

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



10:00am Worship



June 5, 2022

Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

"Psalm-Prelude, Op. 32, No. 3"

Herbert Howells

"Sing unto Him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise."

Psalm 33:3

Kristjon Imperio, Organ

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

***OPENING HYMN** "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" (*Please see insert.*)

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 after worship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Congregation, please read bolded parts.*)

Rev. Stacy Swain

God of all life and all creation, we confess that we lose sight of your "all" sometimes.

We confess that too often we place ourselves at the center of the story. We make ourselves the main characters while others are supporting players; suns while others are planets that orbit us.

In our self-focus, we fail to recognize that "all" are your beloved children, "all" uniquely reflect your image, "all" are embraced by your unending love.

Help us to shift perspective and recognize ourselves as single stars among many in the endless skies of your creation, shining the light we have been given through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Beloved children of God, hear this good news: being one star of many does not diminish your brightness. Shining alongside one another casts the light of God's love farther than any one of us ever could alone. We are each called to find our place among the multitudes of God's people: serving and being served, supporting and being supported, loving and being loved.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-12

Rev. Bob Feeny

Romans 12:9-16

SERMON

"Well...Now What?"

RESPONSE HYMN

"They'll Know We are Christians" *(Please see insert.)*

Please remain seated during response hymn.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Bob Feeny and Rev. Megan Berkowitz

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Gift of the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Partita on "Holy Manna"

Franklin D. Ashdown

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, STEWARDSHIP MOMENT AND CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

"Baba Yetu"

Christopher Tin

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director

To give:



*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.**

TIME OF FAREWELL TO THE REV. BOB FEENY

Appreciation for the Ministry of Rev. Bob Feeny

Susan Sullivan, PRC Chair

One: Rev. Bob Feeny has faithfully served Wellesley Village Church as Pastoral Resident for 3 years. Today we release him from this role.

Bob: I thank Wellesley Village Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

All: We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Bob: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

One: Do you, the members and friends of Village Church, release Rev. Bob Feeny from pastoral relationship with you, and offer him your prayers and encouragement as his life and ministry unfold in new ways?

All: We do, with the help of God.

One: Do you, Bob, release your ministry with Village Church, trusting that seeds planted by you will be watered by others, and continue to grow in God's grace, and do you offer your encouragement for the continuing ministry here?

Bob: I do, with the help of God.

One: We accept this sharing of gratitude, forgiveness and release, with trust and faith in the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding both Bob and Wellesley Village Church into new seasons of ministry.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 360

“Thuma Mina”

Sanctuary and Youth Choirs; Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director
(Congregation, please rise and join in on the final 3 verses.)

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Veni Creator Spiritus, “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire”* Flor Peeters
You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of worship.

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The CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Pam and Craig Stirrat in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Laura Colin Cort in Georgetown, Maine, on June 4.

ALL ARE INVITED

to share in Pentecost and Pizza and Farewell to Bob 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.



TODAY

- 9:00am** **Worship, Chapel**, Rev. Bob Feeny, Preaching; Rev. Megan Berkowitz
- 10:00am** **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestream**, Rev. Bob Feeny, Preaching;
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter; Rev. Stacy Swain; Rev. Megan Berkowitz;
Michaela McDonald
Childcare, Family Worship Room
Children's Church, Courtyard or Upper Room, Michaela McDonald
Middle School Youth Group
- 11:00am** **Pentecost and Pizza and Farewell to Bob**, *Village Common*
Zoom Fellowship
Handbell Choir Rehearsal today
- 5:00pm** **Worship at Congregational Church of Weston**
- 7:00pm** **High School Youth Group, off-site**

Feeding Frenzy returns for a Joint Service Project with Charles St (AME)!

Sunday, June 12, 2-5pm 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 WVC-CSAME Better Together team. [Sign Up Genius Link Here >](#)

Village Table Ministry Cooking *June 16-18, and 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, June 6 & 13, 9:30am, Elm Bank Reserovation*

Please contact Christina Oliver at 617-529-9246 for more information.

Seniors Connect, *June 7 and 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*

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 -*Thursday, June 16, 12:30pm-2:30pm, and Monthly, on third Thursdays, via Zoom.* Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for the link.

FAMILY LIFE

Family Life is Christian community and faith formation for children, youth, and their families.

For current information on our programming, 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



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

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Associate Pastors

The Rev. Pam Emslie

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On sabbatical until 8/25/22

The Rev. Stacy Swain

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The Rev. Bob Feeny 3rd Year

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