

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

Refrain
G D7 G

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hill and ev - ery - where.

G Em C G/D D7 *Last time, end*
G

Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

G D7 G

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

G A7 D7 *to Refrain*

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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! 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

“The First Nowell”

Will Farrell, Celeste Godin, Kevin McDonald, Vera Savage, voice
David Carrier, organ

1 The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say,
2 They looked a - bove and saw a star

was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far.

In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,
And to the earth it gave great light,

on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.

Refrain

Now - ell, now - ell, now - ell, now -
ell, born in a man - ger, Em - man - u - el.

BENEDICTION

Jade Hargrave

POSTLUDE

“Noel Suisse”

Daquin

David Carrier, organ

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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.

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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