

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



10:00am Worship

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May 22, 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 Triumphal March on “Standing at the Future’s Threshold” *David Blackwell*
Kristjon Imperio, Organ

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN NO. 4** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

Children are invited to come forward on the last verse to join the pastor on the Chancel steps.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Michaela McDonald

Children may leave for Children’s Church, which concludes at 11:15am.

Parents will find PreK-5th grade on the 2nd floor and Middle School on the lower level.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

One: God, you desire for us to know you, and to be known by you. You call us close, to be transformed by your love, and to make it real with others.

All: Yet we confess we do not always make room for you to truly move in our lives. We seek out our own paths, rather than letting your Spirit lead.

One: Forgive us when we stray. Draw us back into your presence, as we come to you in silence, listening for your still, small voice in our midst ...

(silence)

One: In Jesus’ name.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Church, hear this good news! Christ calls us into uncharted waters, to be more fully known, more deeply loved, and more radically transformed than we can even begin to imagine. We are forgiven, renewed, and called again to be Christ's transforming presence in the world.

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

"Esto Les Digo"

Kinley Lange

Sanctuary Choir; Kevin McDonald, Director

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:23-29

Rev. Stacy Swain

SERMON

"Si Dios Quiere" (God Willing)

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 23 "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Please remain seated during response hymn.

COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offertory

"Dona Nobis Pacem" Adapted from *Heiligmesse* Franz Joseph Haydn

*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. 538 "Standing at the Future's Threshold", vv. 1, 4, 5

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Christian People, Raise Your Song"

Mary Beth Bennett

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

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The CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Betty Seaborn in loving memory of Neal Seaborn.

ALL ARE INVITED

*to share in coffee and refreshments in Village Common, then join us
in the Sanctuary for the Congregational Meeting
to vote to call Rev. Stacy Elizabeth Swain to be our next Associate Pastor.*

*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 follow this link 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** **No 9am Worship Today** *Please attend 10am worship and meeting.*
- 10:00am** **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestream**, Rev. Stacy Elizabeth Swain, Preaching;
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter; Rev. Bob Feeny; 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
- 11:00am** **Coffee and Fellowship**, *Village Common*
Congregational Meeting, *Sanctuary and on zoom*
[Zoom Cong. Meeting Link](#)
No Zoom Fellowship today *Please attend Congregational Meeting*
No Handbell Choir Rehearsal today
- 5:00pm** **Worship**, *Congregational Church of Weston*
- 7:00pm** **High School Youth Group**, *Youth Room*, Rev. Bob Feeny
Village Church Parents Group (VCPG), *parlor and on zoom*

COMING UP

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 *Every other Thurs., Fri. & Sat. after that, Village Hall Kitchen.* Please email food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to get involved.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please see Enews for details.

Empty Nesters+, *Mondays, 9:30am, Elm Bank Reseroation*

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 –Please check Enews for details. Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org 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 rchkch@verizon.net.

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

Village Churchmen –*Monthly, on third Thursdays, 12:30pm-2:30pm via Zoom.* Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for the link.

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.

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



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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

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Associate Pastors

The Rev. Pam Emslie

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On sabbatical until 8/25/22

Pastoral Residents

The Rev. Bob Feeny 3rd Year

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The Rev. Megan Berkowitz, 1st Year

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