

# Wellesley Village Church

*Congregational † United Church of Christ*



10:00am Worship

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February 6, 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, Fugue and Chaconne in C Major, Bux WV 173" *Dietrich Buxtehude*  
Kristjon Imperio, Organ

**WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 8** "Praise to the Living God"

Dr. Kevin McDonald, Cantor, and Congregation

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (adapted from Psalm 138)

One: Holy one, the Psalmist calls us to come before You with gratitude and praise in our hearts.

**All: Forgive us when ingratitude sets in, and when we forget that you are the generous author and giver of life.**

One: You remind us to look after those in need and to pay special attention to those whom society neglects.

**All: Forgive our "unseeing" and open our eyes to the poor and powerless.**

One: You promise to hear our prayers, increase our strength of soul, and be with us in times of trouble.

**All: Forgive us when we look solely to ourselves for answers, and when we wonder if you care. Please hear our personal prayers of confession and concern... (silent prayer)**

One: In Jesus' name, AMEN

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Beloved, know this to be true: God claims us over and over again as beloved children, forgives us and fills us with life-giving Spirit.

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE and LIGHT OF CHRIST

One: The peace and light of Christ be with you,     **All: and also with you.**

*Please share a greeting of peace with one another.*

## MUSIC RESPONSE

*"This Little Light of Mine"  
Sanctuary Choir  
Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director*

*Arr. Mark Hayes*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

pew Bible p. 553

Rev. Diane Seaborn

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

pew Bible p. 836

## SERMON

"Going Deeper"

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 173 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

# You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Pescador de Hombres

Cesareo Gabarain

Voice

The musical score is written for a voice part in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "You have come down to the lake-shore seek-ing. You know full well my pos-ses-sions. Nei-ther You need my hands my ex-haust-ion, work-ing. You who have fished oth-er wa-ters, You the nei-ther the wise nor the wealth-y, but on-ly trea-sure nor wea-pens for con-quest. Just these my love for the rest of the wea-ry. A love that's long-ing of souls that are yearn-ing. As lov-ing ask-ing for me to fol-low. O fish-ers will to go on lov-ing. Friend, You have come to call me. Je-sus, You have looked in-to my eyes, kind-ly smi-ling. You've called out my name. On the sand I have a-ban-doned my small boat, now with You I will seek oth-er seas."

## INVITATION TO THE WATER OF BAPTISM

### BLESSING OF THE WATER

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

### REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS

### 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.

### CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### Offertory

*"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"*  
*The text to this hymn may be found on NCH 351.*

*David Christiansen*

#### \*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.

### OUR COMMON LIFE

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 172 "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

### WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

*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.

## Pledges



Thank you for your 2021 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](mailto:garrison_db@yahoo.com)

## TODAY

- 9:00am**      **Worship, Chapel**, Rev. Diane Seaborn, Preacher; Rev. Megan Berkowitz
- 10:00am**      **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestream**, Rev. Diane Seaborn, Preacher; Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter; 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**
- 1:00pm**      **High School Youth Group returns from retreat**
- 5:00pm**      **Worship, Congregational Church of Weston, Zoom**
- 7:00pm**      **No 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.*

### **Empty Nesters+**

*Mondays, 9:30am, Elm Bank Reservation*

### **Seniors Connect**

*Time and date to be announced later.*

### **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**

*Thurs., Feb. 17 and Monthly on the third Thursday, 12:30pm-2:30pm via Zoom*

### **Village Church Dads Group**

*Please watch enews for time and date.*

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

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@ Wellesley Village Church



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[wellesleyvillagechurch.org](http://wellesleyvillagechurch.org)

## 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

The Rev. Pam Emslie

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The Rev. Diane P. Seaborn

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## Pastoral Residents

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

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