

JANUARY 21, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WORSHIP AT WESTFIELD

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to complete the care pad in your pew.

Peace be with you. And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,
we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,
as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,
we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,
we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,
we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

INVOCATION

You call us,
Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,
inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors
into the uncharted waters of faith
to wander off from our predictable paths to
follow You
into the unpredictable footsteps of the
kingdom;
to leave the comfort of our homes and
accompany
You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods
we usually avoid.

As we wait,
in our simple, sometimes crazy,
constantly uncertain lives,
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:
of that hope which is our anchor;
of that peace which is our rock;
of that grace which is our refuge.

Amen.

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN UNITY
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,
THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

GATHER

*PLEASE RISE
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

1. Lord, you have come to the lake-shore look - ing nei - ther for wealth - y nor
2. You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat car - ries no gold and no
3. You need my hands, full of car - ing through my lab - ors to give oth - ers
4. You, who have fished oth - er oc - eans, ev - er longed for by souls who are
wise ones; you on - ly asked me to fol - low hum - bly. O Lord,
weap - ons; you will find there my nets and la - bor.
rest, and con - stant love that keeps on lov - ing.
wait - ing, my lov - ing friend, as thus you call me.
with your eyes you have searched me and while smiling have spo - ken my name; now my
boat's left on the shore line be - hind me; by your side I will seek oth - er seas.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Amid the noise, confusion, and chaos of life, our souls long for quiet. God longs for us to return to that safe place found in the presence of our Lord. Trusting in our refuge-providing God, let us pour out our hearts before the Holy One:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Salvation,
we seek refuge in all the wrong places.
We place our confidence
in taking things from others,
instead of delighting in
what we receive from you.
We set our hopes on fame and worldly possessions,
instead of relying on your grace and steadfast love.
Almighty Deliverer,
rescue us from our delusions.
Save us from our foolish choices,
and guide us in the better way.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

This is the time of God's favour,
God's grace continues to proclaim
release to the captives,
sight to the blind,
Good News to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.

We live as loved, forgiven and free people
through the grace of God!
Hallelujah! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE Walk in the Light

6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

We'll walk in the light! The beau - ti - ful light!

6 Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright!

10 Shine all a - round us by day and by night.

14 Je - sus the Light of the world!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Family of God

You're invited to offer signs of welcome during the interlude.

6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God

5 I've been washed in the foun - tain, wrapped in God's love!

10 Joint heirs with Je - sus as we trav - el this sod;

14 For I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

All are invited to sing as the children come join the pastor in the front of the sanctuary.

Jesus Loves Me

2/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

Je - sus loves me this I know. For the Bi - ble tells me so.

5 Li - ttle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.

9 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

13 Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so!

Children 5th grade and under wishing to take part in Sunday School may leave at this time.

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

THE MESSAGE

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message."

Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed.

A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee's sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed.

RESPONSE TO READING

Through this scripture, God is still speaking. **And we are listening.**

THE SUMMONS



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

9
 Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

18
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

26
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SERMON

THE REV. DR. JONATHAN CHAPMAN

SHARING OF CONCERNS

For all these persons
and all who are in need.
Hold your people near, O God.

SHARING OF JOYS

We give thanks to God
for these blessings.
Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER TWO FISHERMEN



INVITATION TO GIVE

Let's give with joyful hearts, that others may benefit
from the Gospel of Jesus Christ and God's realm be made real.
We will now collect the morning offering.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY ACCEPT, O GOD, THE GIFTS WE BRING

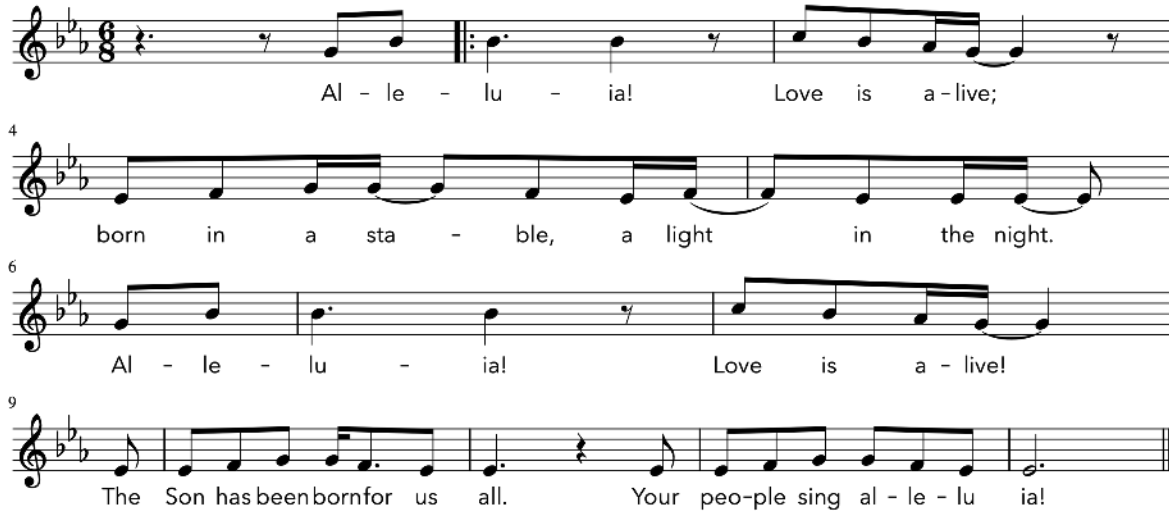


WE BEGIN OUR LIFE OF
RESPONDING TO THE
GOSPEL THROUGH
PRAYER AND OFFERING.

RESPOND

*PLEASE RISE
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*COMMUNION RESPONSE Alleluia! Love is Alive!



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...praise your name
and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

THE FRACTION

THE INVITATION

SHARING THE FEAST

*You'll be invited forward, from the outside aisles, front to back, then the inside aisle from back to front.
Take a piece of bread from Rev. Jonathan (Gluten-free available) then a cup of juice from the corner closest
to your seat. Drop your empty cup in the baskets staged at the corner columns.*

SEND

GOD BLESSES US AND
SENDS US FORTH IN
MISSION FOR THE
WORLD.

*PLEASE RISE
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*WE ARE CALLED

1.Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
2.Come! O-pen your heart! Show your mer-cy to all those in fear!
3.Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

9 We are called to be light for the king - dom,
We are called to be home for the hope - less,
God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er

14 to live in the free-dom of the ci - ty of God!
so all ha - tred and blind-ness will be no more.
as sis - ters and bro - thers u - ni - ted in love!

20 We are called to act with justice, We are called to love ten-der - ly,

29 We are called to serve one a - no - ther; to walk hum-bly with God!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**CHOCOLATE
BAZAAR MEETING
TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

**RAMEN COLLECTION
BY JANUARY 28**

**VALENTINE'S
CHOCOLATE
BAZAAR
FEB. 11**

**PARTY GRAS
PANCAKE SUPPER
FREE! FEB. 13! 5PM!**

TAKE NOTE

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**GET YOUR ASH IN CHURCH
ASH WEDNESDAY
FEB. 14 AT 7PM**

BYOB

**BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE
BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAYS, 6P**

**FARMERS' MARKET AT WESTFIELD
FIRST/THIRD SATURDAYS**

**SOUP ON SUNDAYS
SUNDAYS, 5P**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

LAY LITURGIST:
Bert Sharpe

GREETER:
Andrew Curtin

COUNTERS:
Elaine Smith, Linda Pacecho

OFFERING:
Judy Haines, Sandra Alvord,
Marc & Lu Poitras

Communion Servers
Missy and Savannah Bryer
Jay Bartholomew, Andrew Curtin

OUR FAITHFULNESS

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
150

AVERAGE THIS MONTH
150

YTD INCOME
\$9,472.86

BUDGET NEEDED
\$16,983

**THE ONE LINK
THAT RULES
THEM ALL!**



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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

We LOVE kids at Westfield. Children are welcome to stay through the whole service. If your child is more active, relax! We believe God put the wiggles and giggles in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of worship. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

THE REV. DR. JONATHAN CHAPMAN



The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman graduated from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in May 2019 with his Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Witness and Proclamation. His capstone work, *The Year of Mark*, received the People's Choice Award among his cohort. While at Candler for his Master of Divinity (May, 2010), he was active with the Office of Worship, and was awarded the Hoyt Hickman Award for Outstanding Liturgical Scholarship. Jonathan is a 2007 Congregational Fellow and 2006 Undergraduate Fellow with The Fund for Theological Education. He graduated from Elon University in 2007 with a degree in Religious Studies. At Elon, he was selected as a Leadership Fellow and was awarded the W. L. Monroe Christian Education and Personality Award in the 2007. While at Elon he joined Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ, the congregation in which he was ordained.

Jonathan joined Westfield in October of 2012 and was officially installed as Pastor and Teacher in May of 2013, presiding over its revitalization. In October of 2022, he celebrated a decade with Westfield.

He was selected to be a part of the Next Generation Leadership Initiative, a program sponsored by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ that works with young clergy committed to parish ministry through a decade-long relationship. Dr. Chapman consults with congregations on a variety of topics ranging from revitalization to worship to marketing their churches. He married his husband, Greg (pastor of Enfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Enfield, CT), in December of 2014 at Westfield. Jonathan is an award-winning stained glass artist.

Rev. Jonathan's Onsite Hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-12pm. His additional work days are Sunday and Monday, when he is available by appointment. His days off are Friday and Saturday.

Find time with Rev. Jon by scanning the QR code or going to calendly.com/revjonchapman

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Ministers
Pastor
Director of Welcome
Director of Music
Director of Children
Church Administrator
Facilities Caretaker

All of the Congregation
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman
Kevin Williams
Sue Theroux
Donna Bartholomew
Jessica Payette
Michelle Plasse