# Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 15, 2022 10:00am

Hymns may be found in the New Century (black) hymnal. \*Please stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE** 

"Prelude and Fugue in A Major, BWV 536" Kristjon Imperio, Organ J.S. Bach

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Michaela McDonald

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 17 "To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

One: Holy God, we know that we have been called to choose your transforming love and make it real in the world.

All: Yet we confess that at times, we lose sight of the connection between choosing your love in our own lives and communities and embodying that love to everyone we meet.

One: We have allowed our view of your power to bring about a reign of peace and justice to become small, limited by our own understanding and capacity to dream the world you desire for us.

All: Forgive us. Help us to understand ourselves as nodes within your great interconnected web of creation: powerful in our way and yet humbled by your great power; beloved reflections of your image, yet each only a small glimpse of your wondrous face. Through Christ we pray, amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Beloved children of God, hear this good news: the Holy Spirit dwells among us, ever-strengthening the bonds we share with all of creation: the ones we can see, and the ones we cannot. We are forgiven and called anew.

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 stand as you are able and share a greeting of peace with one another.

**CHORAL ANTHEM** 

"A New Commandment"

William Mundy (1529-91)

Jessica Jacobs Tybursky, Mauri Tetreault, Kevin McDonald, Matthew Buono

A new commandment give I unto you, aith the Lord: that ye love together as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6

Rev. Bob Feeny

**GOSPEL READING** 

John 13:31-35

**SERMON** 

"Love Against the Machine"

**RESPONSE HYMN** NO. 498 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Please remain seated during response hymn.

# COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offertory

All things come of thee.

"Look at the World"

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir; Kevin McDonald, Director

Look at the world, everything all around us: Look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower, look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river and plain:

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer

Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, Till it is gathered of the Father's fold:

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish Comes from the Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and his heaven above:

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.

### \*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

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. 75 "Lord, Make Me More Holy"

#### WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

Postlude "Jesus Lives" Philip Moore

You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of worship.

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#### ALL ARE INVITED

to share in coffee and refreshments in Village Common, then join us for the Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary.

If you can't make it to the meeting in person, please join in by Zoom (Zoom Cong. Meeting Link).

We will not have a zoom fellowship today because of the meeting.

#### **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 <u>follow this link</u> or scan this QR Code to take you to the giving page for **Gifts**.

#### 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.

#### **TODAY**

9:00am Worship, Chapel, Rev. Bob Feeny, Preacher; Rev. Megan Berkowitz

**10:00am Worship**, *Sanctuary and Livestream*, Rev. Bob Feeny, Preacher;

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter; Rev. Megan Berkowitz;

Michaela McDonald

Childcare, Family Worship Room

Children's Church, Courtyard or Upper Room, Michaela McDonald

Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room, Jade Hargrave, Dave Baker

11:15am Coffee and Fellowship, Village Common

Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary and live streamed

Zoom Cong. Meeting Link

Family Promise Lunch and Walk, Cloister Garden

No Zoom Fellowship today Please attend Congregational Meeting

No Handbell Choir Rehearsal today

**3:00pm Wild Church,** *McKinnon Park, Wellesley,* Rev. Diane Anderson

**5:00pm** Worship, Congregational Church of Weston

7:00pm High School Youth Group, Youth Room, Rev. Bob Feeny

# **Congregational Meeting**

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

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

<u>Zoom Cong. Meeting Link</u>

## Family Promise Walk to End Homelessness

Today, 11:15am-12:30pm

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

#### **COMING UP**

Candidating Sunday for Rev. Stacy Swain, our candidate for the role of Associate Pastor, Sunday, May 22, during and after our 10am worship service (one service that day) You will have an opportunity to meet Stacy in person and we will have a vote after worship to officially call her to the position.

Congregational Meeting to Meet and Call Our New Pastoral Resident, Martha Schick Sunday, May 29, during and after our 10am worship service (one service that day) You will have an opportunity to meet Martha in person and we will have a vote after worship to officially call her to the position.

# Save the Date: Sunday, June 12, 2-5pm Feeding Frenzy returns for a Joint Service Project with Charles St (AME)!

You are invited to answer God's call to feed the hungry as we stand side by side and serve others with our sister congregation. Hosted by WVC Service Ministry and the WVC-CSAME Better Together team.

# Village Table Ministry Cooking

This Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 19, 20 & 21 and every other Thurs., Fri. & Sat. after that, Village Hall Kitchen. Please email <a href="mailto:food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org">food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org</a> to get involved.

#### FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please see Enews for details.

**Empty Nesters+**, *Mondays*, 9:30am, Elm Bank Reservation Please contact Christina Oliver at 617-529-9246 for more information.

**Seniors Connect**, *First Tuesday of the month*. Please email Rev. Megan Berkowitz at megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

**Village Church Dads Group** – *Tuesday, May 17, 7pm, The Local, Wellesley* Please email <u>getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org</u> to sign up.

**Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry**, *Wednesdays*, 10-11:30, via Zoom We welcome new knitters and crocheters to this special ministry. Yarn and a variety of patterns provided. Please contact Bobbie Hayes at 781-400-1333 or <a href="mailto:rchkch@verizon.net">rchkch@verizon.net</a>.

Wednesday Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10am-11:45am, via Zoom Please email getinvolved@welleslevvillagechurch.org to sign up.

**Village Churchmen** – Thursday, May 19, 12:30pm-2:30pm via Zoom and monthly on third *Thursdays*. Please email <u>getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org</u> for the link.

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#### **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

#### **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 go to the Church website for the Family Life Enews.

# 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.

# Lay Leadership

John Snyder ~ Moderator Kathy Schleyer ~ Vice Moderator Cynthia Sibold ~ Immediate Past Moderator

#### **Senior Pastor**

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter sarah@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

#### **Associate Pastors**

The Rev. Pam Emslie pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org
On sabbatical until 8/25/22

#### **Pastoral Residents**

The Rev. Bob Feeny 3<sup>rd</sup> Year bob@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

The Rev. Megan Berkowitz, 1st Year megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

# **Ministry Directors**

Michaela McDonald – Children's Ministry michaela@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

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