



“Let us make human beings in our image,
make them reflecting our nature.”

Genesis 1:27

WORSHIP SERVICE
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 15, 2012



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The Rev. Kelly D. Turney, Pastor
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a reconciling congregation

Beyond Belief

The people had been waiting so long for a Messiah that it was hard to believe for some that the Savior had come out of a little town like Nazareth, much less the son of a common carpenter.

How can we go beyond our own beliefs and assumptions about where God shows up?
Can we move beyond these to open our eyes to the holy in unexpected places and people?

gathering to praise

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

INTROIT "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" 333

*CALL TO WORSHIP **From MLK's "I See the Promised Land" speech, April 3, 1968*

God's holy church gathers knowing that when the night is very dark,

"Only when it's dark enough, can you see the stars."*

We gather knowing it's alright to talk about the symbolism of "pearly gates" and "mansions of glory," and "streets of gold,"

but it is our calling to make those promises of the kingdom real by

opening the doors to those who feel shut out and lonely,

offering a place of home to those who have none,

making sure there are safe places to walk without fear of hate crimes.

God's holy church gathers to live the promised land and to make it real.

*HYMN "Do Lord" 527

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

listening for God's word

WORD OF GOD John 1:43-51

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

**From MLK's "I See the Promised Land" speech, April 3, 1968*

***Eternal God, we come knowing that all things belong to you,
life, death, the present and future.
Forgive the church, for trusting in the wisdom of this age.
Help us to come as fools who are willing to trust in Your wisdom.
Merciful God, who reconciled the world through Christ Jesus,
open the minds and hearts of an unwilling church to see a new creation.
Help your church to answer the dilemmas of today with
"a kind of dangerous unselfishness."*
Help your church "to rise up with a greater readiness, and stand
with a greater determination."*
Urge us on to be ambassadors for Christ. (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 Have a Dream, a Man Once Said"

W&S 3127

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

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

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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

“We Shall Overcome”

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

*POSTLUDE

*congregation standing

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

WORSHIP NOTES:

While JT is away on medical leave, we welcome Hope Solanis to the chancel to direct our choir and offer her ministry of music. She is a member of the American Guild of Organists and lives in Northampton.

METAPHORICAL MOMENTS:

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.

ushers Kevin Greener, Beverly Kalloch
Don Wood
nursery Natalya Yazhbin

lay reader Diane Chandler
security check Mike Dodson 1/15;
Kevin Greener 1/16 - 21

1/8 attendance: 66



The flowers that beautify our sanctuary this morning are in memory of Ellen Potter who would have turned 77 on January 18, given by The Trustees.

prayer concerns, ministry opportunities, and notes

Prayers for:

- Rachel J.'s track coach and his family. His 18 year old brother died suddenly and unexpectedly January 5.
- Kevin H.
- Janet G. - Hospitalized for tests following an episode of sudden weakness.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- From Beverly P. - Jager's biopsy came back benign. Joseph and Kristeen N. thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and cards. It was greatly appreciated.



*The 1st progressive dinner on January 21 is full—
but you can still sign up for the next one on February 25—
while spaces still remain.*

Annual Meeting



Monday, January 16

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

All are encouraged to attend.

Outreach

Soup

Social



Sunday, January 29

Fellowship Hall

11:15 a.m.

Who Do You See?

Who are the people in the painting shown within the Divine Person? They were chosen at random, Mr. Zdinak tells us, and include several of the members of his own family (three sons, a daughter, and Mrs. Mary Zdinak!) as well as world-renowned celebrities. Some of the better-known people are:



1. Dr. Jonas Salk
2. Robert F. Kennedy
3. Ex-Governor of N.Y. State Averell Harriman
4. Mahatma Gandhi
5. President John F. Kennedy
6. Pope John XXIII
7. Dr. Martin Luther King
8. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
9. Pope Paul VI
10. Pope Pius XII
11. Henry Luce
12. Alexander Graham Bell

In the artist's words, "It really doesn't matter which persons are depicted. We are 'all one in Christ' as St. Paul has told us. Hurting one, we hurt all; helping one, we help all. That is the idea behind - 'In His Image'."

this week

today

11:15 am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Fellowship Time – Hall

monday, 1/16



Church Office Closed

UMW Friendship Circle – St.

Marie Parlor

Church Council/Annual Meeting –
Fellowship Hall

10:00 am

7:00 pm

tuesday, 1/17

PASTOR'S SABBATH

4:30 - 7:30 pm

Janet Stabile – Youth Room

7:00 pm

Worship Team – Pastor's office

thursday, 1/19

Pastor Kelly in Andover

7:30 pm

Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:30 pm

AlAnon – St. Marie Parlor

7:30 pm

Recovery – Youth Room

saturday, 1/21

8:30 am

Janet Stabile – Youth Room

5:30 - 9:30 pm

Progressive Dinner: Paul Kinney,
Bev Kalloch, Church

sunday, 1/22

9:00 am

NCD Survey – Hall

10:00 am

Worship

11:15 am

Fellowship Time – Hall

**Pastor Kelly in New Hampshire
for Lent planning through 1/23**

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.