# JANUARY 19, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY **VORSHIP AT WES** SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Please take a moment to complete the care pad in your pew.

Peace be with you. And also with you.

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service. Thanks be to God.

#### PRELUDE

### INVOCATION

We have come to worship God, the living God, Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

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We have come to praise God, the almighty God, Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God, Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

O God of all goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you. You crown us with steadfast love and mercy. Reveal yourself to us in this moment. Let us know your presence so that we may bless you: Bless you, O God! Bless your holy name! Amen.

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#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

We are baptized as individuals, yet called to live and serve together. We know, and need to confess, how we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others, and seeing them as parts of Christ's Body. Join me as we pray, saying,

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rock of our salvation, we know the faults we try to hide from you and others. We have not cared for all people in the same way. We do think some are more gifted, or better, or prettier. We are more willing to rejoice with someone, than to suffer with another. We are not sure the prisoners should be set free, or the poor given hope. Redeemer of all people, forgive us. Anoint us with your Spirit's power so our eyes might be opened and our ears freed to listen to what Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, teaches us about your love and grace for our lives.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

God's Spirit is upon us: the Spirit of forgiveness, the Spirit of grace, the Spirit of oneness. Today, and in all the days to come, God's Spirit is with us. Thanks be to the One who is our joy and our strength. Amen.

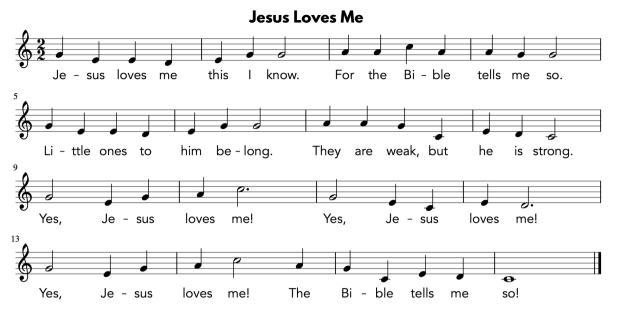




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CHILDREN'S TIME All are invited to sing as the children come join the pastor in the front of the sanctuary.



Children under 6th grade wishing to take part in Sunday School may leave at this time.

#### EPISTLE LESSON NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

#### THE MESSAGE

What I want to talk about now is the various ways God's Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were when you didn't know God, led from one phony god to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it? It's different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. For instance, by using your heads, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say "Jesus be damned!" Nor would anyone be inclined to say "Jesus is Master!" without the insight of the Holy Spirit.

God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful:

wise counsel clear understanding simple trust healing the sick miraculous acts proclamation distinguishing between spirits tongues interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.

#### **RESPONSE TO READING**

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

#### SERMON MR. KEVIN WILLIAMS

#### **SHARING OF CONCERNS**

#### **SHARING OF JOYS**

For all these persons and all who are in need. Hold your people near, O God. We give thanks to God for these blessings. **Thanks be to God.** 

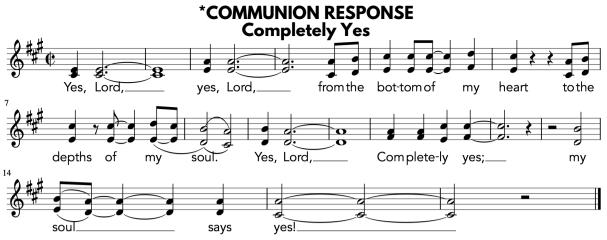


#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### **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.

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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.

#### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

We praise you loving and eternal God for your love of all people expressed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for his commitment to justice, his zeal for true worship of you and his willingness to replace all other sacrifices with the sacrifice of his own life. In his name we offer you our worship. Amen.

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> \*PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

#### \*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS FAITHFULNESS





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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.

While Rev. Jonathan is on call 24/7, his onsite Hours are Monday - Thursday, 9am-12pm. He is available Sunday 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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