Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



Second Sunday after Christmas Day January 3, 2021, 10:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

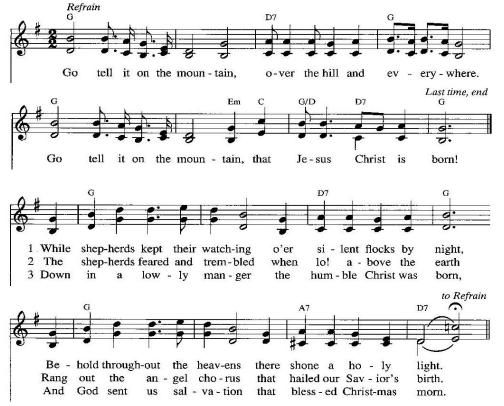
"Quand Je Joue de la Tambourine" David Carrier, organ F. J. Dandrieu

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Diane Seaborn

OPENING HYMN

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" Sanctuary Choir David Carrier, organ



TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Michaela McDonald

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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Diane Seaborn

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RESPONSE SONG

"Bethlehem Down"

Pater Warlock Words by Bruce Blunt

Laura Jane Norris, voice Ed Broms, piano

When He is King we will give him the King's gifts, Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, Beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets, Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown, He that lies now in the white arms of Mary Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down. Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming, Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold, Mary for love, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-9, 10-18

Jade Hargrave

SERMON

"Just Say the Word"

MUSICAL MEDITATION "Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland" ("Come Savior of the Nations") Catherine Liddell, baroque lute

COMMON LIFE & COMMUNION LITURGY Sean Patrick Coady & Bob Feeny

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

HYMN "The First Nowell" Will Farrell, Celeste Godin, Kevin McDonald, Vera Savage, voice David Carrier, organ



BENEDICTION

Jade Hargrave

POSTLUDE

"Noel Suisse" David Carrier, organ Daquin

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Remember to join us by Zoom for Coffee Hour following virtual worship at approximately 11 am. <u>The link is found here</u> or from the <u>website home page</u> and the weekly enews <u>Village News</u>.

Invitation: Epiphany Small Groups, January 2021

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." – Romans 12:2

Beloved Church,

We long for God's true light to break into the world through Jesus Christ and God's transformative power. The power and light of God through Christ leads us into Epiphany, a season of light infusing winter days and nights. We invite you to join an Epiphany small group and prepare to be transformed.

Come along on this journey, won't you? Please sign up through Enews or our website www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

Confronting the Crises in our Backyards

The triple threat of racism, climate change, and the COVID pandemic

A conversation with Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, founding pastor, New Roots AME Church



Saturday, January 9th 10-noon on Zoom

The Congregational Church of Weston invites you to join us for this virtual event, part of our Let's Talk series. Rev. White-Hammond will speak about the ways that climate change and pandemic have disproportionately impacted communities of color in Boston, and help us start a discussion about how we might begin to address these issues.

Free Event RSVP Required

click here to register

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