

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 17, 2021

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10:00AM

All hymns are in the New Century Hymnal (black).

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

“Toccata and Fugue in F”
Kristjon Imperio, Organist

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 350

“Now in the Days of Youth”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Pam Emslie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, you call us into newness of life, into new patterns that break cycles of violence and hurt.

All: But we confess, O God, that we do not give ourselves over to the transforming power of your Spirit. You send us the Spirit of Peace, but we revert to division and discord. You send us the Spirit of Generosity, but we so often live out of scarcity and fear. You send us the Spirit of Gratitude and Joy, but so often we take your gifts for granted, or give ourselves over to bitterness and resentment. Forgive us God, and open our reluctant hearts to the power of your Spirit. Breathe new life into us as we pray to you in the silence...

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Beloved, the assurance of our faith is this: God loves us with an everlasting love. In Christ, God is forgiving and remaking the world. Through the Holy Spirit, God is everywhere and always present, the giver and renewer of life.

All: Thanks be to God for the gift of new life! Thanks be to God for the grace, hope and love found here and throughout creation! Alleluia and Amen!

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Please share a greeting of peace with one another.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Alex Hoskyns, voice

Slowly

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

CONFIRMATION REFLECTIONS “Christian Community”

Introduction

Rev. Diane Seaborn

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-6

Confirmands: : Lily Coughlan, Sachin Gopal, Emily Prus, Luke Hargrave,
Lauren Kim, Nils Tellander, Caitlin Kelly, and Eliza Chapman

* HYMN NO. 354

“God, When I Came into This Life” vs. 1,2,3

PASTORAL PRAYER, OUR VILLAGE LIFE AND OFFERING

**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.**

Offertory

“Laudate Dominum”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Village Church Sanctuary Choir

*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.**

CONFIRMATION REFLECTIONS “Jesus’ Alternative Wisdom”

Scripture

John 15:15-17

Elise Sharrock

Confirmands: Lizzy Hann, Charlotte Nielsen, Ben Grant, and Izzy McKay

* HYMN NO. 354

“God, When I Came into This Life” vs. 3,4,5

Invitation

Congregational Promises

Leader: Congregation: Before you stand God's people, God's gift to you, as you are to them. Will you welcome these ones with open hearts? Will you confirm the promises made at the time each one was Baptized, to teach them by word and example, to guide them in the ways of prayer and service, and to offer them the love and support of the Christian Church.

Congregation: We will, with the help of God.

Leader: Will you receive the new challenges and questions, insights and gifts that these Confirmands bring? Will you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with them in the Christian faith, that together we might make God's love believable in the world that waits beyond these doors?

Congregation: We will, with the help of God.

Confirmands Acceptance of Promises

Leader: Confirmands, before you are God's people, a community that is God's gift to you, as you are to them. Will you receive these promises that were made at the time of your baptism and confirmed here again today? And will you accept the love and support, guidance and fellowship offered to you within this community as you continue on your journey of faith?

Confirmands: I will, with the help of God.

Confirmands Acceptance of Gifts

Leader: Through the guidance given you by your family and this community, and having explored your faith throughout the past year, do you gratefully affirm the unique gifts you have received by the grace of God, and promise that you will strive to be the person that God has created you to be?

Confirmands: I will, with the help of God.

Leader: And will you promise to humbly share your gifts with this community, in all the places of your life, and in all faith communities of which you will be a part, that together we might make God's love believable in the world that waits beyond these doors?

Confirmands: I will, with the help of God.

*** The Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Consecration**

Veni Sancte Spiritus

* HYMN NO. 355 “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter

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ALL ARE INVITED

*to share in refreshments (yummy cupcakes!) and conversation in the Cloister Garden.
Please join us!*

The Chancel Flowers are given today in honor of the 2020 weddings of Colin Stirrat and Emma Reilly and Christine Stirrat and Luke Thorstenson and the belated celebration with friends and family this weekend.

2021 Confirmands

Eliza Lily Chapman
Lily Elizabeth Coughlan
Sachin Daniel Gopal
Benjamin Warren Grant
Elizabeth Worden Hann
Luke Rocket Hargrave

Caitlin Elizabeth Gerry Kelly
Lauren Hyon-ah Lee Kim
Isabael Mae McKay
Charlotte Elizabeth Nielsen
Emily Sophia Prus
Nils Housman Tellander

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Matt Chapman
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Thank you, Advisors, for the love and dedication you have gifted each Confirmand this year. Your light shines bright!

Thank you, Confirmation Parents, for your dedication to your child's faith journey at Village Church. It is an honor and privilege to walk this journey with you.

Thank you, people of Village Church, for your love and support of our Confirmands. Your faithful witness, lived out in this community, brings to life our Confirmation Program. It truly takes a Village!

And, thank you, Confirmands, for showing up! Thank you for opening your hearts and spirits to each other, to God, and to God's good and Holy Spirit.

With gratitude and love,

Rev. Pam Emslie

Associate Pastor,

Youth Program Director and Co-Director of Family Life @ Village Church

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

- 9:00 am** **Worship, Chapel**
Rev. Bob Feeny, Preacher; Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter
- 10:00 am** **Worship, Confirmation, Sanctuary**
Rev. Pam Emslie, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter,
Rev. Diane Seaborn, and Confirmands
Childcare, Family Worship Room
Children's Church, Courtyard or Upper Room
Middle School Youth will worship in Sanctuary for Confirmation
- 11:00 am** **Coffee & Conversation, Cloister Garden**
- 11:00 am** **Zoom Fellowship**, immediately after live-streamed worship
- 11:00 am** **Orientation for Seekers/Newcomers, Parlor**
- 11:30 am** **Handbell Choir Rehearsal with Kristjon Imperio, Village Hall**
- 3:00 pm** **Wild Church, McKinnon Park, Wellesley**
- 5:00 pm** **Evening Worship at Congregational Church of Weston**
- 7:00 pm** **High School Youth Group, Youth Room**

Connected ~ GROWING ~ Grateful

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!

Orientation for Seekers/Newcomers to Wellesley Village Church

Today, 11am, Parlor

Please see Visitors' page in this bulletin for more information.

Handbell Choir is Ringing Again with Director Kristjon Imperio!

Today, 11:30am, Village Hall

All who would like to ring are welcome! WVC's beautiful set of Whitebell handbells have just been refurbished, thanks to a generous grant from Village Churchwomen. Today our handbells will be available for those who wish to give them a trial "ring" and consider joining the Handbell Choir. To hear more, check your Enews, the church website, or email christie.baskett@gmail.com.

Wild Church

Today, 3pm, McKinnon Park, Wellesley

Come seek God's spirit in Creation! Join Village Church member Rev. Diane Anderson for worship outdoors. Please contact Diane for information: deanderson7@gmail.com.

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 at: christina.oliver20@gmail.com for information, to RSVP and to receive a weekly email for details and confirmation, or cancellation due to weather forecast.

Village Churchmen's Zoom Lunch

Oct. 21, 12:00, on Zoom

All men welcome! Please contact Bob Payne at rpayneassociates@gmail.com.

Village Table Meal Preparation

Oct. 21 & 22 6pm and Oct. 23 9am, Village Hall Kitchen

Please visit Village Table's page on Facebook for more information.

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)

Sundays Oct. 24 and Dec. 5, 7-8:30pm (via Zoom)

We are a group of Village Church parents walking in faith together. Please join us on Zoom (for now -- we hope to be in person in the near future!) for an hour of conversation and support. How are you and your children getting through the latest pandemic issues? Is there frustration? New stresses? Are you experiencing new joys? Come and share with others going through similar things. All parents welcome! Kerstin Allen (Kerstin.r.allen@gmail.com)

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

Today and Oct. 24, 11:00am, 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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