



“I like to say that I never travel without a map, but then none of us do. We all travel with many maps, neatly folded and tucked away in the glove compartment of memory— some of them communal and universal, like our autonomic familiarity with seasonal constellations and the shape of continents, and some as particular as the local roads we have each traipsed. As we navigate on the trip that Dante called “our life’s way,” we are all creating our private maps. . . .

We are not discovering entirely new worlds; rather, we are laying a new set of lines down on a known but changing world, arranging and rearranging metaphysical rhumbs that we associate with successful navigation.

To each, her or his private meridians.

To each, a unique projection.”

—Stephen Hall in *You Are Here*

WORSHIP SERVICE
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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a reconciling congregation

Sometimes we are captured by the boundaries of our own making.
Things have become so toxic in our lives that we are bound, imprisoned, by them.
Today, along with the awestruck worshipping community in the scripture story,
we experience the power of Jesus to call out unclean spirits—
those things that rage within us, limiting our ability to love and grow.
We can lean on the authority of Jesus in our lives to conquer
and be freed to move beyond our boundaries.

gathering to praise

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

INTROIT

“Water, River, Spirit, Grace”

TFWS 2253

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us.

We recognize the voice of our teacher.

Jesus calls with a renewed message.

We are straining our ears for this good news.

Jesus calls a new realm into being.

We hear the call with hope and anticipation.

Jesus calls to a new way of life, beyond the safety of our previous boundaries.

***We will answer the call, we will follow,
we will risk former limits and look beyond the edge of our understanding.***

*HYMN

“God Hath Spoken”

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

WELCOME & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

listening for the word

WORD OF GOD

Mark 1:21-28

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

From self-righteousness that will not compromise,
and from selfishness that gains by the manipulation of others,

unbind us, O God.

From the lust of money or power that drives us to kill,

unbind us, O God.

From the arrogance and thoughtlessness that abuses your good creation,

unbind us, O God.

From trust in the weapons of war and mistrust of the councils of peace,

unbind us, O God.

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about others,

unbind us, O God.

From suspicions and fears that stand in the wall of reconciliation,

unbind us, O God.

From words and deeds that encourage discord, perpetuate racist assumptions,
sexist stereotypes, and classist attitudes—for everything that contributes to oppression,

unbind us, O God.

Forgive us, merciful god, and call out from within us all the things that limit our ability
to love and grow in your ways, that we might be freed to move beyond our boundaries
into your unbounded love.

Unbind us, O God. (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

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

560

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

“Wounded World that Cries for Healing”

TFWS 2177

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

“Be Thou My Vision”

451

*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.

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 gates are an invaluable aid in child-proofing your home, giving you peace of mind as your child builds motor skills along with her natural curiosity. Once mobile, your child will go into all sorts of places so create a safety zone.

ushers Julie Dunlop, Betty Edgett

Linda McGrady

nursery Natalya Yazhbin

lay reader Doug Parker

security check Steve Chandler

1/22 attendance: 55



The flowers that beautify our sanctuary this morning are in memory of Dave MacDowell, given by Kelly Stenta.

prayer concerns, ministry opportunities, and notes

Prayers for: Florence P. , Janet G. , Kevin H. .

Prayers of thanksgiving:

- Joy—a few weeks ago we prayed for Lois' son, Ed, who was about to lose his job. He is starting a new one with a 50% raise in salary.
- Ray K. who turned 94 January 21.

St. Mark's is hosting a mission weekend event over President's Day Weekend, February 18, 19, 20, to help rebuild those devastated by the tornado. We will begin work at 9 a.m. (leaving from St. Mark's) on the 3 days. We will work until around 4, except Monday until noon. Lunch will be provided at the work site. Breakfast will also be available each morning at the church as will supper if anyone wants to come. Applications should be completed by February 10 at stmarksma.org.

this week

today

11:15 am OUTreach Soup Social – Hall
6:00 - 8:00 pm UMY Meeting

tuesday, 1/31

4:30 - 7:30 pm

PASTOR'S SABBATH

Janet Stabile – Youth Room

thursday, 2/2

6:15 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm

AlAnon – St. Marie Parlor

7:30 pm

Recovery – Youth Room

saturday, 2/4

8:30 - 11:30 am

Janet Stabile – Youth Room

8:30 am- 12:30 pm

UMY Grinder Making – Kitchen
& Hall

12:00 - 12:30 pm

Grinder Pick Up

sunday, 2/5

10:00 am

Worship; Holy Communion;
Communion Offering for
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

11:15 am

Fellowship Time – Hall

5:30 pm

Super Bowl Party – Rick & Chris's
House

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.