

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



10:00am Worship



February 13, 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

“Chaconne in G Major, HWV 435”

GF Handel

Kristjon Imperio, Harpsichord

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

arr. Anna Laura Page

Handbells and Harpsichord

Christie Baskett, Jen Beachell, Ann Belanger,

Carly Donelson, Sue Gibbons, Betty Seaborn

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 565 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

One: The psalmist proclaims that those who do not follow the paths of wickedness, nor follow the path of the unrepentant, nor scoff at those who love God open themselves to God’s living presence. But we confess, o God, that we do fall into those paths, choosing to stick to our ways and dismiss those who might challenge us.

All: Holy One, turn us towards you. Teach us to delight in your ways, and to keep our minds on you, day and night.

One: Forgive us, God. Ground us in your grace, root us in your love for all Creation, so that we may bear fruits of the spirit.

All: Guide us to repentance, and keep us in your ways, God. Grant that we might show love, joy, peace, patience, generosity, and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ - amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved in Christ, hear this good news! God is always waiting to welcome us back. When we feel we’ve lost our way, and simply cannot find the right path

forward, God's Spirit is present with us enabling love beyond what we imagine, hope beyond what we can believe, and joy beyond words.

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.

ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

For the Beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, Flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

pew Bible p. 628

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:17-26

pew Bible p. 838

SERMON

“Shifting Mindset”

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 313 “Like a Tree Beside the Waters”

Jennifer Soloway, solo, vs. 1

Mauri Tetreault, solo, vs. 2

Congregation, vs. 3

COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offertory *Cantilena, from "Sonata for Flute and Piano" Francis Poulenc*

*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. 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. 564 "We Are Not Our Own"

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Great Day"

American Spiritual

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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The flowers today were given by Mary and Ernie Schaefer in celebration of the baptism of their grandsons Wyatt Thomas Schaefer and Max William Schaefer.

Thank you to our cantors in today's service, Mauri Tetreault and Jennifer Soloway.

Annual Meeting of Wellesley Village Church

Today after 10 am worship

All are welcome!

Please join us for the Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary or on Zoom after worship.

[Annual Meeting Info. & Links >](#)

The link can also be found on the [website home page](#) and the weekly enews [Village News](#).

Coffee will be served in Village Common following the worship service. Please help yourself and return to the sanctuary for the Annual Meeting.

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.

Pledges



Thank you for your 2022 pledges, which we will dedicate next Sunday in worship prior to our Annual Meeting. Every pledge and gift of every size translates into mission and ministry that shares God's love in the world. Pledge cards are available at church, and pledges can also be made online at the website or through this QR code.

For questions about WVC financial needs or a conversation about pledging, please contact Dan Garrison, Stewardship Chair, garrison_db@yahoo.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.

TODAY

- 9:00am** **Worship, Chapel**, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Preacher; Rev. Diane Seaborn, Rev. Bob Feeny
- 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, Cloister Garden or Chapel, Rev. Pam Emslie
- 11:15am** **Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary and Zoom**
[Annual Meeting Info. & Links >](#)
No Zoom Fellowship today (*Annual Meeting instead*)
No Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:00pm** **Worship, Congregational Church of Weston** (masked)
- 7:00pm** **No High School Youth Group Tonight, Youth Room**, Pam Emslie

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

- Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)**, Sundays 3/20, and 5/1, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- Empty Nesters+**, Mondays, 9:30am, Elm Bank Reseroation
- Seniors Connect**, Tuesday, March 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 Thurs., Fri. & Sat., Village Hall Kitchen
- Village Churchmen**, Monthly on the third Thursday, 12:30pm-2:30pm via Zoom
- Village Church Dads Group**, Tues., Feb. 15, 7pm, at the Local, Wellesley

**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.

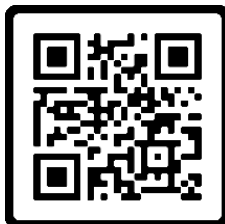
**VISITORS INFORMATION
WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!**

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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