

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 2, 2020

10:00am

Hymns can be found in the New Century (black) hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

The ushers are here to welcome and assist you, and provide water, tissues and cough drops at the back of the sanctuary. Children are always welcome to worship with their parents, enjoy the Pray Ground at the front left of the sanctuary, use the Family Worship Room just outside the sanctuary, or attend Children's Church.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 70 "God is Here! As We Your People Meet"

During the final verse, children are invited to join the pastor on the Chancel steps.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Children may leave for Children's Church, which concludes at 11:15am.
Parents will find Pre-K through 5th grade on the 2nd floor and Middle School on the lower level.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Feeny

All: Holy God, you have told us what is required of us, that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly beside you. Help us, O God, to discern the paths that lead us into your redeeming love. Empower us to show that love to others, as we lay before you our prayer of confession...*silence.*

One: God of goodness and grace – we need you now. Walk beside us, we pray. Through Christ our savior, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Church, we come to God in confession already knowing that our forgiveness is assured. You are forgiven and beloved, now as always, and forever more!

All: We proclaim that God is gracious and abundant in love. May the love of God overflow from our hearts and from this place, and may it go forth among us to bring healing and resurrection to all of Creation. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The peace of Christ be with you, **All: and also with you.**

Please stand as you are able and share a greeting of peace with one another.

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:1-12	<i>Pew Bible p.785</i>
SERMON	“Blessed Imagination”	Diane Seaborn
*HYMN NO. 292	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	

OUR VILLAGE LIFE AND OFFERINGS

*Please sign and pass the fellowship book, which is located at the end of each pew.
In the blue folders are prayer request slips, connection cards, and offering cards
for your use; please place them in the offering plate.*

Moment for Stewardship		<i>Dan Garrison</i>
Offertory	“Bread of the World”	<i>C. Griffith Bratt</i>

***Doxology and Presentation**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is Christ’s open table and all who wish to partake are welcome!

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

***The Gift of the Bread and Cup**

*If you are in the center of the sanctuary, come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you are in a side transept, a server will be at the front of your area.
Gluten free bread and cup are offered by the piano. If you prefer to receive a blessing in words instead of communion, cross your arms over your heart.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 315 "O Word of God Incarnate"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Moderato"

Felix Mendelssohn

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*You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude,
when the pastor charges us to
"Go in Peace".*

*ALL ARE INVITED to share in coffee and conversation
in Village Common, located through the doors nearest the pulpit.*

*The **chancel flowers** are given today on behalf of the Vision 2020 Steering team,
in thanks to the entire congregation, guides and scribes, writers and pastoral staff
for your faithful commitment to Vision 2020.*

*If you are visiting, looking for a church home or want a smaller group with whom to connect,
please fill out a pew pad, speak with a pastor
and stay for coffee and conversation with our members.*

*Our **Communion Bread** today was baked with love and care by the Village Bread Ministry. We
welcome you to join this ministry; there are many opportunities to help and no experience is
needed! Bread is forgiving and yeast its own miracle. For more information, please contact
Genanne Kissinger(genanne@verizon.net).*

TODAY

- 9:00am **Worship, Chapel**
Diane Seaborn, Bob Feeny
Trond Undheim, lay musician
- 10:00am **Worship, Sanctuary**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Diane Seaborn, Bob Feeny
David Carrier, Director of Music
Childcare, Family Worship Room
Children's Church & Joyful Noise, Sanctuary, pick up Upper Rm, 11:15am
Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room, pick up Youth Rm, 11:15am
- 11:15am **Coffee and Conversation, Village Common**
- 11:30am **Chapel Chat: Vision 2020 Reveal 2, Burt Chapel**
- 12:00pm **High School Youth Group returns from Retreat**
- 7:00pm **No High School Youth Group Tonight**

Art For His Children

Central Street Welcome Gallery

Please visit the gallery of paintings! All paintings are available for purchase and all proceeds will benefit For His Children. For more information, please contact Bobbie Suratt at bobbiesuratt@gmail.com.

For His Children Hats and T-Shirts Donation Drive

Do you have any gently used hats (i.e. baseball caps) or brand-name T-shirts that you would be willing to donate? Next Sunday in worship, we will commission the team of Village Church volunteers who will travel to Ecuador on the For His Children trip and spend time with children living in orphanages in Quito and Latacunga. The group will fill their suitcases with Baseball Caps and T-Shirts to be donated to the orphanages, who are able to sell them at yard sales and raise funds to support their work. Please bring any Hats and T-Shirts with you to church by Sunday, February 12.

For His Children Mission Trip

Please pray for WVC members as they travel to Ecuador to serve at For His Children's orphanages Feb. 16-22. Commissioning of travelers will take place in worship next Sunday.

VISION 2020 CHAPEL CHATS: VALUES, MISSION AND VISION REVEAL!



Today at 11:30 am

Join us in the chapel after 10am worship today to learn about the proposed Vision 2020 values, mission, and vision statements. These are brief statements that capture our highest common values and vision/mission as a congregation and will fuel and inform the actions that define Village Church in 2020 and beyond.

The Vision 2020 Writing Team has faithfully worked to create a vision and mission for Wellesley Village Church based on the distilled themes that emerged from the small group sessions, as we sought answers to the following questions:

- What are our core principles? (values)
- Who does God call us to be? (vision)
- What does God call us to do? (mission)

The Chapel Chats are a time for our community to review and reflect on the written words before congregational approval is sought to formally accept the values, mission, and vision. The next phase will involve an Implementation Team, who will identify, prioritize and recommend specific initiatives and ways to align our resources to accomplish our vision/mission. The chats are also a wonderful opportunity to reunite with your small groups to hear how your voices have been incorporated into our future. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP 2020

"Pick Your Party" and Join Us!

Among the wonderful ways to reflect on and bear witness to some of God's many blessings that we share is to gather with other members of the Wellesley Village Church congregation! The Stewardship Committee enthusiastically invites you to RSVP to christine@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for one of the following "Pick Your Party" gatherings:

- **Tea @ North Hill, Feb. 6, 4:30pm - 6pm** . Tea hosted by Alice Polley. An invitation will be forthcoming.
- **Saturday, Feb. 8, 7pm - 9pm @ Village Church**. Can't make the January dates? Come to the final party at Village Church!

Please return Stewardship Pledge Cards by mail or in worship by Feb. 9, 2020. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING

"Soup is Love" Annual Meeting & All Church Lunch

Sunday, Feb. 9, 11:15am-1pm, Lower Level

As an expression of the Congregational covenant of membership, all members are invited to participate in the Congregational meeting next Sunday. Please come! RSVP's requested. Please email Meg Sweeting at: meg@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT 2020

Ash Wednesday - February 26 - 7pm

Lent 1 - March 1

Lent 2 - March 8

Lent 3 - March 15

Lent 4 - March 22

Lent 5 - March 29

Palm Sunday - April 5

Maundy Thursday - April 9 - 7pm

Good Friday - April 10 - 12pm & 7pm

Easter - April 12 - 7am, 9am & 11am

*You are invited
to the
Ordination
of
Diane Seaborn
Sunday, February 23 at 3pm
Your presence and prayers are appreciated.*

*Reception following in Village Common
Hosted by Village Churchwomen*