

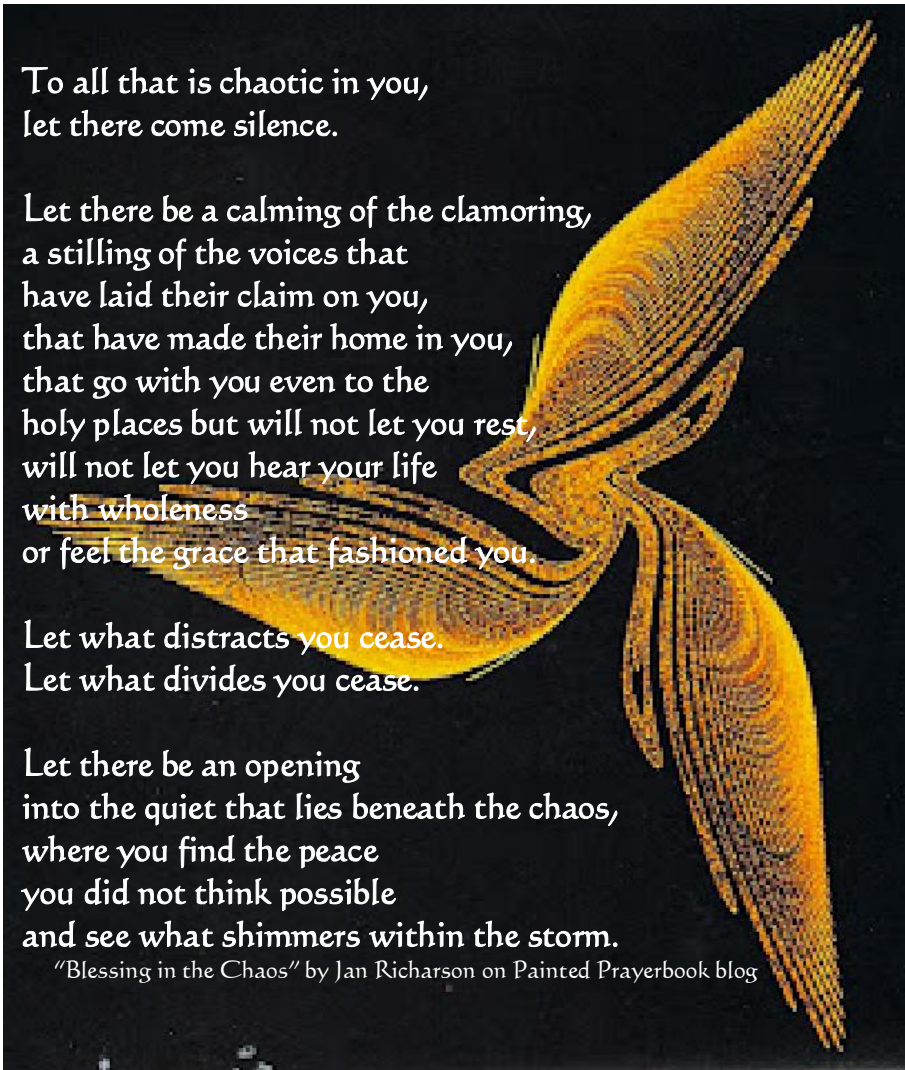
To all that is chaotic in you,  
let there come silence.

Let there be a calming of the clamoring,  
a stilling of the voices that  
have laid their claim on you,  
that have made their home in you,  
that go with you even to the  
holy places but will not let you rest,  
will not let you hear your life  
with wholeness  
or feel the grace that fashioned you.

Let what distracts you cease.  
Let what divides you cease.

Let there be an opening  
into the quiet that lies beneath the chaos,  
where you find the peace  
you did not think possible  
and see what shimmers within the storm.

*"Blessing in the Chaos" by Jan Richardson on Painted Prayerbook blog*



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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
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The Rev. Kelly D. Turney, Pastor  
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*a reconciling congregation*

“The word is out about Jesus’ ministry  
and the throngs are beginning to follow him wherever he goes.  
Can you imagine the chaotic scene at the door of the house where Jesus is staying?  
People who are sick, who are dealing with all sorts of ‘demons’  
not to mention the people with them, worried to death about their loved ones.  
Then Jesus does something we see him do regularly. He slips out.  
In the dark of the early morning he goes to find a place alone to pray.  
When the chaos is just too much, what do we do? Work harder? Worry more?  
Or can we take a clue from Jesus and get beyond the chaos,  
if only for a short while, to remember that God is with us?”

– Marcia McFee

## gathering to praise

### PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

INTROIT

“Jesus Draw Me Close”

TFWS 2159

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Dell, *Celebrate Life*

We are gathered in this special place – this building, this room we call sanctuary,  
this place to see the order of chaos.

***We have come from the world—from our homes, our work, our studies,  
our play. We have come from joy and sorrow. We have come once again  
to be joined in community.***

Why do you make this gathering?

***We gather for worship. This is the place and time we choose to share  
our victories and defeats, our satisfactions and frustrations. We lift them  
up before God and our sisters and brothers as a sign of our life.***

This is the place where we meet the Word of Life.

\*HYMN

“Together We Serve”

TFWS 2175

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

### WELCOME & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

## listening for the word

WORD OF GOD

Mark 1:29-39

*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

***Patient God, there are times when we have been too busy to stop,  
and have hurt ourselves by becoming disconnected from you.*** (Pause)

There are times

***when we have hurried along  
and not seen those on our doorstep reaching out for help,  
for healing, for love.*** (Pause)

There are times

***when the noise of our activity drowned your call,  
the cries of the lonely, the forgotten, the ignored in our community.  
Receive our confession*** (silent prayer). ***Amen.***

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

OPENING THE WORD WITH CHILDREN      “Circle Song”

***Come and join the circle, Come and take my hand.***

***Come and join the circle, Come and be my friend.***

***Gather 'round and see, What the world can be.***

***Come and join the circle, Come and share God's word with me.***

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Be Still”

METAPHORICAL MOMENT: *BREAD, BATH AND BEYOND*

THE ILLUSTRATED GOSPEL: SLIPPING AWAY

from *Marked* by Steve Ross

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from the Prayer Journal

TFWS 2058

“Shepherd Me, O God”

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,***

***beyond my fears, from death into life.***

\*HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" 474

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Rev. Kelly D. Turney

**responding in trust**

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS "O Love How Deep" 267

\*DOXOLOGY 94

***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

HOLY COMMUNION "Come and Find the Quiet Center" TFWS 2128

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup by intinction (dip the bread into the cup). Communion offering goes to *Pastor's Discretionary Fund*.

Please inform the ushers if you cannot come forward to receive, and the servers will bring the elements to you. A gluten-free alternative is available.

\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH "Come and Find the Quiet Center" TFWS 2128

vs. 3

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

\*POSTLUDE

\*congregation standing

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

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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.

Cover: Three-Winged Bird – A Chaotic Strange Attractor. This image records the journey of a system in chaos. A simple non-linear equation went through millions of iterations. As the system evolved in a totally random fashion, over time the shape of the system emerged to reveal the order inherent in chaotic systems, order that is only visible over time and history.

Mario Markus and Benno Hess, Dortmund, Germany.

#### 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.

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

**lay reader** Denise Evans  
**security check** Gary Conz  
**1/29 attendance:** 75



The flowers that beautify our sanctuary this morning are in memory of her husband, Richard, given by Marilyn Burns.

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

Prayers for:

- JT, John W. D. , Janet G. , Kevin H. , Florence P. , Tom St. M. .
- The family of Evelyn R. W. who died January 21. She was the sister of (the late) Wesley R. , long time member, and her family was very active in this church from the 1920’s to the 1950’s.
- Bob F. ’s sister-in-law, Kathy, who is recovering from a broken hip.
- Ellen and Jill (Elizabeth’s DiP. ’s friend) and family. Ellen’s mom, Jill’s grandma, passed away January 27.

## this week

### today

11:15 am Fellowship Time – Hall  
5:30 pm Super Bowl Party – Rick & Chris's House

### monday, 2/6

#### **ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE**

7:00 pm Education Team – St. Marie – Parlor

### tuesday, 2/7

#### **PASTOR'S SABBATH**

4:30 - 7:30 pm Janet Stabile – Youth Room  
6:45 pm Staff/Parish Relations Team

### wednesday, 2/8

1:00 pm East Longmeadow Ministerium – First Congregational Church

### thursday, 2/9

6:00 pm Episcopal Discussion – Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Stewardship Team  
7:30 pm AlAnon – St. Marie Parlor  
7:30 pm Recovery – Youth Room

### saturday, 2/11

8:30 am Pray for Episcopal Process  
8:30 - 11:30 am Men's Fellowship  
Janet Stabile – Youth Room

### sunday, 2/12

10:00 am Worship; Open Pantry Sunday



Education/Carrington  
Scholarship Soup  
Social – Hall

3:00 - 5:30 pm Foundation Event at Wesley UMC  
East Windsor, CT

## 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.