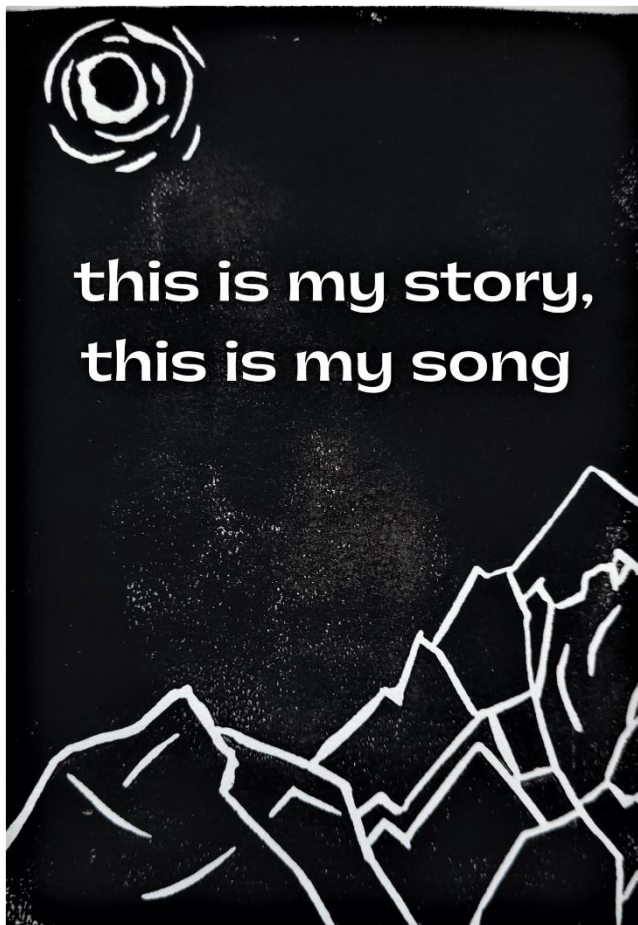


Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



9:00 am Summer Worship

Sunday, July 31, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 31, 2022

9:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

"Excerpts from 'Variations on a Theme by Joseph Haydn'"

Kristjon Imperio, piano

by Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

Stacy Swain

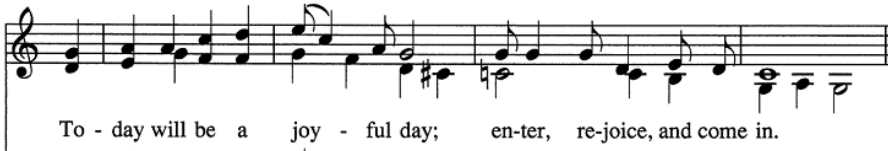
CENTERING INTO WORSHIP

*GATHERING SONG

"Enter, Rejoice and Come in"



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| 1 | En - ter, re - joi - ce, and come in. | En - ter, re - joi - ce, and come in. |
| 2 | O - pen your - self to the song. | O - pen your - self to the song. |
| 3 | O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. | O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. |
| 4 | Don't be a - fraid of some change. | Don't be a - fraid of some change. |
| 5 | En - ter, re - joi - ce, and come in. | En - ter, re - joi - ce, and come in. |



To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joi - ce, and come in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Douglas Baskett

One: Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us:

All: broken things within us that seem never to mend, empty places within us that seem always to ache, things like buds within us that seem never to flower.

One: O God of love and grace,

All: help us to accept ourselves; to become ourselves and lead us, we pray, to do those good and true things that are ours to do.

One: As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us bloom.

All: For these things, we will give you the Glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE

One: In spite of our tendency to pull apart, in spite of our tenacity to our old ways, our loving God continues to call us back together again, showing us the true nature of forgiveness. God does not keep score of our wrongs or measure how far we have wandered. God welcomes us home. We are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness to offer it to ourselves and to others again and again as God offers it to us in Jesus Christ, our hope and our home.

All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

SUNG RESPONSE

“Blessed Assurance” *Verse lyrics by Megan Berkowitz*

**We have a mission, work in God's name,
To do our part to ease the world's pain:
Choosing God's love and making it real;
Sharing Christ's peace and helping all heal**

**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

Matthew 14: 13-21

Douglas Baskett

THIS IS MY STORY

“Blessings Beyond Our Imagination”

Judy Mongiardo

RESPONSE SONG

“I Love to Tell the Story” (*see insert*)

THIS IS MY SONG

Alice Polley

SUNG RESPONSE

“Blessed Assurance” (Refrain)

**This is my story, this is my song,
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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.

COMMON LIFE

*SENDING SONG

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"



1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I Love to Tell the Story"

by Marianne Kim

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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*, Judy Mongiardo, story; Alice Polley, song; Douglas Baskett and Rev. Stacy Swain, liturgists
- 10:00am** **Fellowship Hour**, *Cloister Garden*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & ACT

Hoops & Homework Backpack Project, *due August 17, drop off in the church parlor*. Help a child prepare for school this fall with a new backpack and school supplies. See the weekly Enews or, [online viewers can follow this link to sign up](#). Email meg@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for more info.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *Please see Enews for details.*

Better Together Small Groups

Come and see! Come and be! God is doing a new thing, drawing our church families closer together! You are invited to experience how we are better together by participating in this new small groups opportunity. These groups will consist of church members from both Village Church and Charles Street A.M.E. Using the link below, sign up for a time that works for you, and plan to be present with Spirit as you enter into a circle of conversation designed to deepen our connections with each other and with God. These will be held via Zoom and just four brief gatherings in total. So, come do a new thing! Please see Enews to sign up.

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 Rev. Stacy Swain at stacy@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 Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter at sarah@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

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Kathy Schleyer ~ Vice Moderator

Cynthia Sibold ~ Immediate Past Moderator

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