



Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ

an Open and Affirming Congregation

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023



Organ Prelude

Announcements/Welcome/Introit

↑ Call to Worship (H=Hill Side, V=Valley Side)

H: Come now, come into the House of the Lord!

V: **Come just as you are, you are always welcome here!**

H: Come and worship God - Parent, Spirit and Jesus!

V: **Come to celebrate your joy,
Come to lay down your pain, burdens, fears and sorrows.**

H: Come and be soothed by the Peace of Christ
which surpasses all understanding.

V: **Come now, let's worship together
that we may go forth from God's Holy House
bearing Christ's Peace to all we meet! Amen.**

↑ Hymn *This is a Day of New Beginnings* NB #B-3 / Insert

↑ Unison Prayer of Invocation

Gracious Lord of Life and Wonder, hear the prayers of our hearts, and lead us forth into the coming week in the trust that You walk with us, in this week, and always!

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

↑ Gloria #9

Anthem

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:12-23 p. 4

Message [Prophets Need Sturdy Shoes](#)

↑ Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations* Insert

Pastoral Prayer One: Lift up your hearts
Many: **We lift them up to God.**

Prayers of the People – response following individual prayers:

One: Loving and beloved God

Many: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer List

Silence Prayer

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

Responding with our Pledges and Offerings

Offertory

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

↑ Prayer of Dedication

↑ Closing Hymn *I Am the Light of the World* Insert

↑ Benediction

↑ Passing of the Peace

↑ Cong. Response *God Be With You* #785

Organ Postlude

↑ Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so



Remember in Prayer...

Prayers of healing for...

DANIELLE Dennett, member
JAIMEE, friend of Ashleigh Norris
DAVE Laprade, brother-in-law of Marion & Charlotte
KIM Johnson, cousin of Stephen and Julie Holt
TAMMY Bailey, cousin of Kelly Challet
JUSTIN Fuller, son of Bob and Deborah Fuller
ELLEN Gill, friend of Mikki and Buddy Nevins
TERRY Smith, cousin of Mikki Nevins
PHYLLIS Widelo, sister of Mark Thornhill
ELIZABETH Barcomb, friend of the community
JEAN Braley, sister of Jackie Didier
AIMEE Gould, cousin of Stephen and Julie Holt
MEL Rodrigues, friend of Bob and Pat Miller
JENNIFER Sullivan, friend of Peter Gilbert
MEGAN Kenary, friend of Mikki Nevins
RUTH Bishop, member of the congregation
PETER Laurent, brother of Mary Barber
KATHY Sherman, friend of Clare Overlander
ANITA Aloisi, friend of the community
NIKO Sinodinos, husband of Maria Yorgakopoulou
LAURIE Martell, sister of Audrey and Richie
SU-CHEN Chang, friend of Maria and Niko
ANN Philbert, friend of Maria and Niko
LARRY Didier, member of the congregation
DONNA Kuenzel, friend of the Carriveau and Robbins family
EVELYN Lapointe, friend of the Carriveau family
ANNE Lambert, mother of Julie Holt's co-worker
BETTY Marks, friend of Betty-Anne Gould
JAY Holland, son-in-law of Larry and Jackie Didier
JEFF Hammons, father of Julie Nevins
CAROL Smith, friend of the congregation
and everyone on the Prayer Tree

Announcements...

The 2022 Annual Reports are printed and available for you to take home for your review this week in preparation for Annual Meeting next Sunday, January 29 after worship and a potluck luncheon. Please plan to participate in Annual Meeting - your voice and input are vital!

Please see the sign-up sheets in the dining room for the Potluck Lunch next Sunday before the Annual meeting and for our upcoming Cot Shelter meal on February 7. Thank you for whatever you can contribute!

Welcome ... to the Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ. We are an open and affirming church and we are happy you are here. We hope that you receive some blessing from our worship and fellowship this morning. **To join online via Zoom: Press Ctrl and CLICK HERE, OR visit zoom.us, click Join a Meeting and enter Meeting ID: 321 069 9076 and Passcode: 248423. OR to join by phone, dial 1-646-558-8656, then enter Meeting ID and Passcode.**

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Worship Participants

Ministers -	People of the church
Interim Minister -	Pastor Greg Briggs
Guest Minister -	Rev. Clare Overlander
Organist -	Marcia Sullivan
Greeters -	↑ Wendy Blow and Marion Miller
Greeters -	↓ Cheryl Fuller Malinowski
Lay Reader -	Janice Tracy
Coffee Hour -	Cheryl Fuller Malinowski
Flowers -	Lori and David Ingraham
Zoom tech-	Bob Miller

Upcoming Church Events

Today -	2022 Annual Reports printed and ready
Today -	Sign-up sheets for Cot Shelter and Potluck Lunch
Wed/Fri/Sat -	Food Pantry – see website for hours
Thursday 7pm -	Choir
Friday 7pm -	CE's Bunco Game Night
Friday 7pm -	AA meeting
Next Sunday -	Potluck Lunch and Annual Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 22 ★-	Ashleigh Norris
January 25 ★-	Joanne Brooks
January 27 ★-	Pavel Tabec-Pringle, Emmett Stith
January 28 ★-	Bob Greene, Maddie Jenkins
January 28 ♥-	Kelly Challet and Ian Stith

This is a Day of New Beginnings

This is a day of new beginnings,
Time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference,
As faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
To show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings -
Or God is making all things new.

For the Healing of the Nations

(Tune: God of Grace and God of Glory #720)

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase; fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundance living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span; may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find; earth its destiny may find.

I Am the Light of the World

(New Century Hymnal #584)

*Refrain: I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love,
You'll find the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.*

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the sages and the shepherds
Have found their way home,
The work of Christmas is begun: *Refrain*

To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal the broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children
With warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below, the sky above! *Refrain*

To free the prisoner from all chains,
To make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations
With strength of good will,
To see all God's children everywhere! *Refrain*

To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in
An old person's heart,
And sing to the colors of the earth! *Refrain*

