

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



10:00am Worship



January 16, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Hymns may be found in the New Century (black) hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553”
Kristjon Imperio, Organ

J. S. Bach

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Bob Feeny

*OPENING HYMN NO. 164 “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Mauri Tetreault, Cantor, and Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matthew McKay

All: Heavenly Father, our journey with our brothers and sisters at Charles St. AME Church brings new opportunities to work together, strengthening each church and the love between us. By sharing the burden and working together, we hope for the possibility of more. More relations. More creation. More love spreading out into the world from our two churches.

One: But we confess, O God, we step forward with trepidation. We worry about the challenges ahead. The relationship between our churches is precious, and we want to nurture, not harm. We confess our blind spots to each other cause problems. We confess our biases unintentionally cause hurt. We confess our pride impedes our ability to change our ways. We confess we become distracted from the required presence to do your work.

All: Forgive us, God.

One: Open up our hearts and minds to the fullness of your world. In Christ, you forgive and remake us. Breathe new life into us so that we have the sight, strength, and wisdom to do your loving and just work to remake the world.

All: In Jesus name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

***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.

MUSIC RESPONSE NO. 525 "This Little Light of Mine"

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine...

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 pew Bible pp. 933

ANTHEM

"Jacob's Star" *Scott Brasher and Michael Card*
Dr. Kevin McDonald

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11 pew Bible pp. 863

SERMON

"What a Gifted Bunch!" Rev. Bob Feeny

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Simple Gifts" *arr. Susan Geschke*
Kristjon Imperio, Bell Choir Director
Village Church Bell Choir
Christie Baskett, Jen Beachell, Carly Donelson, Betty Seaborn,
Amy Harris, Beverly Lenci and Kevin McDonald

COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

Offertory

“My Lord, What a Mornin’”
Mauri Tetreault, Alto

H. T. Burleigh

*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.

PASTORAL 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.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 177 “God of Change and Glory”

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

James Weldon Johnson

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.

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We are glad you’re here today!

*After worship all are welcome to stay for our **Congregational Hearing**,
in the Sanctuary for those who are here and via Zoom for those at home.
The link is found here or on the website home page and in the weekly enews Village News.*

Giving Options



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

TODAY

- 9:00am** **Worship**, *Chapel*, Rev. Diane Seaborn, Preacher; Rev. Megan Berkowitz
- 10:00am** **Worship**, *Sanctuary and Livestream*, Rev. Bob Feeny, Preacher; Rev. Megan Berkowitz; Matthew McKay
Childcare, *Family Worship Room*
Children's Church, *Courtyard or Upper Room*, Michaela McDonald
Middle School Youth Group, *Youth Room*, Rev. Pam Emslie
- 11:15am** **Congregational Hearing**, *Sanctuary and Zoom*, [The link is found here](#)
- 5:00pm** **Worship**, *Congregational Church of Weston*, Zoom
- 7:00pm** **No High School Youth Group tonight (moved to Monday)**, *Youth Room*, Pam Emslie

Congregational Hearing on the Proposed 2022 Annual Budget

Today, after 10 am worship, in the sanctuary for those who will join in person and via Zoom for those who will join from home [The link is found here](#)

All are welcome! The proposed annual budget was presented to the Church Council on Tuesday, January 4th. The purpose of the Congregational Hearing today is to present the proposed budget to our congregation. The final budget will then be approved by Church Council and presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 13, 2022.

Joint Worship with Charles Street A.M.E. on Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

This annual event has been postponed until the Spring.

Church Office closed Mon., Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.
High School Youth Group will be held in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Masking Policy Guidance

As we continue to monitor the pandemic, we seek to follow the best available guidance to keep our communities healthy and safe. We continue to require masks during all in-person gatherings. Considering the recent rise in cases of the omicron variant, we ask that all who attend in-person gatherings please wear the best mask available. Research indicates that “respirator masks” (N95, KN95, KF94, etc.) are much more effective than cloth masks. Please wear the most effective mask you have and consider purchasing more effective masks if possible. If you are not able to procure a more effective mask on your own, please contact Meg Sweeting (meg@wellesleyvillagechurch.org), who can provide a KN95 mask.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES - *Please see Enews for details.*

Village Church Dads Group

Mon., Jan 17, 7pm, The Local, Wellesley

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)

Sundays 1/23, 3/20, and 5/1, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Zoom)

All parents are welcome to join this group as we gather to connect and share our stresses, joys, tips, and resources. Contact Caroline Johnson Hodge for more information and for Zoom links: cejh47@gmail.com.

Empty Nesters+

Mondays, 9:30am, Elm Bank Reservation

Seniors Connect

Tuesday, February 1, 2-3:15pm, via Zoom

Knitting and Sewing Ministry

Wednesdays, 10-11:30, via Zoom

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10am-11:45am, via Zoom

Village Table Ministry Cooking

Every other Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Village Hall Kitchen

Village Churchmen

Monthly on the third Thursday, 12:30pm-2:30pm via Zoom

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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC)**

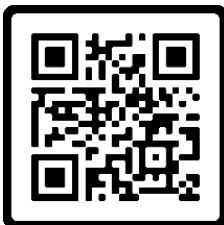
At Wellesley Village Church, we believe in a vision for God's Beloved Community where all people are welcomed and enthusiastically affirmed, as well as honored and celebrated as made in God's holy image. This intentional inclusivity welcomes people of all races, sexual orientations, gender identities/expressions, abilities, family dynamics and configurations, and so much more. We recognize that our world and our church community do not always live into this vision, and yet as a church, we are continually working to widen our welcome and witness. If you have suggestions for how we can better welcome you and those you love, please reach out to Pastoral Resident Megan Berkowitz at megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

**VISITORS INFORMATION
WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!**



Please visit our Welcome Table outside and/or come to coffee hour in Village Common, located through the doors near the pulpit. We would love to meet you!

WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH WEBSITE



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

Lay Leadership

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