



Courage is when you act in spite of your fear,  
cowardice is when you act because of your fear.

—civil rights movement

WORSHIP SERVICE  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 19, 2012



ON-LINE  
EDITION

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*a reconciling congregation*

The saying goes, “feel the fear and do it anyway.”  
These common disciples, who just a mere few years earlier  
were getting up every day and simply praying for a good catch of fish,  
stand on the top of a mountain and see their leader  
joined by dead, yet famous, ancestors of the faith.  
They already have begun to realize the Jesus is something of a legend,  
but this seals it, and they are terrified.  
They felt the fear and left their professions anyway to follow Jesus.  
And now perhaps they can see that this is not your ordinary life they’re mixed up in.  
–Marcia McFee

Do you feel like there are extraordinary things you could do  
if only you could move beyond the fear?  
This last service in our series offer a ritual moment to offer our lives and efforts  
in co-creating God’s reign with extraordinary courage.

## **gathering to praise**

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST “Praeludium in a, BWV 543” by J. S. Bach

INTROIT “O Living God” W&S 3089

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have come to worship amongst all creation.

***It is good that we are here.***

We have come to worship in this nation of the United States of America.

***It is good that we are here.***

We have come to worship at this corner in East Longmeadow.

***It is good that we are here.***

We have come to worship in his house of prayer.

***It is good that we are here.***

And God calls to us, a voice in a cloud.

***Jesus is my Beloved; listen,***

***It is good that we are here to listen together for the Word of God.***

\*HYMN “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” 66

vs. 2-4

(Those with announcements should come forward during the singing of the hymn)

## WELCOME & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### listening for the word

WORD OF GOD

Mark 9:1-10

*The Message*

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us, ***thanks be to God.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***It is good that we are here,  
on this earth, in this country, this town, this sanctuary.  
Sometimes we are afraid and don't know what to say.  
Sometimes we are afraid and say too much.  
Sometimes we are afraid and don't know what to do.  
Sometimes our fear leads us to unhelpful actions. (silent prayer). Amen.***

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with your spirit.***

OPENING THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

MUSIC MINISTRY

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

THE ILLUSTRATED GOSPEL

from *Marked* by Steve Ross

METAPHORICAL MOMENT: *BREAD, BATH AND BEYOND*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

from the Prayer Journal

“Shepherd Me, O God”

TFWS 2058

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.***

\*HYMN

“Shepherd Me, O God”

TFWS 2058

**responding in trust**

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS      “Andate Tranquillo”      from *Sonata III* by F. Mendelssohn

\*DOXOLOGY

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH      “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”      TFWS 2241

\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD AND SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE      “Fuga in a, BWV”      by J. S. Bach

\*congregation standing      congregational responses are in ***bold italic***

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WORSHIP NOTES:

Welcome back Saeah Lee as our guest organist.

BREAD, BATH & BEYOND: METAPHORICAL INVITATIONS

Bread Machine: Are we willing to set our “preferences” for the hands of God to knead and mold us into those whose spirits rise and offer sustenance to a hungry world?

Circo Bath Mat: Our baptism offers us a way to stay in place, grounded in our identity as followers of Christ, but also playfully celebrate this life in Christ because death and despair has no hold.

Fogless Fog-Free Shower Mirror: What if we could see ourselves clearly as messengers of God’s love in this world? Let’s clear the fog and go “beyond belief” to the astounding truth of Christ’s presence in and through each person.

Spa Sound Machine: How do you create time for yourself to hear Jesus' call, to listen to the sounds of invitation and to consider how you might move beyond your current horizon to respond?

Children's safety gate: What are the spiritual practices you have that keep you within bounds, that you need to keep you safely in the knowledge that you live in grace?

Drawer organizer provides easy structure and order to the disarray of a cluttered drawer. Great for socks, accessories, jewelry, or even organizing sewing or office supplies.

Chop-O-Matic– infomercials extol the amazing powers of this device. It's guaranteed fast, easy, and amazing to power through your toughest prep work. Living one's faith makes no such promises.

Nightlight– Turtle Gus is an adorable nightlight which helps children to fall asleep. Gus also provides nightly comfort. It's safe to take Gus to bed, because the nightlight does not get warm and automatically shuts off.

**ushers** Ross Overlock, Linda McGrady

Kelly Stenta, Rose Reis

**nursery** Natalya Yazhbin

**lay reader** Lois Harris

**security check** Bob Ferguson

**2/12 attendance:** 59

## **prayer concerns, ministry opportunities, and notes**

Prayers for:

- JT, John W. D. , Janet G. , Kevin H. , Florence P. , Tom St. M. , PJ , Harriett H.

**It's not too late to sign up. . .**

Join us Saturday, February 25, 5:30 p.m.  
for our Second 2012 Fellowship Dinner

Hosted by the Hutchinsons  
11 Baird Trace, Springfield (adults only)

Child care available in the church nursery.

Appetizers and Dinner will be provided.  
Guests are asked to bring a dessert.



Limited to the first 25 to sign up; sheet to the right of the office door.

## this week

### today

11:15 am Fellowship Time – Hall

### monday, 2/20



#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 am UMW Friendship Circle – St. Marie Parlor

7:00 pm ANNUAL MEETING – Hall

### tuesday, 2/21

4:30 - 7:30 pm

#### PASTOR'S SABBATH

Janet Stabile – Youth Room

### wednesday, 2/22



12:00 pm Taize Prayer Service

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

### thursday, 2/23

6:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal (?)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (?)

7:30 pm AlAnon – St. Marie Parlor

### saturday, 2/25

8:30 - 11:30 am Janet Stabile – Youth Room

5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner – Hutchinson's

### sunday, 2/26

8:35 am Adult/Youth Study - *24 Hours That Changed the World* – St. Marie Parlor

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am UMY Soup Social – Hall

## visitor's corner

WELCOME! Blessing to all on this day of the Lord. A special welcome is extended to guests sharing worship with us. We praise God for everyone who has gathered here today at East Longmeadow United Methodist Church (ELUMC), and we pray that God's Spirit will rest on each person, member and visitor alike, as we worship together.

There are LARGE Print bulletins and hymnals available for those who would prefer to use them.

The ushers can assist with pocket hearing enhancers and childcare. There is a nursery for toddlers and babies, and rocking chairs in the rear sanctuary for parents with infants.

## safe sanctuary



This church is committed to providing a safe place for our children.

## our mission

As disciples of Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit, we welcome the risks involved in following God's call to engage in ministries that raise the level of hope for those who cry out for love and justice.

## statement of inclusion

We embrace God's good gift of diversity and believe all persons are of sacred worth. Therefore, we welcome people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability into the full participation of this congregation. Our passion for a wide welcome of all God's children moves us to participate in reconciling and justice ministries so that we might truly open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

( SUNDAY BULLETIN INSERT )

**DISTRICT PRAYER TEAM**

A prayer team will be in prayer throughout each service. Healing services start at 4 PM and will be Spirit-led, which means the Spirit, not the clock will determine when the service is over.

**Please add these healing services to your daily prayers** and consider forming your own prayer team in each church to collectively seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for these services – holding your District Superintendent, Heidi Chamberland, the District Healing Team and all attending these services in your prayers. **THANK YOU!**

*“No wound is so trivial that the love of God is not concerned with it. No pain is so deep, so long-standing, that the love of God cannot reach it. Every shock, every bleeding wound, every anger and grief is not only encompassed by that love but is also held and transformed by that love.”*  
--Flora Wuellner

*Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:6-7

Whenever you find tears in your eyes, especially unexpected tears, it is well to pay the closest attention. They are not only telling you something about the secret of who you are, but more often than not, God is speaking to you through them of the mystery of where you have come from and is summoning you to where if your soul is to be saved, you should go next.

**Connecticut/Western MA District**

*Healing Services*

**LENT 2012**

*Amazing Grace - Amazing Love*



**Rev. Heidi Chamberland, Dist. Supt.  
and the District Healing Team  
Leading worship around the district**

**4 PM each Sunday**

## ( SUNDAY BULLETIN INSERT )

Scripture strongly affirms the ministry of healing: anointing with oil, laying on of hands, praying for those seeking healing in body, mind and spirit. We read in our United Methodist Book of Worship:

*“The root of the word healing in New Testament Greek, sozo, is the same as that of salvation and wholeness. Spiritual healing is God’s work of offering persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships through confession, forgiveness and reconciliation. Through such healing, God works to bring about reconciliation between God and humanity, among individuals and communities, with each person and between humanity and the rest of creation. James (5:14-16a) calls us also to pray for and anoint the sick, that they may be healed.*

*All healing is of God. The Church’s healing ministry in no way detracts from the gifts God gives through medicine and psychotherapy. It is no substitute for either medicine or the proper care of one’s health. Rather, it adds to our total resources for wholeness.*

*Those who minister spiritual healing are channels of God’s love. Although no one can predict what will happen in a given instance, many marvelous healings have taken place.*

*A Service of Healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but it provides an atmosphere in which healing can happen. The greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God. When this happens, physical healing sometimes occurs, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced, and relationships are healed. For the Christian the basic purpose of spiritual healing is to renew and strengthen one’s relationship with the living Christ.*

*(page 613-614, UMBOW)*

## LENTEN HEALING SERVICES SUNDAY at 4 PM

### *“Amazing Grace - Amazing Love”*

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| February 26th | Wesley UMC<br>55 North Main Street<br>East Windsor, CT             |
| March 4th     | Wilbraham United Church<br>500 Main Street<br>Wilbraham, MA        |
| March 11th    | Niantic Community Church<br>170 Pennsylvania Avenue<br>Niantic, CT |
| March 18th    | Hampden Federated Church<br>590 Main Street<br>Hampden, MA         |
| March 25th    | Bernardston United Church<br>58 Church Street<br>Bernardston, MA   |