

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



Welcome Sunday
September 12, 2021
10:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

David Carrier

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN

"Oh God Beyond All Praising"

B \flat E \flat F7/C B \flat /D E \flat F Gm



1. O — God be - yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to - day
2. Then — hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,

Dm/F E \flat F7/C B \flat /D B \flat E \flat Cm/E \flat B \flat



1. And — sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;
2. That — we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our King;

B \flat /D F Gm F/A B \flat /D F B \flat E \flat



1. For — we can on - ly won - der At — ev - 'ry gift you send,
2. And — wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be — filled with good or ill,

A $^\circ$ /C Gm B \flat maj7/F E \flat B \flat /D Cm7 B \flat Cm/E \flat Cm Gm/B \flat F/A Gm



1. At — bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:
2. We'll — tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:

Dm/F E \flat F7/C B \flat /D E \flat F Gm



1. We — lift our hearts be - fore — you And wait up - on your word,
2. To — mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,

Dm/F E \flat F7/C B \flat /D B \flat E \flat F7sus4 B \flat



1. We — hon - or and a - dore — you, Our great and might - y Lord. ———
2. And — make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise. ———

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Feeny

All: Almighty God, you are our Creator. You speak worlds into being, and welcome us into the ongoing work of creating. But often, we are not the collaborative co-conspirators you need us to be. We do not respond to your movements, but instead seek to bend situations to our will. We do not tend to the living, emergent things, but instead seek our old, well-worn ways.

One: Forgive us, o God, when we do not trust your Spirit to guide us.

All: Forgive us when we refuse to hear your voice, when we silence the voices that you speak through, when we ignore those whose voices have been pushed aside or dismissed.

One: Forgive us, o God, and call us forth into this new season, seeking new ways of being your people, new ways of connecting with one another, and new ways of making your love real in our world. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Beloved in Christ, hear this good news: the God who has always already been still speaking continues to proclaim love, forgiveness, and community, even when we struggle to hear it. In the old ways, and in countless new ways, God is moving in our midst, as shouts of joy and subtle whispers. Thanks be to God. Amen

*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.

ANTHEM

“Christ Hath a Garden”
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Gerald Near

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 38-42

pew Bible p. 845

SERMON

“Knowing What is Needed”

***RESPONSE HYMN**

“Blessed Jesus at Thy Word”



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word We are gath - ered all to hear thee;
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud - ed,
3 Glo - rious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of light, from God pro - ceed - ing,



Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear thee;
Till thy Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed;
O - pen thou our ears and heart, Help us by thy Spir - it's plead - ing;



By thy teach - ings sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
Thou a - lone to God canst win us, Thou must work all good with - in us.
Hear the cry thy peo - ple rais - es, Hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es. A - men.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Megan Berkowitz

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.

CALL TO TIME OF OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Diane Seaborn

Offertory “The Heavens are Telling”

F. J. Haydn

***Doxology**

Kevin McDonald, piano

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.


OUR COMMON LIFE

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

Unison



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess-ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser-vice is
tasks of our ev - ery-day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

end-ed, O now be ex - tend-ed the fruits of our wor-ship in
shar-ing, in love ev - er car-ing, em - brac-ing God's chil-dren of

all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach-ing, re -
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

cep - tive hearts reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call,
giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

***BENEDICTION AND SPECIAL WELCOME TO VISITORS**

POSTLUDE

You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

***Commissioning:**

Pastor: Our worship has ended,

People: Let our service begin!

Pastor: GO IN PEACE.

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ALL ARE INVITED
*to share in food and fellowship
in the Cloister Garden.
PLEASE JOIN US!*

*We are glad you're here today! Please sign in on a fellowship sheet,
located at the entrance of the Sanctuary and in Village Common Lobby
to provide your contact information in case we need to be in touch.
Together we answer God's call to care for one another and for our neighbor.*

*Visitors, welcome to Village Church!
If you are looking for a church home
or want a smaller group with whom to connect after worship,
please visit our **Welcome Table** outside. We would love to meet you!*

*If you are watching our live-streamed service,
please join us 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.*

Thank you to the Community Deacons and Sharing Ministry
for being our Welcomers
and to Village Table for providing the delicious fare for our fellowship hour today.

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***WORSHIP 9 - 10 - 5**

SEPTEMBER 12 WELCOME SUNDAY

10am Sanctuary worship begins in-church or livestream

Children's Church & Middle School Youth Group outdoors

11:15am Outdoor Fellowship

5pm Evening Worship Congregational Church of Weston begins

SEPTEMBER 19

9am Chapel Worship Begins

SEPTEMBER 26

David Carrier's Final Sunday &

Appreciation Celebration

****Worship Sundays at 9am, 10am & 5pm
(masks required indoors)***

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