Wellesley Village Church Congregational † United Church of Christ



Sunday, November 7, 2021 All Saints' Day 10:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Hymns may be found in the New Century (black) hymnal or in this bulletin. *Please stand as you are able.

> The **chancel flowers** are given today by Jeanette Duncklee with deep gratitude for the lives and sacrifices of past souls and for the living gift of our Village Church life.

PRELUDE	"Adagio" from Symphony No. 5	Charles-Marie Widor
WELCOME & PRAYER C	DF INVOCATION	Sarah Sarchet Butter
*OPENING HYMN NO. 2	"For All the Saints"	

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, through the ages you call forth people to serve you freely and fully.

- All: We confess our faith does not always burn with passion as bright as those who offered their entire lives to you. We don't always know how to embody your love in today's world, and we do not always offer our best selves to that high calling. Forgive us when we fail to claim and share our gifts. Forgive us when we hold ourselves back from freely and fully serving you. Inspired by the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and by the living saints who are around us now, open us to your embodied expression of faith and love in our world today. *(silence)*
- One: In Christ's name we pray, All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

- One: Friends, hear and receive the good news: God loves us unconditionally and forever. By the power of Christ's Spirit we are loved, forgiven, healed and blessed. What a gift!
- All: Together, like the saints who have gone before, we are called to be the Church, offering a healing witness to the world. What a calling! Thanks be to God. Amen.

November 7, 2021

Diane Seaborn

10:00 am

***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.*

HEBREW BIBLE READINGRuth 1:15-17GOSPEL READINGJohn 11:32-36SERMON"The Last Act of Love"

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 423 "Great is Your Faithfulness"

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is Christ's open table and all who wish to partake are welcome!

Invitation and Calling Forth of the Communion of the Saints

Sarah Sarchet Butter and Megan Berkowitz

*Candle Lighting

"Abide with Me"

Charles H. H. Parry

You are invited to come forward to light candles in memory of saints in your life; please take a piece of communion bread and a cup of juice back to your seat to hold until we partake together.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you; All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts; All: We lift them up to God.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Words of Institution

Diane Seaborn and Bob Feeny

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount. I have seen the Promised land. Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last, Where the strife and the pain all are past. I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee, With my dream of a world that is free. For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned, Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

*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. 419 "Now Thank We All Our God"

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	"Now Thank We All Our God"	Carl Piutti

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

Pastor: Our worship has ended; **People: Let our service begin.** Pastor: Go in peace!

We are glad you're here today!

ALL ARE INVITED to share in coffee and conversation in the Cloister Garden.

If you are watching our livestreamed service, please join us for Coffee Hour following virtual worship at approximately 11 am. <u>The link is found here</u> or from the <u>website home page</u> and the weekly enews <u>Village News</u>.

Giving



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

We remember and give thanks for our members who have died in the previous year:

Robert Bihler Bachman † 1/17/2021 Craig E. Bentley **†** 9/9/2021 Dion Scott Birney † 8/15/2021 Malcolm Fraser Blakely † 12/2/2020 Patricia Robbins Day † 12/19/2020 John Peter (Jack) Duffy † 6/6/2021 Priscilla (Pat) Hanks † 11/16/2020 Christina Thom Hobbs † 3/26/21 Allon Lovelace Holloway Pierce + 10/30/2020 John Frederick Peirson † 4/16/2021 Virginia Perry † 9/16/2021 Emmett O'Neal (Neal) Seaborn, Jr. + 5/18/2021 Thomas Eugene Snyder + 11/1/2020Charlotte E. Tibbetts † 3/4/2021 Natalie Berg Wright † 7/29/2021 Phyllis Weeks † 10/27/2021

"Whether we live or die, we belong to God." Romans 14:8

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. Megan Berkowitz, Rev. Bob Feeny
	Childcare, Family Worship Room
	Children's Church, Courtyard or Upper Room, Michaela McDonald
	Middle School Youth Group, Cloister Garden or Chapel, Rev. Pam Emslie
11:15am	Coffee & Fellowship, Cloister Garden
	Zoom Fellowship, immediately after live-streamed worship
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal with Kristjon Imperio, Sanctuary
5:00pm	Worship, Congregational Church of Weston (masked)
7:00pm	High School Youth Group, Cloister Garden, Sanctuary or Chapel,
	Rev. Pam Emslie

Annual City Mission Coat Drive

By end of worship service today at WVC 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! Please see Enews or the church website for additional options to participate.

COMING UP

Empty Nesters+ (a walking group) *Mondays, Elm Bank Reservation, weather permitting, 9:30am*

Wellesley Chinese Enrichment Academy Monday through Friday, Lower Level, after school until 6pm

Kripalu Yoga *Tuesdays, Upper Room, 4pm - 5:30pm and Wednesdays, 9:15am – 10:30am*

Youth Choir (All Youth in Grades 6-12) *Wednesdays, Sanctuary, 6:15pm – 7:00pm*

Freshman Confirmation Class 2021-22 *Wednesdays, Chapel, 7pm – 8:30pm*

Confirmation Retreat (Current Freshmen)

Sat., Nov. 13 – Sun., Nov. 14, Craigville, MA

Pathfinders Saturdays, 4pm – 5pm, on Zoom

Wellesley Chinese Language School

Sundays, Upper Level, 1pm – 5pm

Wellesley Village Church Website



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

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Sunday Worship (masks required indoors)

9am Chapel

10am Sanctuary (and livestreamed)

5pm Evening Worship at CCW in Weston

SPECIAL DATES

NOV. 7 - All Saints Communion Sunday

NOV. 14 - Baptisms

NOV. 21 - Thanksgiving Sunday! Recognition of 50 Year Members and Welcome of New Members. 3pm Wild Church

Nov. 28 - Advent I, Installation of Pastoral Resident; Rev. Alex Shea Will, UCC Conference Minister Preaching

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.



Lay Leadership

Cynthia Sibold ~ Moderator John Snyder ~ Vice Moderator Leif Hille ~ Immediate Past Moderator

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