

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



10:00am Worship

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January 23, 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

“Adagio” from Symphony No. 6
Kristjon Imperio, Organ

Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 168 “O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word”

Dr. Kevin McDonald, Cantor, and Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from Psalm 19)*

Rev. Bob Feeny

One: Creation declares God’s goodness, pouring forth testimony and wisdom, even in the silence. The sun runs its course through the sky, shining its warmth upon the whole world.

All: Yet we confess, God, that we do not always discern that goodness as we should. We fail to appreciate the handiwork of our maker, devaluing the world that you love.

One: God, your ways and your laws are perfect, aligning all things. You call us to be in right relationship to one another, to you, to ourselves.

All: Yet we confess that we do not always seek these relationships. We are easily led astray, seeking the things we believe can satisfy us. Forgive us, o God.

One: Grant us the vision to see the places where we are in need of your grace, the places we are still healing, and the places we have done harm. Grant us the peace of knowing that our failures do not overshadow your love.

All: May the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the work of this community, be acceptable to you, o God, our rock, and our redeemer. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Beloved in Christ, God does not hold us to a standard of perfection, nor does God allow our missteps to have the final word. We are forgiven, called into God's loving arms, and sent forth anew to share the good news with the entire world.

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 share a greeting of peace with one another.

MUSIC RESPONSE NO. 524 "This Little Light of Mine" *African-American Spiritual*

**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, (oh let it shine.)**

**This joy I have, the world didn't give to me...
No, the world didn't give it, the world can't take it away.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 pew Bible pp. 933-4

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:14-21 pew Bible pp. 835

SERMON "Connected"

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 562 "Take My Gifts"

COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offertory

“ProceSSIONal”

Ernest Bloch

*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

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

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. 432 “’Tis Winter Now; the Fallen Snow”

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Christ is the World’s True Light”

David Blackwell

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!

*As we continue to monitor the pandemic,
we are currently not holding an In-Person Fellowship Hour after worship.
Instead, please join us online directly after worship for our Zoom Coffee Hour.*

We hope to see you there!

The link is found here or from the website home page and 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. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Preacher; Rev. Megan Berkowitz
- 10:00am** **Worship**, *Sanctuary and Livestream*, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Preacher; Rev. Bob Feeny; Rev. Megan Berkowitz
Childcare, *Family Worship Room*
Children's Church, *Courtyard or Upper Room*, Michaela McDonald
Middle School Youth Group, *Youth Room*, Rev. Pam Emslie
- 11:15am** **Zoom Fellowship**, *The link is found here*
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 5:00pm** **Worship**, *Congregational Church of Weston, Zoom*
- 7:00pm** **High School Youth Group tonight**, *Youth Room*, Pam Emslie

Annual Meeting of Wellesley Village Church

Sunday, February 13th after 10 am worship

All are welcome! Details to follow.

Thank you to all who attended the Congregational Hearing to review the proposed 2022 annual budget last Sunday. The final budget will be sent to the Church Council for approval and presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 13, 2022.

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

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)

Tonight and Sundays 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

Village Church Dads Group

Date and time to be announced later.

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.

**WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH IS
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.



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