

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

10:00 am, Sunday, February 23, 2020

Transfiguration



We Are an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.

Whoever you are, wherever you are on the journey of life and faith,

we are delighted you are here!

We extend to all a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God.

God Calls You by Name, and So Do We

Please wear a nametag; temporary stickers are available and anyone may request a permanent nametag anytime.

*Visitors, we want to help you connect with our community.
Please complete a Connection Card found in the blue folders,
sign the pew pads and introduce yourself to a pastor.*

*Following worship, all are invited to stay for refreshments
and conversation in Village Common.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 23, 2020

10:00 am

Hymns may be found in the New Century (black) hymnal or in this bulletin.

*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, or attend Children's Church.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

SCRIPTURE PROCLAMATION Matthew 17:1-9

*OPENING HYMN NO. 184 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

During the final verse children are invited to gather at the chancel steps for the baptism,

After, children may leave for Children's Church, which concludes at 11:15am.

Parents will find PreK-5th grade on the 2nd floor and Middle School on the lower level.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today is

Alexander James Long

son of Jennifer Macarchuk and Jeffrey Long.

Invitation to the Font

Covenant Promises of the Parents

Covenant Promises of the Congregation

Deacon: Will you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to this child who is about to be baptized?

All: We will, with the help of God. With this sacrament we welcome this child into the fellowship of Christ's church. We promise to receive him as a child of God, nurture him in Christian faith, and grow with him in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Blessing of Water

Baptism

Deacon: See what love God has for us, that we should be called children of God.

All: Holy One, we thank you for Alexander; bless him and keep him, now and forever. Give him faith and strength for life's journey, the joy of fellowship, the freedom to love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Introduction to the Family of Faith

SUNG RESPONSE NO. 328 "Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed" vs. 1

**Wonder of wonders, here revealed;
God's covenant with us is sealed.
And long before we know or pray,
God's love enfolds us every day.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Feeny

One: Holy One, You reveal the glorious light of your love in Jesus, and invite those who would be transformed by love to listen to him.

All: How often we fail to listen, distracted by our own thoughts and plans. We speak too quickly, and often our words hurt others. We focus on our own desires, and often we ignore the needs around us. We follow our egos and wills, and often we create a mess. Our failure to see your image in all people has created injustices in our world and fractured the human community. Our failure to love your creation has injured the earth. Hear our confession, Lord, and forgive us. *(silence)*

One: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear your beloved Son, Jesus, as his life and teachings reveal your truth and grace.

All: In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Wonder of wonder, here revealed: God's love is incarnate in all who love and serve one another. Friends, it is good news we share: God's radiant grace claims us as beloved children and makes of us a family in Christ.

SUNG RESPONSE NO. 328 "Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed" vs. 4

**Now we our vow of faith renew,
Stretch wide our sights to global view,
And claim with Christians far and near
A larger family held dear.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Please stand and share a greeting of peace with one another.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 24:12-18 pew Bible p. 62

ANTHEM "Lord God of Abraham Praise" Felix Mendelssohn
Blair Mellow, soloist

SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 1:16-21 pew Bible p. 988

SERMON "Brightened and Lightened"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 158 "O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright"

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.*

Offertory "Come My Way, My Truth, My Life" Harold Friedell

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life!
Such a Way as gives us breath:
Such a Truth as ends all strife, such a Life that kills Death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength!
Such a Light as shows a feast,
such a Feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart!
Such a Joy as none can move,
such a Love as none can part, such a Heart as joys in love.*

*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

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 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. 182 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Center Fugue XXI (Well-Tempered Clavier, Book II)"
An-Dan Thi, pianist

J.S. Bach

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

Thank you to our guest pianist today, An-Dan Thi.

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*ALL ARE INVITED to share in coffee and conversation,
hosted by Cynthia Sibold, Jen Beachell, Keri Hughes & Santa Wiryaman, a Vision 2020 group.
Village Common is located through the doors nearest the pulpit.*

*The chancel flowers today are given by Nancy Calderwood
in celebration of the ordination of Diane Seaborn.*

*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.*

TODAY

- 9:00am **Worship, Burt Chapel**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Bob Feeny
Russell Hornung, pianist, John Hargrave, Vocals
- 10:00am **Worship, Sanctuary**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Bob Feeny, Caroline Boynton
David Carrier, Director of Music
An-Dan Thi, pianist
Childcare, Family Worship Room
Children's Church & Joyful Noise
 Pre-K & K, Sanctuary, pick up Upper Level at 11:15am
 Grades 1-5, Sanctuary, pick up Village Hall at 11:15am
Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room, pick up Youth Rm, 11:15am
- 3:00pm **Ordination of Diane Seaborn**
- 7:00pm **High School Youth Group, Youth Room**

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.

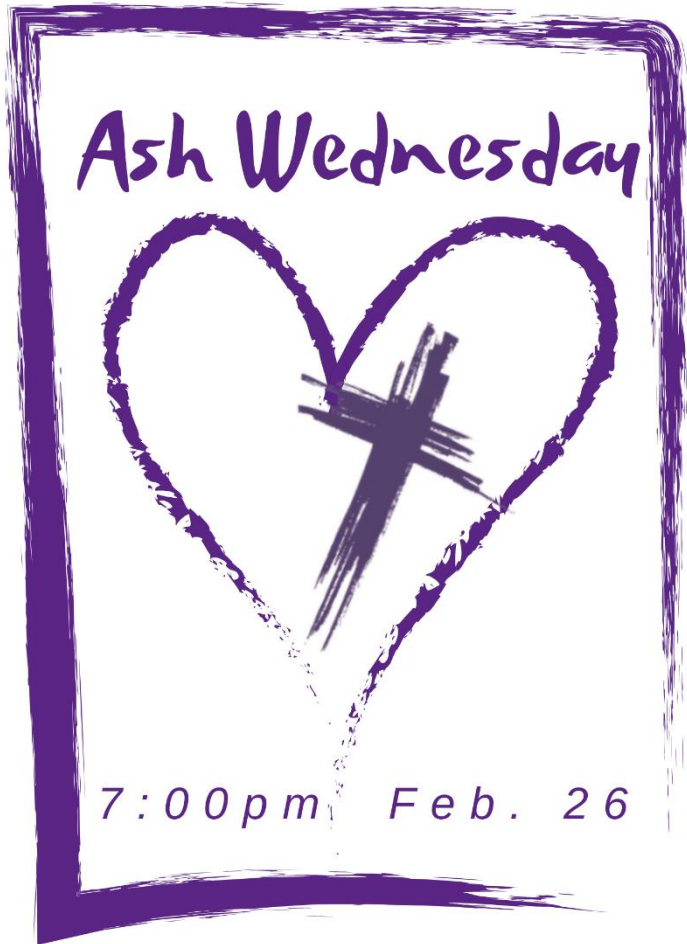
For those of you who have made a pledge, we thank you! If you have yet to make a pledge, please return your Stewardship Pledge Card by mail or in worship today. Thank you!

*You are invited
to the
Ordination
of
Diane Seaborn
Today at 3pm
Your presence and prayers are appreciated.*

*Reception following in Village Common
Hosted by Village Churchwomen*

You are invited to wear red, as it is the liturgical color of celebration! WE also invite folks to bring a donation of socks, which will be distributed bby the Outdoor Church in Cambridge to folks in need. A free will offering will be taken during the service to benefit the Metropolitan Boston Association scholarship fund for future seminarians.

COMING UP - ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



Spirit Lead Me

"What are you doing here, Elijah?" That's the question God asked Elijah, and it's a question we all wrestle with at times. Your pastors invite you to join us on a Lenten journey of discernment and discovery. "Spirit Lead Me" is a small group study, centered in scripture, and grounded in the reality that if we are willing to listen, there is always something for us to hear. We will gather four times in small groups to pray, read scripture, and help one another think about that simple, profound question: why are you here?

Week of Mar 1: "What are you doing here?" (1 Kings 19:11-13; Matthew 4:1-11)

Week of Mar 8: "Are you really listening?" (Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17)

Week of Mar 15: "Where are the wells in this wilderness?" (Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-30, 39-42)

Week of Mar 22: "Are you the one?" (1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-12)

Week of Mar 29: "Can you believe it?!" (Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:18-44)

Spirit lead me
4-WEEK SMALL GROUP LENTEN JOURNEY
Sign up at wellesleyvillagechurch.org/lent

<p><i>Sunday Midday</i> Sundays 11:30a-1p with light lunch Led by Diane Mar 1, 8, 22, 29</p>	<p><i>Wednesday Morning</i> Wednesdays 10-11:30a Led by Diane Mar 4, 11, 25, Apr 1</p>
<p><i>Monday Afternoon</i> Mondays 1:30-3p Led by Sarah</p> <p><i>Monday Evening</i> Mondays 7-8:30p Led by Bob Mar 2, 9, 23, 30</p>	<p><i>Wednesday Evening</i> Wednesdays 5:30-7p with Soup Supper Led by Pam and Sean Patrick</p> <p>Children's Lenten workshop provided by Michaela Mar 4, 11, 25, Apr 1</p>

HOLY WEEK 2020

Chapel Open for Prayer & Labyrinth Walk
Mon -Fri 9am - 5pm



PALM SUNDAY

April 5 ~ 9am & 10am



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9 ~ 7pm



GOOD FRIDAY

April 10 ~ 7pm



EASTER SUNDAY

April 12

6:15am

Bonfire Vigil

7am

Sunrise Worship

7:45am

Sunrise Breakfast

9am

Celebration Worship I

10am

Easter Egg Hunt

Fellowship Hour

11am

Celebration Worship II

Moderator, Leif Hille ~ Vice Moderator, Cynthia Sibold ~ Past Moderator, Lori Bruce

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter ~ Senior Pastor

Associate Pastors

The Rev. Pam Emslie

Diane Seaborn

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Bob Feeny 1st Year

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