

# Wellesley Village Church

*Congregational † United Church of Christ*



**November 15, 2020**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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10:00 AM

PRELUDE Two variations on "Amazing Grace"  
David Carrier, organ

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sean Patrick Coady

DOXOLOGY Congregational Church of Weston  
& Wellesley Village Church Sanctuary Choirs  
David Carrier, organ

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Michaela McDonald

HYMN OF PRAISE "Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"  
David Carrier, organ  
Will Farrell, Celeste Godin, Kevin McDonald, Vera Savage, voice



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and  
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round holds  
3 For God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice still

press with vig - or on; A heaven - ly race de - mands your zeal,  
you in full sur - vey; For - get the steps al - read - y trod,  
calls us to the race; And God's own hand still gives the prize

and an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.  
and on - ward urge your way, and on - ward urge your way.  
with nev - er - end - ing grace, with nev - er - end - ing grace.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Bob Feeny

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**RESPONSE SONG**

"Fantasy Impromptu, Op. 66"  
Constance Ramsauer, piano

*Frederic Chopin*

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 25:14-30

Christie Baskettt

**SERMON**

"Investing in the Good News"

Sean Patrick Coady

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

"Yes, Lord"  
Ed Broms, piano & voice

Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, Lord,  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, Lord.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

Sarah Sarchet Butter

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

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Long Walk to Heaven”  
Ed Broms, piano & voice

*Marty Stuart*

Well, I'm one day  
One day closer  
Than I've ever been before  
One mile  
One mile further  
Down this tired and weary road  
This old world  
Is full of some trouble  
So many heartaches  
I have known  
Like a pilgrim  
I keep on moving  
'Cause this world  
Is not my home  
It's a long walk  
It's a long walk  
It's a long walk to heaven  
And I'm too close to turn around  
Sometimes every mile's a mountain  
And each step  
Lord, I'm counting  
Until I see the lights beyond  
That crystal sea  
Lead me on  
Lest I falter  
Until I kneel down  
At your altar  
Then father please, oh please, oh please  
Have mercy on me, well (well) well (well)  
Well, it's a long walk  
It's a long walk  
It's a long walk to heaven  
But I'm too close to turn around  
Turn around, to turn around

OUR COMMON LIFE & OFFERINGS

Bob Feeny

Offertory

GREETINGS FROM SHARING MINISTRY

Jen Beachell & Jack Beachell

CLOSING HYMN

“Be Still My Soul” Village Church Sanctuary Choir  
David Carrier, organ

1 Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear pa-tient-  
2 Be still, my soul: for God will un-der-take to guide in

ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to  
fu-ture days as in the past. Your hope, your con-fi-

or-der and pro-vide; in ev-ery change God  
dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious

faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your best e-ter-nal  
shall be clear at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still

friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
know how Je-sus' pow-er ruled them long a-go.

**BENEDICTION**

Sean Patrick Coady

**POSTLUDE**

“America the Beautiful”  
David Carrier, organ

*Katharine Lee Bates*

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*Remember to join us by Zoom for Coffee Hour following virtual worship at approximately 11 am.*

*The link is found here or from the website home page and the weekly enews Village News.*

## **Today's All Church Harvest Fest has been Canceled**

In keeping with state and local guidelines, and following the guidance of our Reopening Task Force, we have made the decision to cancel all in-person gatherings until December 1st. This decision is the result of careful consideration and the desire to ensure the safety of our communities, and to model responsible behavior during this complicated season. Those groups that can meet virtually on Zoom are encouraged to do so. Please watch the Enews and Family Life Enews for further information. Stay safe, and stay connected.

## **Annual City Mission Coat Drive: "Coat Boston"**

*Sponsored by the Village Church Service Ministry*

*Collection deadline: Today*

In 2019 Village Church donated 252 coats! Let's "up the number" in 2020!! New and unused winter coats will be collected and donated to Boston schools and organizations to serve Boston youth. Coats are needed in all sizes: children, teens and adult sizes for men & women.

You may drop off/hang coats on the coat rack outside the Village Common doors - under the portico - between 9am and 2pm Monday through Friday. Or you may send a personal check or gift card for "Coat Boston" to: City Mission, Inc., 185 Columbia Road, Suite 317, Dorchester, MA 02121.

## **Village Church Dads**

*Tues., Nov. 17, 7pm*

All WVC Dads are invited to this fellowship group. Please email Bob Furlong at [bobfurlong@bulfinchgroup.com](mailto:bobfurlong@bulfinchgroup.com) for details and location.

## **Monday Night Zoom Book Group**

*Mondays, 7:00-8:00pm*

This season, we will be reading "[Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God](#)" by [Kaitlin B. Curtice](#). A citizen of the Potawatomi Nation, and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice's exploration of her own identity raises critical questions about race, identity, and how we might expand our own Christian thinking to be richer and more inclusive. Please email [bob@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:bob@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) if you're interested.

## **Thursday Night Zoom Bible Study**

*Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm*

It's not too late to join our Zoom Bible Study of Paul, which kicked-off last Thursday. We're reading N.T. Wright's Paul: A Biography, alongside many of the Apostle's letters. We will discuss questions of authorship and authority, genre and context, and the theological implications of Paul for us now. Those interested should email Bob at: [bob@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:bob@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) and pick up a copy of N.T. Wright's book.



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