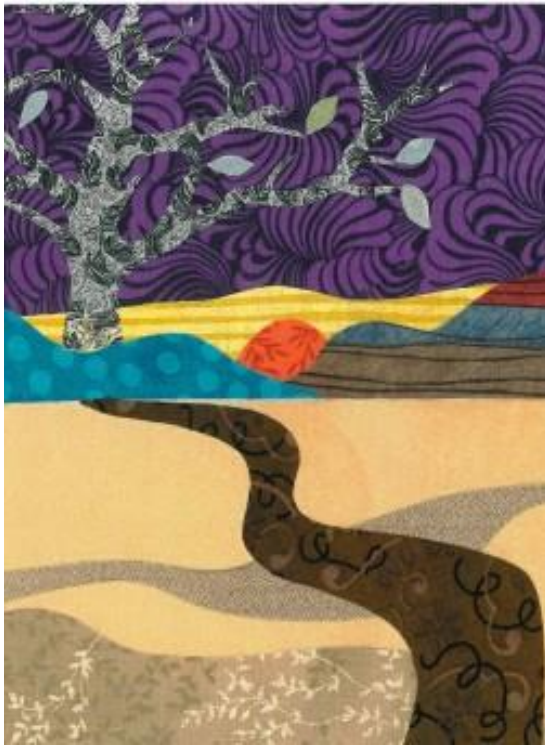


Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

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!

Sunday, March 8, 2020 10:00 am



The Lenten Journey: Preparing the Way.

*Called to new life through the waters of baptism,
we follow Jesus into the wilderness of our own hearts.
Give us courage for the journey and reveal to us the true purpose of
our life, as we sojourn towards the good news of Easter. Spirit lead us.*

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.

Bless the Lord

The musical score for "Bless the Lord" is written in a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first line of lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. ____". The second system contains the second line of lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." Above the treble clef staff, chord symbols are provided for each measure: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system; and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system. The lyrics are placed below the treble clef staff. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 8, 2020

10:00 AM

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

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL & CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 542

“Born of God”

Children are invited to come forward on the last verse to join the pastor on the Chancel steps.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sean Patrick Coady

Children’s Church & Joyful Noise start in Sanctuary. Grades 6-8 start in Youth Room. All families are invited to join their children and youth in the Upper Room (second floor) during the closing hymn for our Lenten closing prayer circle.

LENTEN CONFESSION

Rev. Diane Seaborn

One: Holy One. You sent your Son into the world not to condemn but instead to offer the world love, grace, and forgiveness.

All: Yet, we confess that we struggle. We struggle to be vulnerable, to receive your extravagant gifts of love, grace, and forgiveness. We cling to what we know and fear what we do not understand. Help us turn toward your light and fully receive your love.

One: Forgive us, God. Walk alongside us through the wilderness and teach us the grace of being vulnerable before you.

Response “Bless the Lord, My Soul” see opposite page

Silent Prayer of Confession

Response “Bless the Lord, My Soul”

ASSURANCE OF GRACE & SHARING OF PEACE

One: Grace, forgiveness, love and redemption; these are the gifts of God in Jesus Christ. The assurance of our faith is this: death does not have the last word; Good Friday is not the end of the story.

All: Together we await the good news of Easter!

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

Please share a greeting of peace with one another.

ANTHEM

“Open My Heart”

Ana Hernandez

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-17

p. 863

SERMON

“How Can These Things Be?”

RESPONSE NO. 401 “God in Whom All Life Begins” verses 1-3

OUR COMMON LIFE & OFFERING

Offertory

“God So Loved the World”

Bob Chilcott

*O Savior of the world,
Who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us,
Save us and help us,
we humbly beseech Thee,
O Lord.*

***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**

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. 538 “Standing at the Future’s Threshold” verses 1-3**

*At this time, parents may leave the sanctuary with the liturgist to join their children in the
Upper Room (second floor) for our Lenten closing prayer circle.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Peace Piece”

Bill Evans

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*ALL ARE INVITED to share in coffee and conversation,
hosted today by the Vision 2020 group led by Dix Leeson.
Village Common is located through the doors nearest the pulpit.*

Thank you to our guest musician, Ed Broms.

*The chancel flowers today are given by Darcey Bartel
with love and in honor of her Mom's Birthday.*

*If you are visiting, looking for a church home or want a smaller group
with whom to connect after worship, please visit
our **Welcome Table** in the North Transept (right side of Sanctuary).*

*Our **communion bread** was baked with love and care by the Village Church Bread Ministry.*

TODAY

9:00am **Worship**, Chapel

Sean Patrick Coady, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

10:00am **Worship**, Sanctuary

Sean Patrick Coady, Rev. Diane P. Seaborn, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

Childcare, Family Worship Room

Children's Church & Joyful Noise, Sanctuary

Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room

11:15am **Coffee & Conversation**, Village Common

11:15am **Welcome Table**, Sanctuary

11:30am **“Spirit Lead Me” Lenten Study Group**, Parlor

2:00pm **International Women's Day**, Village Common and Burt Chapel

4:00pm **Babson Night**, offsite

4:30pm **Sustainable Wellesley Leadership Team**, Burt Chapel

7:00pm **High School Youth Group**, Youth Room

International Women's Day

Today, 2pm, Burt Chapel and Village Common

Please come! Everyone is invited! There will be music, dance, art activities and speakers to inspire girls and women of all ages.

Sustainable Wellesley

Today, 4:30pm, Burtt Chapel

Come, meet the candidates running for Natural Resources Commission.

Spirit lead me
4-WEEK SMALL GROUP LENTEN JOURNEY

Sign up at wellesleyvillagechurch.org/lent

Sunday Midday
Sundays 11:30a-1p
with light lunch
Led by Diane
Mar 1, 8, 22, 29

Wednesday Morning
Wednesdays 10-11:30a
Led by Diane
Mar 4, 11, 25, Apr 1

Monday Afternoon
Mondays 1:30-3p
Led by Sarah

Monday Evening
Mondays 7-8:30p
Led by Bob
Mar 2, 9, 23, 30

Wednesday Evening
Wednesdays 5:30-7p
with Soup Supper
Led by Pam and Sean Patrick
Children's Lenten workshop provided by Michaela
Mar 4, 11, 25, Apr 1

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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



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