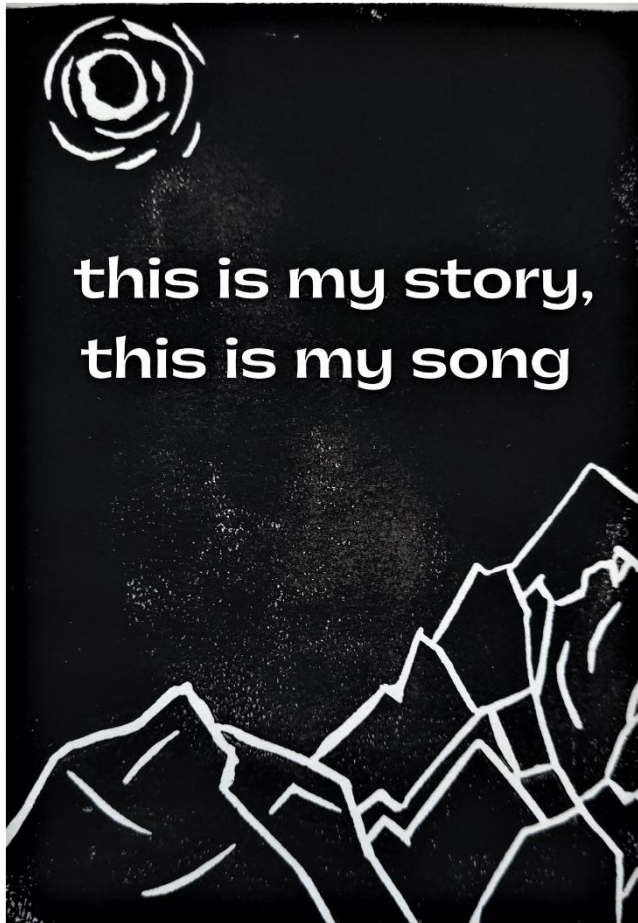


# Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



**9:00 am Summer Worship**

*Sunday, August 14, 2022*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 14, 2022

9:00am

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

## PRELUDE

Kristjon Imperio, piano

## WELCOME


Megan Berkowitz

## CENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### \*GATHERING SONG

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Alex Hoskyns, Cantor



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martha Schick

One: Creator God, your world is abundant – it holds abundant species, abundant biomes, abundant life.

**All: Yet we confess that we are not always good stewards of this world. Too often, we choose convenience over care.**

One: Oh God, we know that we are all connected.

**All: The fate of this earth rests with us, and our fate rests with the earth. God help us.**

One: We come to you, seeking connection.

**All: Help us to find you in the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and the plants of the earth. Help us to care for our non-human family. Help us. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Know this, people of God. Abundance life and love is all around us. We need only seek it out to find connection with the divine, just as God is always seeking us out. We take heart in knowing that there is no one so lost that God cannot find them, and there is no world so broken that God cannot redeem it.

**All: Thanks be to God, Amen.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

### SUNG RESPONSE

“Blessed Assurance”

*Verse lyrics by Stacy Swain*

**Peace is the vision God has for all,  
Heavenly garden, enough for us all.  
Here we now till the ground where we stand,  
Joining with God in healing the land.  
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**

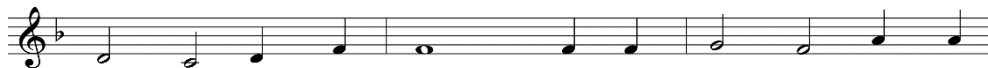
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Exodus 3:1-5	
<b>THIS IS MY STORY</b>	“Into The Woods”	Diane Anderson
<b>RESPONSE SONG</b>	“Give Me Jesus”	<i>arr. Fernando Ortega</i>
<b>THIS IS MY SONG</b>		Kristjon Imperio
<b>SUNG RESPONSE</b>	<p>“Blessed Assurance” (<i>refrain only</i>)</p> <p><b>This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long</b></p>	
<b>A TIME OF PRAYER STATIONS &amp; OFFERING</b>		Megan Berkowitz
<b>MUSICAL MEDITATION</b>	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	<i>arr. Richard Kingsmore</i>
<b>COMMUNION</b>		Stacy Swain & Pam Emslie
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &amp; THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>		
<p><b>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.</b></p>		
<b>COMMON LIFE</b>		Stacy Swain

## SENDING SONG

### “As a Fire is Meant For Burning”



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a  
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are  
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a



bright and warm - ing flame, So the church is meant for  
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are  
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of



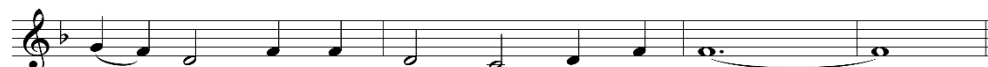
mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. As we  
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay. By our  
one - ness 'Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued. As a



wit - ness to the Gos - pel, We would  
gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would  
rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a



build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the  
show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning  
storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the



na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.  
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.  
ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

## \*BENEDICTION

Diane Anderson

## POSTLUDE "Improvisation on 'As A Fire is Meant for Burning' " arr. Randall Hartsell

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### **ALL ARE INVITED**

*Fellowship and lemonade in the Cloister Garden.*

*Bulletin cover art by Rev. Megan Berkowitz titled "Sinai"*

## 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. Diane Anderson, story; Kristjon Imperio, song; Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Martha Schick, Rev. Pam Emslie, Rev. Stacy Swain, liturgists
- 10:00am**    **Fellowship Hour, Cloister Garden**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & ACT

**Hoops & Homework Backpack Project** *Thank you to all who have donated a backpack already. Any final deliveries should be made by August 17; drop off in the church parlor.* The backpacks with school supplies will help children prepare for school. See the weekly Enews or, [online viewers can follow this link to sign up](#). Email [meg@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:meg@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) for more info.

**Village Table Ministry Cooking**, *Thursday and Friday, August 25 and 26, 6pm, and Saturday, August 27, 9am, and every other Thurs., Fri. and Sat after that, Village Hall Kitchen.* Please email: [food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) to get involved.

## **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** *Please see Enews for details.*

### **Better Together Small Groups**

God is doing a new thing, drawing our church families closer together! You are invited to participate in groups of church members from both Village Church and Charles Street A.M.E. to deepen our connections with each other and with God. Please see Enews for more information and to sign up for one of these groups, to be held on zoom.

**Seniors Connect**, *first Tuesday of the month.*

Please email Rev. Stacy Swain at [stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:rchkch@verizon.net).

**Village Churchmen** – *Break for the summer. Will reconvene in the fall.* Please email [getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) for information.

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

Please email [getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) to sign up.

**Wednesday Bible Study**, *Reconvening in September.*

Please email [getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto: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](http://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 Martha Schick at [martha@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:martha@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. Megan Berkowitz at [megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

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Kathy Schleyer ~ Vice Moderator  
Cynthia Sibold ~ Immediate Past Moderator

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