

Lexington United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – Roxbury Food Cupboard Collection

WORDS OF CONTEMPLATION

*The prophet who dares to speak out against public opinion
is indispensable to the church.*

- Francis J. McConnell, Religion Today, 1933

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

You Are Mine

David Haas

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen and hear the words of Christ.

Many: We listen, we learn, we experience.

One: Watch and witness the power of God.

Many: We watch and see how the captives are freed.

One: Rejoice and know the power of the Spirit.

All: We gather in awe and wonder.

* HYMN

Wounded World that Cries for Healing

#2177

(The Faith We Sing)

[As we sing, please bring forward your gifts for the Roxbury Food Cupboard.]

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

OPENING PRAYER

God of power and might, when your awesome presence was too much for your people to bear, you sent prophets to guide, to teach, and to call us back to the ways of life. In the fullness of time, you again dwelt powerfully with your people, sending your Son Jesus to open our eyes, that we might see your ways anew; to open our hearts and minds that we might understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. Amen.

(Abingdon Worship Annual 2012, p. 27)

HYMN OF THE WORD

You Are Mine

#2218 (*The Faith We Sing*)

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God who sent the prophets of old, and sends us prophets today, be with us. Open our minds to all that we see, hear, and feel. Give us the wisdom to hear the prophetic voices of our day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
p. 174 (NRSV pew Bibles)

RESPONSE TO THE LESSON

One: God's Word for all of God's creation.

Many: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino
Chancel Choir

Giuseppe Pitoni

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28
p. 34 or 1180 (NRSV pew Bibles)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Many: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Prophetic Pondering

Rev. Leigh Dry

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

What Gift Can We Bring

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

*When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?*

*This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!*

*When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!*

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

* PASSING THE PEACE

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Leader: God in your mercy.

People: Receive our prayer.

The Jesus Prayer

O God, who is in all places, we celebrate your utmost holiness.

**May your ways of life be how we live and think and act –
in this world, and beyond.**

May we seek for this day - only our needs, and no more,

**And we ask that you forgive us the wrong we have done but only as
much as we also offer such grace to others.**

Protect us, God, from all that would separate us from your love.

And lead us away from all that creates evil for us and for all others.

**We pray this, God, in awareness of your transcending love and your
reconciling presence which redeems and empowers us, together,
now and forever. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN

We Are Called

#2172

(The Faith We Sing)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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* Please stand in body or spirit.

Lexington United Methodist Church

An inclusive and reconciling congregation

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WELCOME

We especially welcome all visitors and newcomers. We invite you to make yourselves known to the members and pastor of the church, to sign the guest book in the Narthex and to join us in Martin Hall for refreshments and fellowship following the worship service. We greet you in the Lord's name, and are glad to have you with us.

To all who are young and need counsel; to all who are strong and want a task; to all who are lonely and want companionship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are sinful and need a Savior — to whomsoever will: this Church opens wide its doors and, in the name of Christ our Lord, says, Welcome.

PRAYER LIST

New additions to the prayer list are in bold typeface. To add or remove a name from the list, please advise Rev. Dry or Allyson.

Todd Bergman, Claire Carlson, Bonnie Codier, Jack Dunn, Allen Garland, Bill Grabow, Muriel Grimes, Jim Hogan, Cathy Jepson, Louise Kreutziger, Lenn Murphy, Steve Mosiello, Allyson Printz and family, Bill Santelmann and Don Walker.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Damon Hobson

Sound Booth: Rainer von Saleski and Dave Dry

Sound Technician: Bernice von Saleski

Godly Play: Lara Anthony, Mark Thompson

Nursery Care: Janet Atkins, Pisha Chen

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Sunday, Januar 29 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Roxbury Food Cupboard Collection

- 8:45 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care; *Godly Play*
- 10:00 am Youth Group
- 11:00 am Fellowship in Martin Hall
- 11:30 am 11th Hour for Adults and Youth
- 3:00 pm Lexington Choral Festival (Hancock Church; free)

Monday, January 30

- 7:30 pm Ad. Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 1

- 9:30 am Bible Study: *Invitation to Genesis*
- 7:15 pm Bible Study: *Invitation to Genesis*

Thursday, February 2

- 7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 5 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - Holy Communion

- 8:45 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care
- 11:00 am Fellowship in Martin Hall
- 11:30 am Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **11th Hour for Adults and Youth** continues today with the *Living the Questions* video and discussion series. You can drop in for any session.
- **Photo Directory:** We have received the first proof from Olan Mills and they seem to have lost quite a few photos. The photos we do have are of the Andrews, Anthony, Atkins, Chin/Chen, Corson, Dry, Einstein, Fraser, Garing, Hager, Hawk/Parks, Herndon, Hobson/Gomes, Hogan, Linton, Marcum, McLeod, and Santelmann families. If your family is not on this list and you have not sent a picture or had your picture taken this month, please see Bernice after worship in Martin Hall to get your picture taken.
- **Bible Study *Invitation to Genesis*:** Please join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays. Choice of meeting times: 9:30 am or 7:15 pm.
- **Lexington Choral Festival:** Choirs from several Lexington houses of worship (including LUMC) will participate in this annual “wow!” event which will be held at 3:00 pm at Hancock Church (1912 Massachusetts Ave.) today. Free admission.
- **Join us for Scouting Sunday on February 12** when will recognize the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts in our congregations. We invite all former Scouts (Eagle, Boy, Girl and Cub) to participate during Worship by sharing a favorite memory or what was most meaningful about being a Scout. We look forward to hearing your stories!