

Down in the valley the water runs cold
Beyond the horizon
someone prayed for your soul



photo by Larry Turney

It's dark and it's dreary,
I ponder in vain
I'm weakened, I'm weary,
my repentance is plain
Beyond the horizon
o'er the treacherous sea
I still can't believe
that you've set aside your
love for me

Beyond the horizon

the sky is so blue
I've got more than a lifetime
to live lovin' you

—Bob Dylan “Beyond the Horizon”

WORSHIP SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 2012



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a reconciling congregation

The scriptures today tell of the calling of fishermen on the shores of the Sea of Galilee
to leave their work and follow Jesus.
He is calling them to work they probably never in a million years
imagined themselves doing.
For years they had sailed that sea, perhaps never thinking
what was beyond the horizons, beyond the distant shores.
Where is Jesus calling us that just might be beyond the horizons
we now see for ourselves?

gathering to praise

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

INTROIT

“Water, River, Spirit, Grace”

2253

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter this space for worship,
called by God to pray together.

We enter this space for worship,
called by God to share our lives together.

We enter this space for worship,
called by God into Sabbath rest.

We enter this space for worship,
leaving behind the week that has gone.

We enter this space for worship,
***to be refreshed for worship in our daily lives,
to see beyond what we have known.***

We enter this space for worship,
***worshipping the God who calls us ever onward,
who invites us beyond the horizon.***

*HYMN

“O God Beyond All Praising”

TFWS 2009

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

WELCOME & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

listening for the word

WORD OF GOD

Mark 1:14-20

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.***

CALLING OF THE DISCIPLES

Matt's vs from *Cotton Patch Gospel*, a musical by Tom Key

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy God when we hear you calling us onward,
sometimes it can be hard to leave things behind—
things like hurts and grief,
disappointment or success, material possessions,
or a busyness with family and friends that ignores you.***

***We acknowledge that for some of us gathered here,
there might be things we need to leave behind
so we can move forward into your future.***

***For some of us, the concern on our heart
might be those things our church, our community,
and our world need to leave behind in order to move forward.***

***As Jesus called the fishers to leave behind their nets and boats
and way of life to follow and learn from him,
may we discern the things we might leave behind
and to offer them to you this day. (Silent prayer) Amen.***

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

OPENING THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

A GRAPHIC CALLING OF SIMON PETER

Marked by Steve Ross

from the illustrator: *As a practicing Christian, I was shocked at how much I did not know about my own faith when I started researching how I would illustrate the Gospel of Mark. And it was this uncomfortable confrontation with my own*

Biblical illiteracy that altered the course of the project for me. It doesn't take more than a few pages in to realize this is not a traditional, even linear, retelling of the Gospel story. Because, instead of an illustration of the Gospel, as I had originally planned, I chose to respond to the Gospel of Mark.

I wanted my audience to question, to rethink their assumptions about the Gospel story. Anyone who doesn't think the Gospel of Mark is weird, just isn't paying attention. But it's a weirdness that has such truth at its core that it deserves to have that strangeness kept intact, not sanitized away. And if the weirdness makes people question, that is a good thing. Anyone who takes their faith seriously must wrestle with doubt every day. To paraphrase the theologian Paul Tillich, "the opposite of faith is not doubt—it's certainty."

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Two Fishermen"

TFWS 2101

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

"Saranam, Saranam"

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Rev. Kelly D. Turney

responding in trust

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

***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 Summons”

TFWS 2130

*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.

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 offers the sounds of nature help you relax while you work, study or sleep and is great for blocking out background noises. Choose from six soothing sounds—Ocean, Summer Night, Rain, Rain Forest, Waterfall, and Natural Heartbeat. Newborns will be soothed to sleep with the heartbeat option which sounds like a mother's real heartbeat.

ushers Ross Overlock, Linda McGrady
Kelly Stenta, Rose Reis
nursery Natalya Yazhbin

lay reader Theda Cornbower
security check Ted Fisk
1/15 attendance: 69

prayer concerns, ministry opportunities, and notes

Prayers for:

- Janet G. recovering back at home following a probable T.I.A.
- Florence recovering from 2 broken bones

Announcing ... EARLY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING in the Connecticut-Western Massachusetts District

Saturday, March 10, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Trinity UMC, Springfield, MA

2011 brought several disasters to New England, especially in the greater Springfield and Monson area. The New England Conference currently has 79 ERTs with UMCOR badges. We are in urgent need of several more ERTs to help survivors of future flood/winter storm damage in New England, but hopefully no more tornados. Emphasis will be put on Mud-out and debris removal tasks during this training.

There is a \$25 registration fee to cover the cost of Basic ERT manual and ERT T-shirt. Attendees are asked to bring a bag lunch. The Rev. John Blackadar and David Stackpole, UMCOR certified trainers, will conduct this UMCOR training.

To register, please contact Dave Stackpole at 603-465-7885, cell 603-244-0713, or vimnecumc@charter.net. Please provide your name, address, phone number, mobile

phone number, email address and church by email to register. When you register, Dave will send you the information to initiate your background check. The New England Conference conducts and covers the cost of all ERT background checks for laity. Beginning the process in advance of the class will speed up the process of issuing badges—hopefully within one week of the class.

For additional information, please see the bulletin board to the left of the office door.

OUTreach Soup Social
Next Sunday
Fellowship Hall
11:15 a.m.



THE ANNUAL MEETING will take place February 20. If you have not already submitted your report, please send it to the office by Monday, February 6.

this week

today

11:15 am

Fellowship Time – Hall

6:00 - 8:00 pm

UMY Meeting

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

monday, 1/23

6:00 pm

NCD Survey – Hall

6:00 pm

GAP – Dinner at the Hutchinsons

tuesday, 1/24

10:00 am

PASTOR'S SABBATH
Covenant Group – St. Marie
Parlor

4:30 - 7:30 pm

Janet Stabile – Youth Room

7:00 pm

Staff/Parish Relations Team – St.
Marie Parlor

wednesday, 1/25

Pastor Kelly at DCOM – Enfield

thursday, 1/26

7:30 pm

Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:30 pm

AlAnon – St. Marie Parlor

7:30 pm

Recovery – Youth Room

saturday, 1/28

8:30 - 11:30 am

Pastor Kelly at DCOM – Enfield

Janet Stabile – Youth Room

sunday, 1/29

10:00 am

Worship

11:15 am

OUTreach Soup Social – Hall

6:00 - 8:00 pm

UMY meeting

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.