


Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
4th Sunday of Epiphany
February 2, 2025


 Reflection -

 Prelude – Silent reflection to prepare your hearts for worship.
Announcements / Welcome to Worship

 Introit

 Call to Worship

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,
All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
**All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt
with the power of grace.**
One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
**All: Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!**

  Hymn *A Prophet Has A Lonely Task* (Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)
Tune NC# 306 “The Church of Christ in Every Age

A prophet has a lonely task — to help the world to see anew,
To name injustice, then to ask what God is calling us to do.



On city streets among the poor, in places spoiled for oil or coal,
At yet another time of war, a prophet seeks the nation's soul.

O Lord, you taught us: Hear their shout! Receive their call to turn from sin!
When others seek to shut them out, the church must welcome prophets in.

For in our welcome, Lord, we'll find a living faith, a new world-view,
A life more peaceful, just and kind, a church that gladly welcomes you.

  Unison Prayer of Invocation

Emmanuel, we welcome you in our midst. You amaze and inspire, challenge and convict, comfort and fortify. May we be open and receptive to your voice and presence among us. Let your words encourage us to be prophetic, passionate, and public in our ministry as we praise and honor your name. Amen.

  Doxology *tune Old 100th SL#7*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.



 Anthem *For He Has Done Marvelous Things*

 Moment for All Ages

 Scripture Reading p. 75 Luke 4:21-30

 Message *Walking the Edge* Rev. Elisa Lucozzi



  Communion Hymn *Come to the Table of Grace*

Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace...

Come to the table of love..

Come to the table of hope...

Come to the table of joy...

Service of Communion

Pastor: The Holy One be with you

People: And also with you

Pastor: Open your hearts to the One who is Love

People: We open our hearts to you, O God

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God who takes risks for love

**People: For the courage of the Holy that lives in us,
we give thanks**

Pastor: Throughout history, O God, we have struggled to claim the power you have given us. Destructive forces within and around us make us question your call upon our lives. We turn ourselves over, in ways ordinary and remarkable, to what is. To what has been. To the familiar.

But you have created us for so much more. In Jesus, we saw a life lived in all its potential. In all its Sacred power. Life that is abundant. Love that was creative, and fervent for justice.

We saw, too, the consequences of living as if the Kingdom were close.
And so we wonder.

People: If we live with such courage, what will we lose?

Pastor: In proclaiming truths that confront unjust power, do we stand a chance of survival?

**People: How will it go for us,
if we are willing to risk everything for love?**

Pastor: You have never promised us safety,
but you have shown us what is possible.

The Spirit brings new life even to places of death. Jesus, knowing the dangers ahead, still did not cave to the threats of power or give in to the temptations of the popular. There was nothing he would trade for his love of the suffering and betrayed, not even his own life.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around table with his companions. His friends. His beloveds in the struggle. Even the one who would turn him over to the cross. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to all of them and said,

“This is my body which is surrendered for you. Take, eat, and re-member me.”

Sharing the Bread

After the supper, he did the same with the cup, saying, “This is a symbol of the new covenant. Drink in re-membrance of me.”

Sharing the Cup

Pastor: In remembering the life of Jesus, we remember what he taught us about ourselves – about the power God has given us.

We remember that God enfleshed is Good News that feeds, that protects, that heals, and delivers. We remember the words he spoke: “whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these.”

And so we pray, pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, O God. Through these gifts, fill our hearts with courage to believe the Kingdom is within us, to live boldly in pursuit of love that liberates, and to follow the Wisdom that leads from the margins. Blessed be this meal of hope.

Unison Prayer after Communion

God, we give you thanks! For this meal that nourishes us in body and spirit. For a taste of your dreams. For the earth that gifts us these resources. And for these bodies of ours through which you take on flesh. May our gratitude produce faithfulness and our faithfulness produce justice. Amen.



Prayers of the People – Help/Thanks/Wow

One: Now we come to the time where we lift up our prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow. Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Does anyone have any prayers they would like to lift up?

After each individual prayer request...

One: Loving and beloved God

Many: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer List

One: Let us read the first names of those on our prayer list.

Prayers of healing and hope for...

DANIELLE Dennett, member
JASON Pratt, brother of Danielle Dennett
PHYLLIS Widelo, sister of Mark Thornhill
NIKO Sinodinos, husband of Maria Yorgakopoulou
ELAINE Donaldson, friend of Marion, Bonnie and Patty
LAINE Gootee, sister of Darren Sallee
PATTY Cotton, friend of the community
JEAN Miemerstorf, niece of Anita Hickey
LORRAINE Spencer, member of the congregation
OLLIE Bishop, member of the congregation
LAURA Vachula, friend of Lynn Cooper
BRENDA Hodge, sister of Mark Thornhill
BRENDA Pelc, neighbor of Jackie and Larry Didier
KIMBERLY Start, daughter-in-law of Deb Barthelette
KATHY Bergeron, friend of Wendy Wilcox
DON Eddy, member of the congregation
RUTH ANNE Bennett, friend of Kathy and Mike Robbins
JEAN Stawarz, friend of the Scrabble Club
DENNY Preston, cousin of Betty-Anne Gould
TERRI Toner, friend of Mikki Nevins
DONNA Burns, cousin of Julie Holt
ANN O. Jones, friend of Wendy Wilcox
DON Fox, friend of the community
RUSSELL Johnson, cousin of Steve and Julie Holt
CHARLIE Karns, cousin of Julie and Steve Holt
JOE Jankowski, friend of the Robbins/Carriveau family

After the Prayer List is read...


One: Loving and beloved God

Many: **Hear our prayer.**

Silent Prayer


Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer NB#G-6 (any version you wish)



 **Response:** Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

Offerings of the People – Time, Talents, Treasures, and Testimonies

 **Piano Offertory**

  **Hymn of Praise SL#40** *We Praise Thee, O God*

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee.
We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.

  **Prayer of Dedication**

  **Hymn NC #575** *O For a World*

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.


 **Benediction**

 **Passing of the Peace**

  **Cong Response SL #785** *God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

  **Postlude**



 *Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.*

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Guest Minister - Rev. Elisa Lucozzi
Pianist - Michele Feldheim
Greeters -  Maureen Dempsey and Rick Tracy
 Louise and Mike Raymond
Lay Reader - Erika Subocz
Zoom Tech- Bob Miller
Coffee Hour - Maureen Dempsey and Rick Tracy
Flowers - Julie and Stephen Holt

This Week at the Church...

Today - Memorial Service for Bernie Florek
Monday 7pm - WaS
Wed-Fri-Sat - Food Pantry – see website for hours
Thursday 7pm - Choir
Friday 7pm - AA

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

February 2 ★ - Wendy Blow, Carla Lussier,
Niko Sinodinos
February 4 ★ - Elam Miller
February 5 ★ - Sue Tracy Small
February 6 ★ - Billi Willard
February 7 ★ - Mike Robbins