

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

10:00am Worship

Youth Sunday

May 1, 2022



Is it possible after the darkness, after the pain,
after the not measuring up to the person we wish to be,
to find new life?

New life takes practice, practice, practice.

It's hard work.

Even believing in the possibility of new life / resurrection is hard.

That's why we have to practice.

What brings you new life?

That's the great self-discovery.

Rev. Talitha Arnold, UCC Santa Fe

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter
Rev. Megan Berkowitz

QUESTIONS TO NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION

All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together as the people of God who worship, learn, serve and share.

PRAYER

***THE SHARING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT** (see page 6)

ANTHEM

“For the Lord Is Good”

Lynn DeShazo
Gary Sadler

Youth and Sanctuary Choirs; Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director
Alex Hoskyns, soloist

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

MEDITATION

Alex Hoskyns

SUNG RESPONSE

“Alleluia No. 1” Refrain

Refrain

Descant:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Melody:
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le-

To verses Last time
al - le - lu - ia, praise to his Name.

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.

MEDITATION

Jonathan Natolie

SUNG RESPONSE

“Alleluia No. 1” Refrain

MEDITATION

Halden Dyer

SUNG RESPONSE

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Pam Emslie

Rev. Bob Feeny

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Gift of Bread and Cup

COMMUNION 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.**

COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leigh Einbinder

Offertory

“This Is My Song”

Jean Sibelius

Words by Lloyd Stone & Georgia Harkness

Youth and Sanctuary Choirs; Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director

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.

BLESSING OF PAM’S SABBATICAL

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 476 “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”**

***BENEDICTION**

Halden Dyer
Jonathan Natolie

POSTLUDE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

John Leavitt

All are invited to come forward and greet the Senior Class during the postlude.

*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.*

ALL ARE INVITED to share in coffee, cake, conversation and celebration in Village Common, hosted by the Community Ministry.

Village Common is located through the doors nearest the pulpit.

If you are watching our livestreamed service, please join us for Coffee Hour following virtual worship.

The link is found here or from the website home page and the weekly enews Village News.

Our communion bread was baked with love and care by the Village Church Bread Ministry.

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GIVING OPTIONS



Our church, our community and our world are sustained by the gracious gifts of time, service, and financial resources that we share. May God bless the giving and receiving of gifts and make more of us together than we can be apart.

To donate **to support the mission and ministry of Village Church**, please follow this link or scan this QR Code to take you to the giving page for **Gifts**.

**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.

WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH WEBSITE



For information about Wellesley Village Church, please visit our website, which may be accessed using your smartphone.

FAMILY LIFE

Family Life is community and faith formation for children, youth, and their families. For current information on our programming, our calendar, and Lenten practices for families, please visit the Church website for the Family Life Enews.

Wellestey Village Church Covenant

Adopted 1962

We are banded together as a Christian Church

to maintain the worship of God,

to proclaim the gospel of Christ,

to develop in all people a consciousness of their relations

and duties to God and to each other,

and to inspire them with love for truth, passion for righteousness, and enthusiasm for service.

To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ

and covenant with each other

to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life;

to live together as Christians,

and to submit ourselves to the government of this Church, working, giving, praying for its increase, its purity, its peace,

and seeking in every way to make it a power for

the building up of the kingdom of God.

~We welcome these new members into our covenant today~

Deryle House

Jennifer Dirga

Brian Hall

Carolyn and Chuck Wood

Matthew Buono

Daisy Hollifield

Letter of Appreciation

Thank you to the seniors who are faithfully leading us in worship this morning.

Halden Dyer
Leigh Einbinder
Alex Hoskyns

Jonathan Natolie
Charlie Prus
Kylin Roberts
Taylor Stazesky

It takes a village to keep Village Church Youth Programs running!

Thank you to the Adult Youth Program Advisors for the generous gift of their time and faithful support of the youth in our church. What a blessing they are to me, to the youth and to all the people of this church.

- ❖ Thank you to the High School Youth Group Advisors: Dave Emslie, Tim Loff, Bev Lenci, David Cahill, Michaela McDonald, Jim Strouse, Stacey Decembrele and Rev. Bob Feeny.
- ❖ Thank you to the Confirmation Advisors: Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Linda Gallinaro, Dave Emslie and Tim Loff.
- ❖ Thank you to the Middle School Youth Group Advisors: Dave Baker, Alison Cross, and Jade Hargrave.
- ❖ Thank you to Aaron (Paco) Kauffman, who joins our group each year on our service project to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

We are also grateful for:

- ❖ The seniors in our High School Youth Program who join us every Wednesday evening and offer their wisdom and mentorship to our Confirmands.

And, we thank YOU, members and friends of this church, for your on-going love and financial support of our youth and our youth program. Without you this program would not be possible. All the youth and the advisors thank you, thank you, thank you!

In faith,
Rev. Pam Emslie

TODAY

- 9:00am** **Worship**, *Chapel*, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Preacher;
Rev. Megan Berkowitz
- 10:00am** **Worship**, *Sanctuary and Livestream*, Youth Group Seniors,
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Megan Berkowitz,
Rev. Pam Emslie, Rev. Bob Feeny
Childcare, *Family Worship Room*
Children's Church, *Families will begin together at 10am in the Sanctuary;
pick-up will be in Children's Church on the 2nd floor after worship.*
Michaela McDonald
Middle School Youth Group, *meet in Youth Room, then proceed to Youth
Sunday together.* Pam Emslie
- 11:15am** **Coffee and Fellowship**, *Village Common*
Zoom Fellowship, *The link is found here*
Energy Committee Update, *Chapel*
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00pm** **Worship**, *Congregational Church of Weston*
- 6:30pm** **High School Youth Group tonight**, *Pam and Dave Emslie's house
for dinner and Youth Group*

Energy Committee Invites You to an Update Presentation

Today, 11:15, Chapel

Please join us to learn about the Committee's work in support of the church's objective to honor and protect the health of our community and our home. The last major project, upgrading the Cloister, will be discussed.

Sharing Your Presence with us today



What a blessing it is to have you here today!
Please sign in at the door or use this QR code.

COMING UP

Pre-Congregational Meeting Zoom Discussion

Monday, May 2, 7:30pm, [link here](#)

We will discuss the Better Together Initiative with Charles St AME Church. In advance of the May 15 Congregational meeting and vote, please join this zoom call to ask any questions you may have or discuss concerns, ideas, or hopes about this endeavor.

Village Table Ministry Cooking

This week, and every other Thurs., Fri. & Sat., Village Hall Kitchen

Please email food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to get involved.

Call to Congregational Meeting

To Vote on the Better Together Initiative with Charles St AME Church

Sunday, May 15, 11:15am, in the Sanctuary and live streamed All are invited!

Family Promise Walk to End Homelessness

Sunday, May 15, 11:15am-12:30pm

Join us after worship for a light meal and fellowship in the Cloister Garden, and a short walk to benefit Family Promise.

Joint Service with Charles St. AME Church

Sunday, June 12

Join us for a joint service with our sister church! For 20+ years we have worshiped with our siblings in Christ from The Historic Charles St. A.M.E. Church.

Congregational Meeting to Meet and Call Our New Pastoral Resident, Martha Schick

Sunday, May 29, during our 10am worship service (one service that day)

You will have an opportunity to meet Martha in person when we will have a vote to officially call her to the position.



WELCOME, VISITORS!

Are you thinking about getting involved in a community of faith?
If you are interested in joining, and have not been in touch with our
Welcoming Ministry, please contact Megan Berkowitz at
megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Lay Leadership

John Snyder ~ Moderator

Kathy Schleyer ~ Vice Moderator

Cynthia Sibold ~ Immediate Past Moderator

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

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The Rev. Pam Emslie

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The Rev. Bob Feeny 3rd Year

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