

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



9:00 am Summer Worship

Season of Pentecost

Sunday, June 26, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata, K332
Kristjon Imperio, piano & voice

W.A. Mozart

WELCOME

Stacy Swain

CENTERING INTO WORSHIP

*GATHERING SONG

“Praise to the Living God” vv. 1 & 2

arr. Jim Brickman



1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Sullivan

One: Since our very creation, God has been calling to us, “Where are you?” and humans have been hiding in shame. Let us call upon God, asking for the strength to stop hiding, to bring our shame to light, and in confessing it, to remove its power to come between us and the God whose love never ends.

All: Creator of All Life, you gave form to the world and called it good. You created humanity in your image and called us very good. But there are times when we forget the goodness you have sparked in us. We have sinned; we have harmed ourselves, others, and your creation. We have rejected our connection to you, and in our shame over our wrongdoing, we have hidden ourselves away from your love.

One: Forgive us. Help us to move away from wrongdoing and shame, and restore our trust in your unending care.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

One: Through Paul we hear God’s promise: Neither death, nor life, nor height, nor depth, not even shame and fear – nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God that we have come to know in Jesus. Whenever we are ready to stop hiding behind our shame, God awaits us, ready to embrace us in steadfast love.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

SUNG RESPONSE

“Blessed Assurance”

Verse lyrics by Stacy Swain

**Blessed assurance, here I belong!
Siblings with Jesus all the day long.
Love that he shared now also is ours.
A Love that saves and also empowers.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3: 1-11

Stacy Swain

THIS IS MY STORY

“Beholding”

RESPONSE SONG

“Ubi Caritas”

Live in char-i - ty and stead-fast love, live in char-i - ty; God will dwell with you.
U - bi ca - ri - tas at a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

THIS IS MY SONG

Megan Berkowitz

SUNG RESPONSE

“Blessed Assurance” (Refrain)

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long**

A TIME OF PRAYER STATIONS & OFFERING

MUSICAL MEDITATION

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

***SENDING SONG**

"Take My Life, God, Let it Be"



1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.



Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

***COMMON LIFE & BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on "Blessed Assurance"

Charles Callahan

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ALL ARE INVITED

Fellowship and lemonade in the Cloister Garden.

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** **Summer Worship**, *Chapel*, Rev. Stacy Swain, Preaching;
Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Susan Sullivan; Liturgist
- 10:00am** **Fellowship Hour**, *Cloister Garden*

UPCOMING

Village Table Ministry Cooking *June 30, July 1 and 2, and every other week on Thurs., Fri. and Sat. after that, Village Hall Kitchen.* Please email food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to get involved.

To allow for summer vacations the church office will be closed Friday, June 24 and Friday, July 1. Church office also closed Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *Please see Enews for details.*

Empty Nesters+, *Reconvening in September for walks at Elm Bank Reservation Mondays.*

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

Seniors Connect, *first Tuesday of the month.*

Please email Rev. Stacy Swain at stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Village Church Dads Group –*Reconvening in the fall.*

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, *Reconvening in September*

Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Village Churchmen – *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.

**Children's Church and Middle School Youth Group have concluded for the summer and will
resume after Labor Day, on Sunday, September 11, 2022.**

Visit our website at wellesleyvillagechurch.org for more information

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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The Rev. Pam Emslie

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The Rev. Stacy Swain

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The Rev. Megan Berkowitz, 2nd Year

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WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH WEBSITE

For information about Wellesley Village Church, please visit our website

at: wellesleyvillagechurch.org

or may be accessed by using your smartphone →

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