



“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy spirit.” Then Paul said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.”

Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.”

– Acts 19:1-4

WORSHIP SERVICE
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2012



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a reconciling congregation

Paul invites the early believers depicted in the Acts story
to go beyond one teaching of baptism
into a fuller understanding of the many layers of meaning in baptism.
He invites followers of the Way into the fullness
of living in the Spirit of Christ available to them.
On this day, we remember our baptism
and affirm the Spirit that lives and moves and breathes through us
offering power and strength beyond what we think we have.

gathering to praise

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

listening for God’s word

WORD OF GOD — “You are My Beloved”

(based on Mark 1:4-11)

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

(based on Psalm 29)

The Holy Voice is over the waters

***but when the waters are rough
our fear can beat a rhythm louder
than the pulsing of the Spirit.***

The Holy Voice is powerful

***but voices of desire, comfort, success and power
call to us seductively and persuasively,
and we turn from God.***

The Holy Voice descends like a dove and hovers over us,
***to speak to us of belovedness and encourage us forward,
but there are times when we prefer to stand still,
when we prefer to ignore the spirit within each of us.
Forgive us. Come to us again. Cleanse us for life anew.
(Silent prayer) Amen.***

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

OPENING THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Theda Cornbower

MUSIC MINISTRY

METAPHORICAL MOMENT: *BREAD, BATH AND BEYOND*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

from the Prayer Journal

TFWS 2058

"Shepherd Me, O God"

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

***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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.***

*HYMN

"Spirit Song"

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Rev. Kelly D. Turney

responding in trust

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

*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

“Down to the River to Pray”

W&S 3164

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

*POSTLUDE

*congregation standing

congregational responses are in ***bold italic***

ushers Don Wood, Kaitlin Leveille
Laurie Conz, Marjorie Stoner
nursery Natalya Yazhbin

lay reader Kelly Stenta
security check Paul Kinney
1/1 attendance: 41



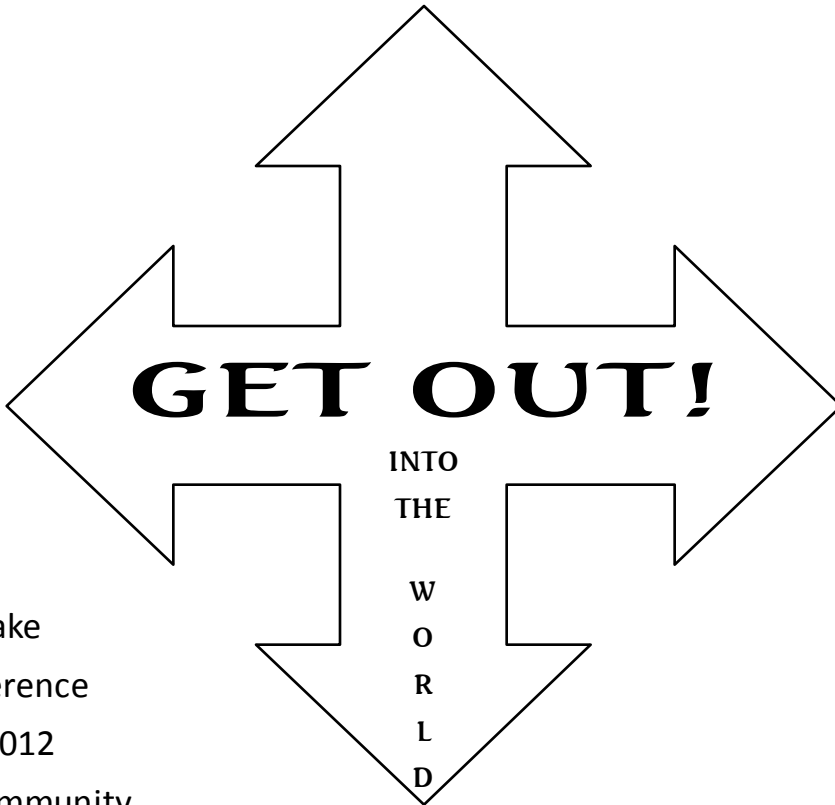
The flowers that beautify our sanctuary this morning are in honor of Norm Heidel, in celebration of his 95th birthday, given by The Grabowski Family.

prayer concerns, ministry opportunities, and notes

Prayers for:

- Scott's brother-in-law, PJ.
- Florence P.
- Those battling with addiction.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Ellen P. who passed away December 23.



Make
a difference
in 2012
in this community.

Organizational Lunch January 29 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Get trained to be in mission on your own or as part of a team.

this week

today

11:15 am Fellowship Time – Hall

monday, 1/9

Pastor Kelly covering for
Glendale/Monson through
January 14
7:00 pm Trustees Team – St. Marie
Parlor

tuesday, 1/10

PASTOR'S SABBATH

10:00 am Covenant Group – St. Marie
Parlor
4:30 - 7:30 pm Janet Stabile – Youth Room

wednesday 1/11

6:30 pm Pastor Kelly at Bishop's Gathering
in New Hampshire through
January 13
10:00 am DCom Interview – St. Marie
Parlor
7:00 pm GAP – Youth Room

thursday, 1/12

6:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm Stewardship Team
7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm AlAnon – St. Marie Parlor
7:30 pm Recovery – Youth Room

saturday, 1/14

8:30 am Men's Fellowship
8:30 am Martin Luther King, Jr.
Breakfast – Springfield Sheraton
8:30 - 11:30 am Janet Stabile – Youth Room
11:00 am - 6:00 pm Kinney Granddaughter's Baby
Shower – Hall & Kitchen

sunday, 1/15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Fellowship Time – 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.