




Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
January 12, 2025

 **Reflection** - *Do you bow your head when you pray
or do you look up into that blue space?
Take your choice, prayers fly from all directions.
And don't worry about what language you use,
God no doubt understands them all.*
~ from "Whistling Swans" by Mary Oliver

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

 **Introit**

 **Call to Worship**

One: When we pass through the turbulent waters of our lives,
God declares

Many: I will be with you.

One: When we pass through the fires that rage, refining us,
God declares

Many: I will be with you.

One: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth
or down to the depths of our souls, God declares

Many: I will be with you

One: So come let us worship God
who has named and claimed us

**Many: Let us worship God whose love never fails,
whose presence never leaves,
whose mercies never end.**

 **Hymn NC #164** *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! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones, and comfort those who mourn.


Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

 **Unison Prayer of Invocation**


O God of all revelations, in this season of Epiphany we remember with joy how you revealed Jesus to be your Child after his baptism and how you anointed him with the dove of the Spirit. We gather amazed at your power and glory, eager to worship you. By your grace may we answer with enthusiasm when we hear you calling our name. May we eagerly approach the river of baptism and renewal, knowing that you have blessed us with your claim upon our lives. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love and strengthen us to proclaim your justice in this world. Keep all of us who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to our calling as your people and faithful to our name as Christians. We pray in 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** *The Light of the World is Jesus (SL #429)*

 **Moment for All Ages**

 **Scripture Readings** p. 822 Isaiah 43:1-7
p. 73 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message *Named and Claimed* **Rev. Carrie Bail**

 **Hymn** *Be Not Afraid*

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always,
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side.
Know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

Blessed are the poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you! *Refrain*



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
LAINÉ 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
BARRY Flanders, member of the congregation

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 #168** *O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word*

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,
Eternal love revealed in time;
Come, make your home within our hearts,
That we may dwell in light sublime.

Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,
Too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world;
Your radiance bathes with power to heal.

Your glory shone at Jordan's stream,
The font where we were born anew.
Attune your church to know you near;
Illumine all we say and do.

O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
Our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
As stars once led the way to you.

↑ **Benediction**

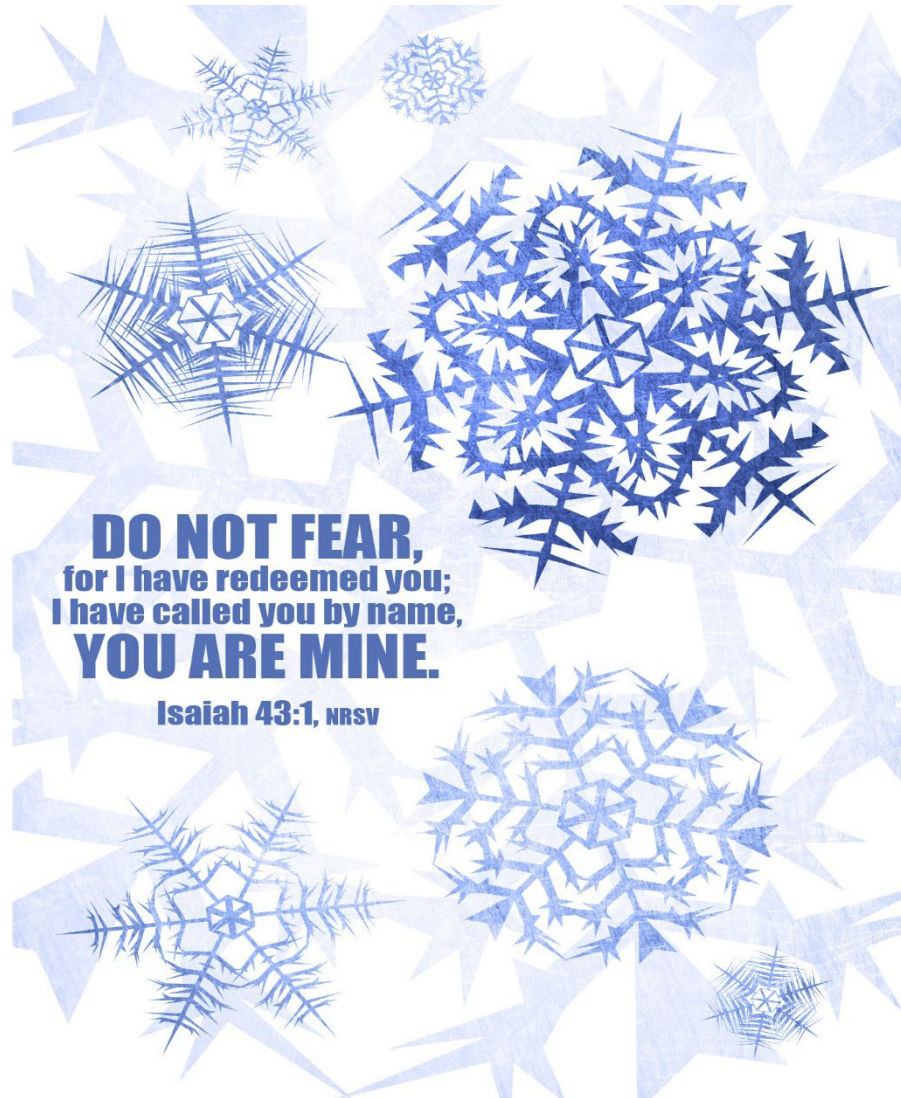
↑ **Passing of the Peace**

↑ **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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Worship Participants

Ministers - People of the church

Guest Minister - Rev. Carrie Bail

Pianist - Michele Feldheim

Greeters - ↑ Dolores and Mark Thornhill

↓ Wendy Blow

Lay Reader - Sarah Madden

Zoom Tech- Bob Miller

Coffee Hour - Rhonda and Jeff Brooks

Flowers - Kate and Jason Johnson

This week at the church...

Wed-Fri-Sat - Food Pantry – see website for hours

Wed 3:15pm - Good Works

Wed 6pm - WOW

Thurs 6pm - Transition Team

Thurs 7pm - Choir

Fri 7pm - AA

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

January 12 ★ - Emi Estelle, Ishmael Jeffords

January 13 ★ - Gauge Clark

January 14 ★ - Payton Norris

January 17 ★ - Todd Alexander



The rosebud on the altar is in honor of the birth of Camden Eli Calcagni on December 23, son of Jennifer Milikowsky and Tylan Calcagni. Camden's big brother is Calvin, and his proud grandparents are Dan and Sharon Milikowsky and Bob and Carol Calcagni. *Welcome, little one!*