

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 5, 2012

10:00 AM

*The 5th Sunday after Epiphany*

*Rev. Elaine is leading the children in the chapel this morning and will join us later in the service.*

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      *Our Living Church*

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Dirkje F. Legerstee

*One: God of Spirit and flesh, God of heaven and earth, God of grape and grain, we spread our wings in flight toward you. We stretch our arms in need of you.*

**Many: We feed ourselves with gifts from you.**

*One: We thank you for love poured out as we sense your spirit shining in the sunlight, sailing in the winter winds, and singing in the souls of each one gathered here.*

**Many: Come Holy God and recreate us in your image so that our lives might ignite as love to light the world, where despair drowns dreams, and where heavy hearts shiver in lonely cold.**

*All: Come God of Love, let your presence pressing through us infuse our living and the world around us with your joy.*

\*HYMN # 288

*O God of Vision*

LOBE DEN HERREN

\*UNISON PRAYER

**Eternal God, Creator of the universe, we call on you, to meet us here. We give you thanks for making it possible to gather, and to ponder your eternal mysteries. Make us, creatures of this time and space, ready collaborators with your endless grace.**

\*CONFESSION

*One: What do we hold and treasure most?*

**All: Is it the promises of God?**

*One: What captivates our attention?*

**All: Is it the grace of God?**

*One: God of mercy and grace:*

**All: We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable. We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness. Heal us, O God, to make us better healers. Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders. Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression. We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better. Through your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*One: Have you known? Have you heard? Our God lifts us up on eagle's wings, strengthening us so that we won't be weary. The burden of sin is but a far and distant memory for, through Christ, our sins – all of them – are forgiven.*

**All: God is great in strength, mighty in power, and full of endless love for us all.**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE (Tune #611) *Arise, Your Light Is Come***

**Arise your light is come! The Spirit's call obey  
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!  
Arise your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make you strong.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Hebrew Bible	Isaiah 40:28-31	<i>(pew Bible page 583)</i>
Gospel	Mark 1:29-30	<i>(pew Bible page 813)</i>

ANTHEM	<i>Lamb of God</i>	Twila Paris
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MEDITATION	<i>God's Shelter</i>	Rev. Dr. Dirkje F. Legerstee
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SERVICE OF RESPONSE

**\*HYMN REFRAIN # 77                      *On Eagle's Wings*                      ON EAGLE'S WINGS**  
**And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of my hand.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Pedro Silva

SUNG RESPONSE #30

*Masithi*

MASITHI

**Amen, we praise your name, O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

**Amen Ba-wo, Amen Ba-wo. Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation:

Offertory

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Robert E. Kreutz

\*DOXOLOGY (*Unison*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Most loving God - as you give yourself to us in Christ we now give ourselves to you. We give you our bodies as vessels for your Spirit; our souls to be made pure by your grace; our hearts that we may always love you; and our minds that they may always be filled with your wisdom. Receive our hearts and what we offer in service to you. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*(Note: The crackers in the round container on each communion plate are gluten-free for those who cannot eat bread that contains gluten.)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Leader: We are not alone, we live in God's world.*

**People: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

*Leader: We trust in God.*

**People: We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

*Leader: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.*

## INVITATION

## DIALOGUE

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

**We freely give God thanks and praise.**

It is right and good, beautiful and holy that we should, in ceaseless joy Give our thanks and praise to you, Holy and merciful God, Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. And so, in grateful procession of endless praise, with the church that is, was, and shall be forever, we glorify you, joining this unending song:

SUNG #111

Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)

SANTO

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Rev. Dirkje: Holy are you, Eternal One. You sit above, through, within the circle of the earth setting light into being, casting the stars in the sky, founding the evolving earth and all that dwell within it.

Rev. Elaine: Limitless is your power, and great is your wisdom. You look upon the lowly as your most cherished creatures. You visit upon the downtrodden with presence, Grace, and the promise of eternal justice.

Pedro: You sent to us your own child, Jesus, who reached into unexpected places, calling women beyond the limits of their times, equipping men for nurturing love, welcoming children into your holy embrace.

## PRAYER

Dear God, you transform. You transform all that is before you so that at the touch of your grace. We are never the same. Dear God, you illumine. You bring light to all peoples Light to the nations Light into our hearts Light on your Way. Dear God, we pray for your Spirit. Transform, illumine, bless. Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us. In so doing, hold us as your own. Renew us as your people, for the sake of the world you love. For all honor and glory are yours, O God, Through Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation Both now and forever.

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Debts*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence. We have been led, Eternal One, by your light. May we bask in this glow now and forevermore. Amen**

\*BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*Go Ye Now in Peace*

Joyce Elaine Eilers

**Go ye now in peace, and know that the love of God will guide you. Feel his presence here beside you showing you the way. In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you, know that the Lord will never leave you. He will bring you courage. Know that the God who sent his Son to die that you might live will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world. Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Recessional*

Gilbert M. Martin

Worship notes: Parts of this worship were adapted from UCC Worship Ways, Epiphany 5. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

**Liz Phelps** serves as liturgist.

The communion servers are **Linda Borlund, Linda Birch, Ed Newton III, Carolyn Bent** and **Lynne Caldwell**.

**Melanie Borglund** and **Pam Faustine** are Deacons of the week.

**Brett Borglund** is Trustee liaison.

**Join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs following worship**

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Bereavement: Susan Cochrane and family upon the death of her sister-in-law, Kathleen Reed.

New Prayers: Justine Lovely; Charlie Flood; Richard Nichols; Lisa DeArmond Wagner; Jen Keeler; Monica Osborn and son Christopher; Amy and daughter Lily (friends of Gen Benton); Susie Moore (Carol Moore's sister).

Continued Prayers: Jeremiah & Jayson Goodall (Wendy Roberts' nephews); Bill Goodall (Wendy Roberts' brother); Parker Uhlman (Nancy Uhlman's husband, Doug Uhlman's Dad); The family of Bruce Blackmer (friends of Justine Lovely); Audrey Birch (Dick & Linda Birch's sister-in-law); Michael Newton (deployed to Afghanistan); Sheila Currie (dear friend of Mary McLeod); Renee Jansen (sister of Deb Boucher's sister-in-law); Michael Black (good friend of Steve & Diana Swets); Dirkje's mother-in-law (recovering from hip surgery); Beverly Campbell (friend of Nancy Walker); Fran Kelly (Megan Huber's mom); James Hight; Ruth Burke and her children (friends of Kathy and Gabe Leblanc); Jose and Zoila Del Cid (friends of Carolyn Bent); Jamie (Judy Ellis' son); Adam Bent and wife Amanda (Carolyn Bent's nephew); Thalia Genes and Susan Tobias (friends of Phyllis Newton); Joanne & Jim Gingras; Joan Jacobs.

Bolton Manor: Richard Clapp.

Beaumont: Shirley Hero (recovering from hip replacement); Marge Lightbody.

**Reach out and Send a Card:** Would you please reach out and send a warm greeting, a kind thought or prayer to *Dick Clapp, Bolton Manor, 400 Bolton Street, Marlboro, MA 01752*. It would surely brighten his day.

Visitation Request: If you have a prayer or visit request, please note it on the "A Note to the Pastors" card in the pews and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a Deacon. You can place prayer concerns on the church's email distribution list at [epayers@uccwestboro.org](mailto:epayers@uccwestboro.org). If you would like a prayer request included in today's service, please let a Deacon know prior to the start of worship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ALL CHURCH SAFE CHURCH TRAINING EVENT – FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 7pm

The Congregational Church of Westborough affirms that our church will provide a safe, secure environment for all who worship and participate in fellowship and ministry. What does it mean to provide a "safe church" in actual practice? To learn the answer to this question, the Congregational Church of Westborough with the help of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ will be offering a learning / training event on the evening of Tuesday, February 28, 2012 in our church; specifically in the Fellowship Hall; starting at 7:00pm. The well being and safety of our Church depends on everyone's participation. Subsequently, we are asking everyone to attend, including youth and workcamp participants. Please put this important date on your calendar today!

Your Safe Church Committee, *Dana*

## GROCERY CARD SALES



2012 Goal: \$12,000

2012 YTD Sales: \$904.25

**Valentine's Day:** Be sure to use your Stop & Shop or Roche Bros gift card to purchase cards, flowers, sweets and more for your special someone. If you're going out to dinner, both grocery stores have a wide variety of gift cards to restaurants. **On sale:** Grocery cards are available each Sunday after worship, at Kirkside during office hours, or add your name to our delivery list. Thanks! Sue Menzel 366-1268, Sally Petersen 366-5159 or [sbpetersen4@gmail.com](mailto:sbpetersen4@gmail.com), Nancy Quimby 898-3463 or [nquimby11@charter.net](mailto:nquimby11@charter.net)

### JAZZ SERVICE – FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, February 12, the Congregational Church of Westborough, will hold a Jazz Worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Music Director Curtis Richardson has announced that Willie Sordillo, Jazz Worship director from Old South Church in Boston and renowned jazz performer, will return to the church with his alto saxophone. Soloist will be Westborough High School senior, Sara Purcell, who regularly performs in vocal and theater groups. The church's Chancel Choir will also participate. All are welcome! For more information, please call 508 366-2000 or visit [www.UCCwestboro.org](http://www.UCCwestboro.org).

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT – FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>

The Music Committee is delighted to invite you to another concert this winter, celebrating African American history. This year we will be inviting several Church Choirs from the community and surrounding areas to join us for this special event. It will be held Sunday February 26th, at 4pm. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted to benefit the Music Ministry. Refreshments will be available in the Vestry following the end of the concert.

### CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

**TODAY - February 5<sup>th</sup>** – *Communion Sunday*

Children in Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend the Communion Service with their Families.

Children in Grades k-3<sup>rd</sup> should meet in the Chapel and can be picked up in the Church School Classrooms after the service.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** – *Jazz Service*

Children in Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend the Jazz Service with their Families

Regular Church School Classes will be held for grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>.

**February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** – Combined School Vacation Week Classes

Following the "Children's Word" children in grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> will meet together in the K/1 and 2/3 classrooms. Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Kerygma Room (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> classroom).

## CHURCH SCHOOL – CONT'D

### *Exciting New Curriculum Coming in March:*

**“Deepening Communion” with Pedro Silva** - Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and SENIOR HIGH welcome!!!

**“What’s So Amazing About Polar Bears” – Teaching Kids to Care for Creation** – Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>

Volunteers are needed to help with both of these special programs. Contact Kathy Reynolds ([kreynolds118@comast.net](mailto:kreynolds118@comast.net)) to volunteer for one or more Sundays in March.

**Save the Date – June 10<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Sunday Service – Presentation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles and more!!!**

**THE EVANGEL** – Deadline FEBRUARY 15, published FEBRUARY 22.

**BULLETIN** – deadline WEDNESDAY

**HOSTING COFFEE HOUR** – call **Linda Borglund** 870-5784.

**BAPTISM** – Call the church office 366-2000 or speak to a Deacon.

**SUNDAY GREETERS** – Contact **Linda Birch** 870-9911.

**LITURGIST** – Contact **Lynne Caldwell** 366-7635.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** – Sign chart in the Vestry or call **Chris Mosher** 366-2250 or **Nancy Gage** 366-9266.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** – For a member or friend who needs meals, call **Betty Gray** 366-1039.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Call **Rich Lord** 366-3835 to serve on church boards or committees.

*The Rev. Dr. Dirkje F.Legerstee, Interim Pastor - [dlegerstee@comcast.net](mailto:dlegerstee@comcast.net)*

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*Office hours: Mon. Tue. Thur. 9am-2pm; Wed. Fri. 9am-1pm*

*General Church email – [WestboroUCC@Verizon.net](mailto:WestboroUCC@Verizon.net)*

*Church web site [www.UCCwestboro.org](http://www.UCCwestboro.org)*

*U.C.C. web sites - <http://www.macucc.org> (Mass Conference) & <http://www.ucc.org> (National)*

*Our vision: Embodying Compassion, Embracing  
Change, Growing Together in Faith and Love  
(May 2011)*



**CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Feb 5</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>
10:00 AM	Worship & Church School
11:30 AM	Deacons/Kerygma Room
4:00-8:00 PM	GSA/Vestry
<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>Monday</b>
6:30 PM	Search Committee/Board Room
6:30 PM	Women's Fellowship Pot Luck Supper/Vestry
7:30 PM	AA/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Kirkside
<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	(Cribbery in use)
7:00 PM	BSA/Vestry
7:00 PM	Missions/Board Room
7:30 PM	Festival Ringers/Bell Loft
<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	(Cribbery in use)
9 AM – 3 PM	Weaver's /Vestry & Classrooms
4:00 PM	"Journey Home"/Choir Room
6:00 PM	Confirmation Class/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
1:00 PM	Staff Meeting/Board Room
4:15 PM	Parkman Bells Rehearse
5:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearse
6:30 PM	Christian Ed/Kerygma Room
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Friday (no scheduled events)</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
9:30 AM	GSA/Vestry
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
10:00 AM	Jazz Worship (grades 4-8 remain for worship) Church School for K-3 <sup>rd</sup> only
11:15 AM	Congo Kids and Jr. High Youth Group
11:15 AM	Music Committee/Kerygma Room & Sanctuary 1:15
2:30 PM	Beaumont Service
3:00-5:00 PM	Concert Rehearsal/Choir Room
5:00 PM	BSA Leadership/Board Room

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

West Main & Church Streets, Westborough, Massachusetts



WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!

Our mission is to create a safe place to worship God, and to honor and explore God's promises, fulfilled in Jesus Christ; where Christ calls us to transforming relationships; and where we embrace gifts of the Spirit and build them into a ministry of love, care, acceptance, diversity, grace and hope within our church, our community and beyond.

