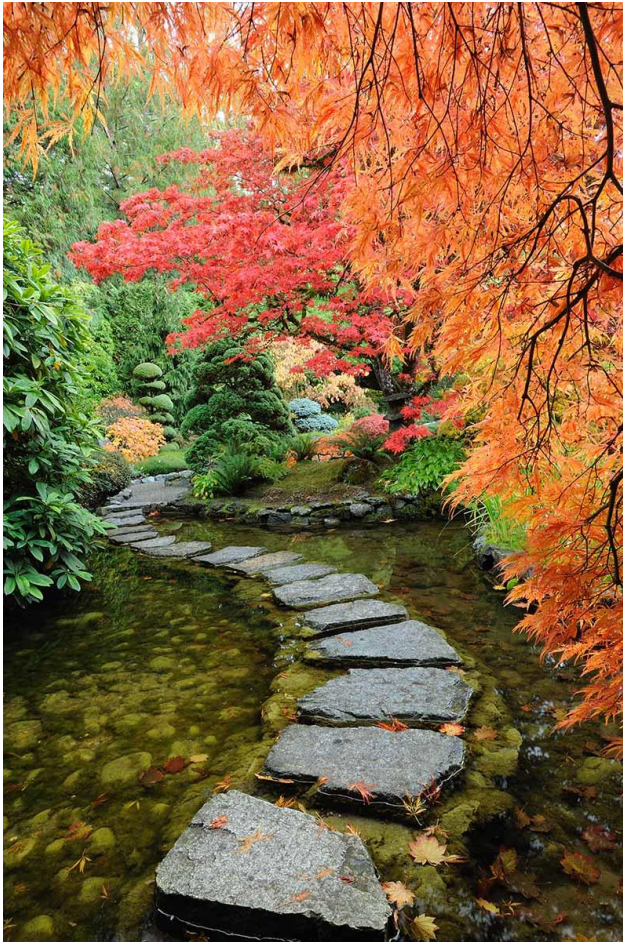


Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



Sunday, October 31, 2021

10:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Rhapsody No. 1 in D-Flat
Kristjon Imperio, Organist

Herbert Howells

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 28 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Feeny

One: Loving God, you make it so simple, and in our worrying, we complicate it.

All: We confess that we fear the simplicity of love. We confess that our desires for certainty, comfort, and safety have been our excuses for not loving our neighbors as we should.

One: God, fearing the lives of wild freedom into which you call us, we have tolerated and endorsed systems that oppress our neighbors, incarcerate our neighbors, and render them invisible.

All: Forgive us for the ways we have denied our relationship to our neighbors. Forgive us for our complicity in their suffering. Forgive us for our failure to love Your image in them.

One: Forgive us, o God, and abolish everything within us that holds us back from loving you as we should.

All: Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Siblings in Christ, hear this good news: Jesus Christ has become the living, breathing, love of God that sets us free from the sinful desire to imprison, punish, and harm our neighbors. We are forgiven, so that we can forgive.

All: Through Jesus Christ. 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

"If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis

Sanctuary Choir

Kevin McDonald, Director of Music

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm 119:33-40 responsively

Pew Bible, pg. 494

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

"Nothing Greater"

***RESPONSE HYMN NO. 290 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart", vs. 1,3,5**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Diane Seaborn

**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

"God So Loved"

arr. John Purifoy

***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. 24 "The God of Abraham Praise"

*SPECIAL WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Barbara Harbach

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 stay for our Congregational Hearing in the Sanctuary.

*We are glad you're here today! Please sign in on a fellowship sheet,
located at the entrance of the Sanctuary and or the Village Common Lobby.
Thank you!*

*If you are worshiping via our livestream today,
following the service please join our Congregational Hearing
through the zoom link
in our Enews, on our website, or here
[Congregational Hearing Zoom Link >](#)*

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, Preacher; Rev. Megan Berkowitz
- 10:00am** **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestream**, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Preacher;
Rev. Diane Seaborn; Rev. Bob Feeny
Childcare, Family Worship Room
Children's Church, Courtyard or Upper Room
Middle School Youth Group, Cloister Garden or Chapel
- 11:15am** **Congregational Hearing, Sanctuary and Zoom**,
immediately after worship
Handbell Choir Rehearsal with Kristjon Imperio, Village Hall
- 5:00pm** **Worship, Congregational Church of Weston** (masked)
- 7:00pm** **No High School Youth Group**

Congregational Hearing

Today, after 10am worship, Sanctuary or Zoom (link on page 4 of this bulletin)

The focus will be to provide an update on Church activities, events, and initiatives, including the progress of the Associate Pastor Search Committee. All are welcome!

Handbell Choir is Ringing Again with Director Kristjon Imperio!

Today, 11:15am, Village Hall

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

Annual City Mission Coat Drive

By Nov. 6 at the church or by Nov. 13 at City Mission

Please join the Village Church effort to help keep Boston children living in low-income neighborhoods warm and safe this winter. Due to the pandemic's economic impact, the need for coats is even higher this year. You can make a difference!

Needed: New, unused coats for our annual coat drive benefiting City Mission. Youth sizes L to XXXL and Adult sizes M to XXXL most needed. **Coat sales are on now at most stores.** Coat racks are waiting for coats in Village Common Lobby. Please see Enews or the church website for additional options to participate.

Connected ~ GROWING ~ Grateful

Sunday Worship (masks required indoors)

9am Chapel

10am Sanctuary (and livestreamed)

5pm Evening Worship at CCW in Weston

Special Dates

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

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. Please join us! Email Christina Oliver at christinaoliver20@gmail.com for 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.



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