

# Wellesley Village Church

*Congregational † United Church of Christ*



## Easter Sunday

*April 17, 2022  
10:00am Worship*

# Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

## We Welcome All

We extend a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God.

On this joyful day we worship together, as one family of God. Children's Church and Youth Programs will resume next Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Questions about our life together are always welcome. Ask any one of us! More information is also on our website, [www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org](http://www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

*If you are visiting, looking for a church home  
or want a smaller group with whom to connect after worship,  
please visit our Welcome Table outside  
or introduce yourself to a pastor or any member.  
We would love to meet you!*

## You Are Invited

Please join us for refreshments and conversation after worship. Children are invited to join in our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11:10am.

1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the Churchyard.

Kindergarteners and younger meet on the Washington St. lawn.

If you need directions, ask a neighbor to show you the way!

## We are an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

*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.*

*Whoever you are,  
wherever you are on the journey of life and faith,  
you are welcome here!*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10am

*Hymns are in the New Century (black) hymnal.*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE** "Prayer of St. Gregory" Alan Hovhanness  
Clark Davis, Trumpet  
Kristjon Imperio, organ

**INTROIT** "Bell Fanfare" Bob Burroughs  
Handbell Choir; Kristjon Imperio, Director

**EASTER PROCLAMATION** Pastoral staff

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **All: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 233** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

**WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

**SUNG RESPONSE NO. 236** "Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

*Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps during our sung response.*

**A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Rev. Diane Seaborn

**SUNG RESPONSE NO. 236** "Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

*Children may return to their families while we sing.*

*Children's worship supplies are available in the "Pray Ground", on the steps by the piano, and in the back pews. The **Family Worship Room, with service on live audio feed**, is available through the door by the piano. A childcare attendant is there to assist as needed.*

*Families and children are welcome to come and go during the service.*

*From the tallest to the smallest, we are glad you are here!*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Bob Feeny

One: Living God, you have done it again! Your Spirit gives life to dust, and out of the dusty tomb Christ Jesus rises to give us new life! But we confess that we do not live with the exuberant, miraculous, joyful abundance you offer us.

**All: Though life has triumphed over death, our world remains intent on making war. Though you set captives free, so many of our brothers and sisters remain imprisoned by social injustice. Though the earth is your creation, we threaten its existence with our misuse.**

One: Loving God, beneath the trumpets' din and joyous alleluias, we confess that there are parts of ourselves that we withhold from you. We have not allowed ourselves to fall completely into your embrace; we justify old patterns and cling to old ways; we resist choosing the new life we find in you. Hear our prayers, as we offer ourselves to you in silent confession.

*(silent prayer)*

**All: Risen One, break through our barriers, heal our brokenness, and surprise us with new life beyond our imagining. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Beloved in Christ, there is no greater news than this – that Jesus Christ has triumphed over death and despair. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are called into new life, filled with joy, and assured that we are right where we belong, in God's embrace!

**All: Forgiven and forgiving, let us proclaim Christ's love for all creation!**

One: Let us live in Easter laughter, assured that the new way of life is possible, that God is faithful, and our hopes for peace and justice are never in vain.

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

\* SONG RESPONSE            "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.  
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.**

## SHARING OUR EASTER JOY

One: The joy of the Risen Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

*\*Please share an Easter greeting with those around you.*

ANTHEM "Since by Man Came Death" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel  
Kristjon Imperio, piano

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 13-35 (selected verses)

SERMON "Mission Accomplished?" Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

\*RESPONSE HYMN NO. 312 "We Love Your Realm, O God" vv. 1,2, & 5,6

### COMMON LIFE AND CALL TO OFFERING



*Our church is sustained by the gracious gifts of time, service, and financial resources that we share. To donate to the church please scan this QR Code. Thank you for your generous support!*

Offertory "Halleluia!" (Messiah) G.F. Handel

*If you wish, please join in singing the refrain.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN NO. 242 "The Strife Is O'er"

### WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor  
*You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of worship.*

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! All: **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

## Today's Notes

### **Share the Joy of Easter by Delivering an Easter Plant!**

Please join us in delivering Easter plants to church members as a sign of our special care. Plants can be delivered today or during the week. After service, visit the table in Village Common to receive a name and address. After the 10am service, plants can be taken from Village Common. Thank you for sharing the Joy of Easter!

**Special thanks** to all the generous volunteers who made today possible: sanctuary decorators, office support, Sanctuary Choir, Council, greeters and deacons.

Today we pray for our 32 High School Youth and 8 chaperones who are on a service trip this week in Santa Fe, NM.

**The Church office** will be closed Monday, April 18, in observance of Easter Monday and Patriots Day.

## **Upcoming Invitations: All Are Welcome!**

### **Farewell to Diane, April 24**

April 24 is Rev. Diane Seaborn's last Sunday as Interim Associate Pastor of Wellesley Village Church. Diane will preach during the 9am and 10am worship services and at 11:15 we will hold a farewell reception. Join us as we celebrate her service with us and send her forth with our love and gratitude on a new phase of her ministry.

### **Youth Sunday and New Members Joining, May 1**

Our high school youth will lead worship and reflect on their experiences as faithful members of our Christian community. We will also welcome new members into our Church family. If you are interested, let a pastor know!



### Easter Dedications in Celebration of:

- † With gratitude for my parents and parents in law
- † Duncan Gibson, family members, and many friends who enriched my life in so many ways
- † Peter & Laura Gibson and Sarah & Matt Soska and their daughters who bring me so much joy
- † God's Earth
- † My grandchildren: Dylan, Hayley, Bodie & Lucy
- † My grandson Max MikoLevine as he graduates from high school in Los Angeles
- † My two sisters Margaret and Susan Liddell
- † Our grandchildren, Nolan, Madelyn and Landon
- † The music ministry of Kevin McDonald and Kristjon Imperio



### Easter Dedications in Loving Memory of:

- † Our parents - Wilbur & Marion Baker and David & Ruth Ann Froh
- † My beloved parents, Howard and Stancil Banting
- † Richard and Barbara Barker
- † Donald Dickason and Dorothy, Willam, and James Carroll
- † Jack Colbert, father of Natalie, John, Sarah, and Samantha our beloved daughter and sister Lin
- † Judy Forker
- † Those who have lost their lives to war, in Ukraine and beyond.
- † Edwina Ann McConnell, R.N., Ph.D.
- † Our parents Rufus & Mary 'Mac' Walker and Charles & Althea Helwig
- † H. Royden Jones and Fred N. Jones
- † Our parents Jess and Percy Larkan, Gordon and Rita Hunt
- † Our parents Edward & Phroso Jaboolian and Frank & Victoria Mongiardo
- † our mothers, Sarah Howe Glidden and Anna Payne
- † Helen Carle and Caroline Peck
- † Evan Dean Seaborn (1963-1990) son of Betty and Neal and brother of Eric, Emmett and Elliott
- † Given with loving, wonderful memories of Neal and our married life together for 62 years
- † Shirley and Dick Secor, Robert Sibert
- † Family members no longer with us:
- † Lucille & H Thompson Stock, H Thompson Stock, Jr.
- † Ruth & Harold B Finch,
- † Catherine & Harold B Finch, Jr. Martha Finch
- † My parents Lillian and Bob
- † Rod's parents Hugh & Barbara Taft and
- † Chris's mom Alice Thébèrge and grandmother Aldea Thébèrge
- † Richard Woodrich
- † Our loved ones

### Given by:

- Jeanette Duncklee
- Phyllis Gibson
- Phyllis Gibson
- Philip and Lucy Saunders
- Anne Grote
- Heather Anne Banting
- Catherine Liddell
- Kent & Genanne Kissinger
- Jim and Allie Loehlin

### Given by:

- Barbara Baker & Bob Froh
- Heather Anne Banting
- John, Julie, Lydia & Eliza Barker
- The Carroll and Dickason families
- Cheryl Colberts
- Dottie, Renny, Nat, Jamie and Tim Damon
- Rob & Erin Forker
- Garrison Family
- Rob & Ginny Gregg
- Sally and Charlie Helwig
- Mary Jones and Family
- Trevor and Jillian Larkan
- Jim and Judy Mongiardo
- Nancy and Bob Payne
- Steffi & Charlie Peck & Family
- Betty Seaborn
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- The Secor Family
- Barbara and Arthur Stock
- Susan Sullivan
- Rod & Chris Taft
- Judy Woodrich
- Carol & Bill Yermal

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