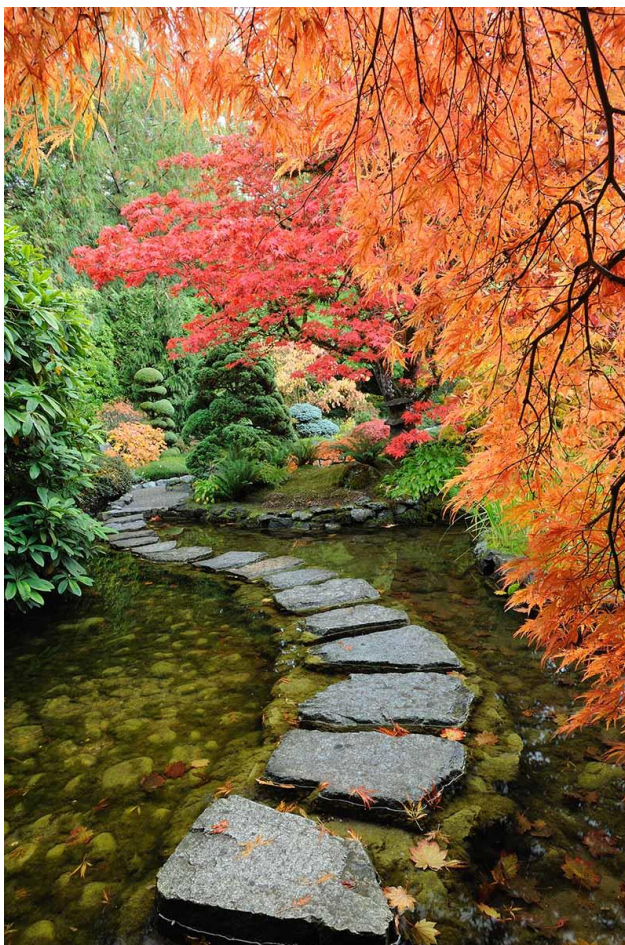


Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



Sunday, October 10, 2021

10:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10:00 am

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

“Be Now My Vision”
Kristjon Imperio, Organist

Franklin D. Ashdown

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Megan Berkowitz

*OPENING HYMN NO. 59 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

One: Jesus calls us to repentance and conversion. Repenting from the divisive, self-seeking ways that have enamored cultures old and new, we are converted to life in Christ – one body seeking to heal, as we ourselves are healed.

All: **God in whom all true flourishing is found, you are the soil that roots us, the rain that refreshes us, and the sun that sustains us. Day after day, your mercy creates opportunities for us to grow into deeper relationship with you, with one another, and with all creation.**

One: **Yet, we confess that we do not always live into that invitation. Rather than grow into relationships in fullness, we shy away from change and let our first impressions remain. We seek reasons to hedge against one another, and fail to allow for the mutually life-giving relatedness that you desire for us.**

All: **Forgive us. Open our hearts and minds to one another, prune away that which bears bitter fruit, so that we may abide more fully in you, bearing the fruit that sweetens our life together. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved in Christ, God is always making all things new! Like the leaves of fall, the failures of our past become the humus of our humanness – the very things that nourish our graceful new growth. We are forgiven. We are renewed. We are brimming with new possibility.

All: **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

“The Call”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sanctuary Choir

Kevin McDonald, Director of Music

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-27

SERMON

"Costly Discipleship"

Megan Berkowitz

***RESPONSE HYMN NO. 448 “Take My Life, God, Let It Be”**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Jade Hargrave

**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

Offertory

“Cantique de Jean Racine”

Gabriel Faure

*Word of the Highest, our only hope,
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!*

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

*O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

***Doxology**

**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

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 451 "Be Now My Vision"**

***SPECIAL WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Recessional" Charles Hutchings

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!

†††

ALL ARE INVITED to share in food and fellowship in the Cloister Garden.

*The chancel flowers today are given in celebration of the
45th wedding anniversary of Cyndi and Barry Miller, who were married here
on Sunday Oct. 10, 1976, Rev. William Abernethy officiating.*

Giving



Our community is sustained by the gracious gifts of time, service, and financial resources that we share. In an effort to make that sharing more streamlined, we now offer online giving. You can find the link in the weekly Enews, or scan this QR code. May God bless the giving and receiving of these and all gifts, and make more of us together than we can ever hope or imagine apart.

TODAY

- 9:00am** **Worship**, Chapel, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Jade Hargrave
10:00am **Worship**, *Sanctuary*
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Jade Hargrave
Childcare, *Family Worship Room*
Children's Church, *Courtyard, or Upper Room*
Middle School Youth Group, *Cloister Garden or Chapel*
- 11:00am** **Coffee & Fellowship**, *Cloister Garden*
Zoom Fellowship, immediately after live-streamed worship
- 11:30am** **Handbell Choir Rehearsal with Kristjon Imperio**, Village Hall
- 5:00pm** **Worship**, *Congregational Church of Weston* (masked)
No High School Youth Group tonight

Handbell Choir is Ringing Again with Director Kristjon Imperio!

Today, after 10am worship, Village Hall

All who would like to ring are welcome! Come for a trail ring today! To hear more, check the church website, Enews, or email christie.baskett@gmail.com.

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Sunday Worship (masks required indoors)

9am Chapel

10am Sanctuary (and livestreamed)

5pm Evening Worship at CCW in Weston

Special Dates

October 17 – Confirmation Sunday, Wild Church 3pm offsite

November 7 – All Saints Sunday

November 21 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Wellesley Village Church website



For information about Wellesley Village Church, please visit our website, which may be accessed using your smartphone.

COMING UP - ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Empty Nesters+ (a walking group)

Mondays, 9:30am

Empty Nesters+ (not necessarily empty nesters, hence the plus sign!) gather weekly, weather permitting, for a walk at the beautiful Elm Bank Reservation in Wellesley. Won't you join us? Email [Christina Oliver](mailto:Christina.Oliver@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) for questions or to RSVP and to receive a weekly email for details and confirmation, or cancellation due to weather forecast.

Thursday Night Bible Study

Every Thursday night, 7pm, on Zoom and in the church library

You, yes YOU, are invited to join in a Bible study this fall exploring the theme of "Violence in the Hebrew Bible." Relevant to our lives as people of faith in the world today, this season's Bible study group will ask questions of how to make sense of morally questionable material in the Bible. In doing so, we hope that we will together gain tools for interpreting the text, and through the text interpreting our world.

This Bible study is an opportunity to grow in faith and ask questions of ourselves and one another as we wrestle with the text in community on [Zoom, 7:00-8:30pm](https://www.zoom.us/j/9201111111) or library.

All are welcome! We ask that you commit to the study for the season, coming most weeks, so that we can grow in trust and communication with one another throughout our time together. For more information, or to sign up for the email list to join, please email at: megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

Lay Leadership Gathering for Boards and Ministries

Tuesday, October 12, on Zoom

More information is coming.

Village Churchwomen's Annual Luncheon on October 12 has been cancelled

Please plan on coming next year for this luncheon with St. Andrews!

Orientation for Seekers/Newcomers to Wellesley Village Church

Sunday, Oct. 17, 11am, Parlor

Please see Visitors section (page 7) in this bulletin for more information.

Annual Rummage Sale on November 8 has been cancelled

We're sorry to say that we have had to cancel to keep everyone safe while shopping. Please save your offerings for 2022!

VISITORS INFORMATION WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!

Please visit our Welcome Table outside today. We would love to meet you!

Every Sunday, before and after worship, members of our Welcome Ministry are here to greet you and answer any questions.

Seekers Orientation for Newcomers to Village Church

Oct. 17 and Oct. 24, 11:15am, Parlor

If you are new to WVC and want to learn more about our life together, please join the Welcomers on Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 in the Parlor after 10 AM worship. Childcare will be provided. Our pastors and lay leaders will share information about our mission, beliefs, governance and ministries, as well as answer your questions. A social gathering for visitors will also be offered in November, so please stay tuned!



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