Wendy will be off—there will be a guest worship leader to be announced.**

**Prayer for our Process (Bean Chapel) 9:15 am—9:30 am**

**Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am**

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The Connecticut and Massachusetts Conferences  
of the United Church of Christ present:

# Super Saturday!

## March 1, 2014

8:00 AM - 3:45 PM

Ludlow High School, 500 Chapin St., Ludlow, MA



Join hundreds of pastors and lay leaders from across two Conferences for a day of "Risking Vision" through worship, workshops, forums, networking and a marketplace.



### Featuring Diana Butler Bass

Acclaimed author and speaker Diana Butler Bass will share a message during the opening worship and will lead a mid-day forum based on her work exploring the dimensions of religion and spirituality in today's world.

Butler Bass is the author of eight books, including *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening* (2012) and the best-selling *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* (2006).

Butler Bass regularly leads conferences for religious leaders, blogs at The Huffington Post and comments on religion, politics, and culture in the media including USA TODAY, Time, Newsweek and various television networks.

### Workshops

A total of 45 workshops are being offered related to various aspects of church life, mission and ministries. See descriptions inside this brochure.

### Marketplace and Bookstore

A marketplace will give participants a chance to learn about a variety of ministry opportunities and to purchase items from favorite vendors, including Yale Divinity School and SERRV.

### Be Green!

We encourage attendees to be green! Please bring your own water bottle and/or travel mug!

### Schedule

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration, refreshments
9:00 – 10:15 AM	Opening worship
10:30 – 11:45 AM	Morning workshops
12:00 – 12:45 PM	Lunch A
12:45 – 1:30 PM	Lunch B
1:45- 3:15 PM	Afternoon workshops
3:15-3:45 PM	Closing worship together

Attendees will be assigned to one lunch period for eating and visiting the marketplace, and the other lunch period for attending the forum with Diana Butler Bass (her forum will be held twice).

**Cost: \$49 per person or \$39 per person in church groups of 5 or more who register at the same time.**

**Registration deadline is Feb. 20, 2014.**

**We encourage online registration at [www.macucc.org/supersaturday](http://www.macucc.org/supersaturday)**

Workshop registration is limited by space. Those who register online can see which workshops have openings and register accordingly. Online registrations can be paid either by credit card OR by mailing a check. A registration form is also included in this packet for those who wish to register by mail. Mail-in registrants will need to give three workshop choices for each session and will be placed according to available space.

## **THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH**

February 9, 2014 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prayer for our Process (Bean Chapel) 9:15—9:30 am  
Cleaning Out The Closets—9:30 am-10:00 am; 11:00 am--12:00 pm  
Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 am  
Goodland Church Worship (in Korean) (Sanctuary) 12:30 pm  
Faith Formation/Confirmation (LR/DR) 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)  
Peer Group—10 am (LR)  
Yoga— 6:30 pm (FH)

### Tuesday

CCWM Joint Ministry Team—7:00 pm  
Mother's Club—7:30 pm (LR)  
Gamblers Anonymous 7:30 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)  
Alcoholics Anonymous— 8:00 pm (YR)  
Worship and Study: Being Jesus Followers—7:00 pm  
(Bean Chapel)

### Thursday

Youth Champions-5 pm (FH)  
Food Addicts—6:00 pm (YR)

### Friday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am-- 9:00 am (FH)  
Strategic Planning—9:30 am (LR)

### Saturday

Alanon - 9:00 am (YR)  
Yoga—9:00 am (FH)  
Memorial Service Estelle Clark's Father—(Sanctuary)  
Boot Camp—12:15 pm (FH)

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## **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)

### **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 of the Month: Robin Baker

Clerk: TBD

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