

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



10:00am Zoom Worship

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January 30, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

Kristjon Imperio, Organ

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Bob Feeny

One: Holy One, you call us into a community that is transformed by your love, and proclaims the good news of that love to everyone we encounter.

All: Yet we confess that we do not always live into that love fully. We settle for the dim light of progress, and give up hope on the radiant, joyful justice you desire.

One: Forgive us, God, when we lack the courage, creativity, and compassion to love as we ought to. Forgive us when we are divided, unwilling to forgive, unable to offer grace.

All: Help us to follow Jesus. Keep us in the light of love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Beloved in Christ, hear this good news! Jesus is God's love made real for us, and in Christ we become that love for all the world. That divine love endures even when we struggle to find it within us. Let it shine!

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 visual greeting of peace with your neighbors on screen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

SERMON

"The Gifts of Love"

RESPONSE

COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offertory

*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. 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

You are invited to unmute and greet one another following the service.

Pastor: Our worship has ended; **People: Let our service begin!**

Pastor: Go in peace.

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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** **No 9am Worship this Sunday** (cancelled because of snow)
- 10:00am** **Worship, by Zoom**, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Preacher; Rev. Diane Seaborn,
Rev. Bob Feeny
No Childcare
No Children's Church, Michaela McDonald
No Middle School Youth Group, 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**, Youth Room, (watch for email) 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.*

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.

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)

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.

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.



Lay Leadership

Cynthia Sibold ~ Moderator

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