

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



9:00 am Summer Worship

Season of Pentecost

Sunday, July 10, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in C Major, Op. 87, No. 1 *Dmitri Shostakovich*
Kristjon Imperio, piano

WELCOME Rev. Megan Berkowitz

CENTERING INTO WORSHIP

***GATHERING SONG** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Mauri Tetreault, cantor



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christina Oliver

One: God of all life, you appear to us in so many different ways. From a still, small voice, to the faces of our neighbors, to a dramatic burning bush, you make your presence known.

All: Yet we know that no matter how you make your presence known, there are times when still we don't see you. We are too focused elsewhere to recognize that in fact, you are everywhere.

One: God, forgive our failure to perceive you. Guide us to sense your presence and help us to place that presence at the center of our lives.

All: Through Christ, who is always present with us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Hear this Good News! We are forgiven for our lapses of awareness. God never stops reaching out for us in small and big ways. God continues to remind us of the mystery of boundless love, even when our attention strays.

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

Exodus 3:1-6

David Oliver

THIS IS MY STORY

"God's Presence"

Rev. Andrew Kimble

RESPONSE SONG

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do - us,
 4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;



Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.
 save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell them.
 kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

THIS IS MY SONG

Ken Sipe

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

Rev. Stacy Swain

MUSICAL MEDITATION

COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

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.**

COMMON LIFE

***SENDING SONG**

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

The image shows a musical score for the song "We Are Standing on Holy Ground". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "We are stand - ing on Ho - ly Ground,". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "and I know that there are an - gels all a - round;". The third staff continues with the lyrics "Let us praise Je - sus now. We are". The fourth staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics "stand - ing in His pres-ence on Ho - ly Ground." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and ties. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

We are stand - ing on Ho - ly Ground,
and I know that there are an - gels all a - round;
Let us praise Je - sus now. We are
stand - ing in His pres-ence on Ho - ly Ground.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

John Carter

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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. Andrew Kimble, Preaching; Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Stacy Swain, Christina & David Oliver, Ken Sipe, Liturgists
- 10:00am** **Fellowship Hour, Cloister Garden**
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

UPCOMING

CLIMATE JUSTICE: Time for Action is Now! It is the 11th hour! *Monday, July 11th, at 11am*
Join us on the church lawn this Monday, and on the 11th day of each month, as we ring the church bells for 11 minutes, starting at 11am, standing in solidarity for climate justice along with other churches in the community and across the region. See the Enews for more information.

Chapel in the Pines *Sunday, July 17, from 3:00-4:00 pm*

Join us for a Wild Church (outdoor) Worship Service in McKinnon Park, Wellesley MA
See Village Church Enews or website for more information.

Village Table Ministry Cooking *Thur., Fri., July 14-15, at 6pm and Sat. July 17, at 9am, in Village Hall Kitchen.* Please email food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to get involved.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *Please see Enews for details.*

Empty Nesters+ (walking group) Return! 9:30am Mondays, July 11 & 18. Meet at Elm Bank Reservation. Contact Christina Oliver for more info. christina.oliver20@gmail.com.

Seniors Connect, *first Tuesday of the month.*

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

Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry, *Wednesdays, 10-11:30, via Zoom*

Please contact Bobbie Hayes at 781-400-1333 or rchkch@verizon.net.

Village Churchmen – *Break for the summer. Will reconvene in the fall.* Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for information.

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

Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Wednesday Bible Study, *Reconvening in September*

Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

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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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. Megan Berkowitz, 2nd Year

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For information about Wellesley Village Church, please visit our website

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