

# Wellesley Village Church

*Congregational † United Church of Christ*



10:00am Worship



January 9, 2022



## \*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.*

### SUNG RESPONSE

“We Three Kings” v. 5 and refrain

**Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Sounds through the earth and skies.**

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

### HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6     pew Bible pp. 602-3

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12     pew Bible pp. 783-4

### SERMON

“Risking Another Way”

### RESPONSE ANTHEM

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”  
Mauri Tetreault, Alto  
Kristjon Imperio, Piano

*Sweet little Jesus Boy,  
They made you be born in a manger.  
Sweet little Holy child,  
Didn't know who You was.  
Didn't know you'd come to save us, Lord,  
To take our sins away.  
Our eyes was blind;  
We couldn't see.  
We didn't know who You was.  
Long time ago  
You was born,*

*Born in a manger low,  
Sweet little Jesus Boy.  
The world treat You mean, Lord,  
Treat me mean too,  
But please, sir, forgive us, Lord,  
We didn't know 'twas You.  
Sweet little Jesus Boy,  
Born long time ago.  
Sweet little Holy Child,  
And we didn't know who You was.*

## COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Offertory**            “Allemande/Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern”    *Esaias Reusner*

### \*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

Bob Feeny

**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. 154    “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

## WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

“Rise, Shine, You People”

*David M. Cherwien*

*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.

## 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](mailto:meg@wellesleyvillagechurch.org)), who can provide a KN95 mask.

## TODAY

- 9:00am**      **Worship**, *Chapel*, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Preacher; Rev. Bob Feeny
- 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*, Michaela McDonald  
**Middle School Youth Group**, *Cloister Garden or Chapel*, Rev. Pam Emslie
- 11:15am**      **Zoom Fellowship**, *[The link is found here](#)*  
**Handbell Choir Rehearsal**, *Sanctuary*
- 5:00pm**      **Worship**, *Congregational Church of Weston* (masked)
- 7:00pm**      **High School Youth Group**, *Youth Room*, Pam Emslie

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

**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*

**Village Church Dads Group**

*Date and time to be announced later.*

**Joint Worship with Charles Street A.M.E.**

*This annual event has been postponed to the Spring.*

**Church Office closed Mon., Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.**

**High School Youth Group** will be held at 7pm.

**COMING UP**

**Congregational Hearing on the Proposed 2022 Annual Budget**

*Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, after 10 am worship*

*Hybrid via Zoom for those at home and in the sanctuary for those who will join in person*

All are welcome! The proposed annual budget was presented to the Church Council on Tuesday, January 4th. The purpose of the January 16th Congregational Hearing 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.

**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](mailto: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

John Snyder ~ Vice Moderator

Leif Hille ~ Immediate Past Moderator

## Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

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## Associate Pastors

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## Pastoral Residents

The Rev. Bob Feeny 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

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