

# Wellesley Village Church

*Congregational † United Church of Christ*



10:00am Worship



May 8, 2022

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 8, 2022

10:00am

Hymns may be found in the New Century (black) hymnal.

\*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

“Morning Has Broken”

*Alan Bullard*

Kristjon Imperio, Organ

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 28 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Bob Feeny

One: Living God, you weave us into one another’s lives, the richness of our textures and vibrancy of our colors, drawing each other out. From the contrasts of our unique selves emerges a tapestry that reveals more to us of who you are than we could ever imagine on our own.

**All: Yet we confess that we do not always appreciate the varied and diverse ways that you are at work. We have shamed one another in the name of modesty. We have ignored one another for lack of interest. We have chosen to be coarse, rather than to be softened.**

One: Unravel us, God. Show us the parts of ourselves that we might hide away. The good, the bad, the wildly colorful. Forgive us for the threads we hide or deny in ourselves, and for those in others which we have mocked, ridiculed, or condemned.

**All: Forgive us for the beliefs, words, and actions that have pulled at the fabric of our common life. Bind us up with one another, o God. Make us faithful fibers in the tapestry of your love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved in Christ, though our hearts and our souls may feel threadbare, and we may not believe that our fragile lives could bear the very image of God, our God is a good weaver and seamstress, appreciative of each and every strand, and always at work to skillfully bring diverse elements into a glorious unity. No matter how worn or torn we may feel, God’s grace darns us together with joyful love.

**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**

*“The Gift of Love”*

*Hal Hopson*

Kristjon Imperio conducting  
Sanctuary Choir

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love; my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
But not be giv'n by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed.  
By this we worship and are freed.*

*Amen*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 9:36-43

**SERMON**

*“Legacies”*

**RESPONSE HYMN NO. 464 “The Weaver’s Shuttle Swiftly Flies” vv. 1,2, & 5**

*Please remain seated during response hymn.*

## COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Offertory**

“Cantate Domino”

*Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni*

*Cantate Domino canticum novum  
Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum  
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum  
Et filiae Sion,  
Exultant in rege suo.*

*Sing to the Lord a new song  
O praise in the holy church.  
Israel, be joyful and glad in him  
And children of Sion,  
ye children of Sion be joyful.  
Rejoice and be glad in your King.*

### **\*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. 314**      “Community of Christ”

## WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad”

*David Shelat*

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

†††

ALL ARE INVITED

*to share in coffee and conversation in Village Common.*

*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](#).*

## 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.

## 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).

## 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.

## TODAY

- 9:00am**      **Worship**, *Chapel*, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Preacher; Jade Hargrave
- 10:00am**      **Worship**, *Sanctuary and Livestream*, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Preacher;  
Rev. Bob Feeny  
**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*  
**Zoom Fellowship**, *[The link is found here](#)*  
**Handbell Choir Rehearsal**
- 5:00pm**      **Worship**, *Congregational Church of Weston*
- 7:00pm**      **High School Youth Group**, *Youth Room*, Rev. Bob Feeny

## COMING UP

### **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.

### **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.

### **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**

*Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 18, 19 & 20 and every other Thurs., Fri. & Sat., Village Hall Kitchen.* Please email [food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

**Village Church Dads Group** – *Tuesday, May 17, 7pm, The Local, Wellesley*

Please email [getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:rchkch@verizon.net)

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

**Thursday Night Bible Study: First Isaiah** – *Thursdays, March through May, 7:15-8:45pm, Zoom and Parlor* Please email [bob@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:bob@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) for the link.

**Village Churchmen** - *Monthly on the third Thursday, 12:30pm-2:30pm via Zoom*

Please email [getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) for the link.

## 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](mailto: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, 1<sup>st</sup> Year

*megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org*

## Ministry Directors

Michaela McDonald – Children’s Ministry

*michaela@wellesleyvillagechurch.org*

Dr. Kevin McDonald – Youth Music,

Interim Director of Music,

Director of Sanctuary Choir

*kevin@wellesleyvillagechurch.org*

Kristjon Imperio – Organist &

Handbell Choir Director

*kristjon@wellesleyvillagechurch.org*

Meg Sweeting – Church Administrator

*meg@wellesleyvillagechurch.org*

Chris Toppin Riordan – Communications

*christine@wellesleyvillagechurch.org*

Sharon Funk – Admin. Assistant to Sr. Pastor

*sharon@wellesleyvillagechurch.org*

All music and words in this bulletin are reprinted by  
permission under OneLicense.net, License #A-714276

and by CCLI, License #2910233.

CCLI Streaming License #20812468.

2 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02482

Office: 781-235-1988 – Urgent Pastoral Care Cell:

781-591-7451

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

