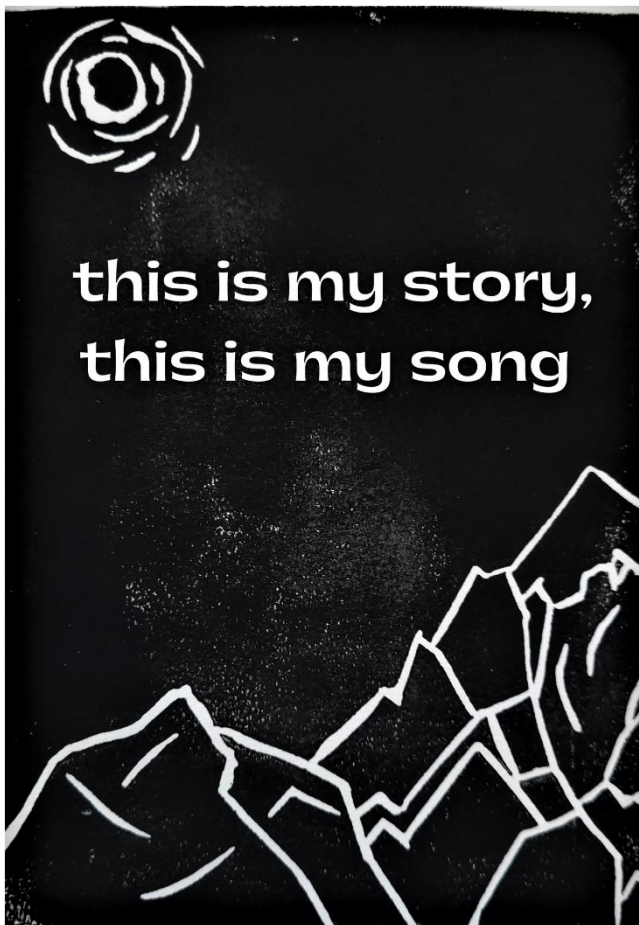


Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



9:00 am Summer Worship

Sunday, August 21, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 21, 2022

9:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE "Prelude & Fugue in G Major, BWV 860" by J.S. Bach
Kristjon Imperio, piano

WELCOME Sarah Sarchet Butter

CENTERING INTO WORSHIP

***GATHERING SONG** "Morning Has Broken"
Alex Hoskyns, Cantor

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Chords: C, Am, Dm, G, Dm, G, C, Em, Am, Em, F, G, C, Am, F, C, Am, G, C, G, Am, G7, C

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sarah Sarchet Butter

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today is Eric James Weller

Invitation

Covenant Promises of the Parents, Jill and Kirk Weller

Covenant Promises of the Congregation

Deacon: Will you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to Eric James Weller who is about to be baptized?

All: We will, with the help of God. With this sacrament we welcome Eric into the fellowship of Christ's church. We promise to receive him as a child of God, nurture him in Christian faith, and grow with him in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Blessing of Water

Baptism of Eric James Weller

Deacon: See what love God has for us, that we should be called children of God.

All: Loving God, we thank you for Eric; bless him and keep him, now and forever. Give him faith and strength for life's journey, the joy of fellowship, the freedom to love, the courage to serve, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Introduction to the Family of Faith

RESPONSE SONG

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world

Every color, every race: All are covered by his grace

Jesus loves the little children of the world

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.
Amen

REASSURANCE

May the Almighty God, grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
And the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

From the Book of Common Prayer

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 22:34-40

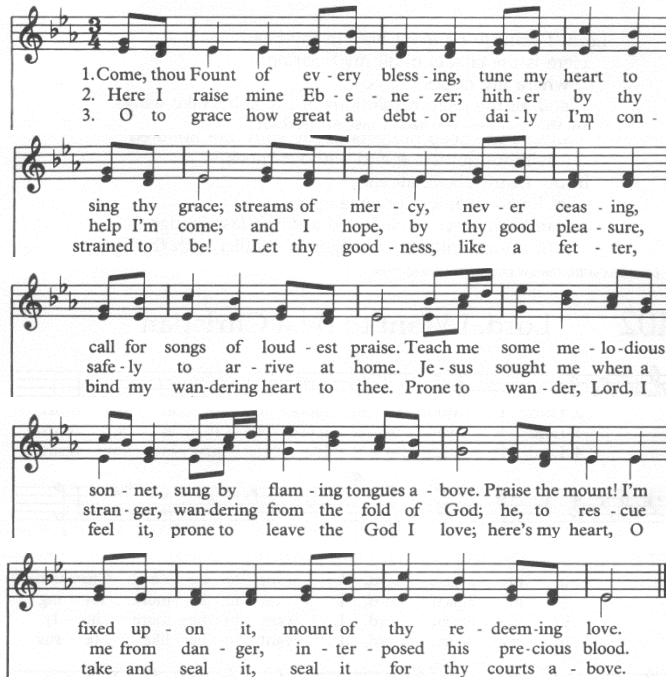
THIS IS MY STORY

“The Greatest Commandment”

Caroline Boynton

RESPONSE SONG

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”



1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm
stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THIS IS MY SONG

Martha Schick

SUNG RESPONSE

“Blessed Assurance” (refrain only)

**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

Megan Berkowitz

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Broken Vessels”

from *Hillsong*

COMMUNION

Pam Emslie & Martha Schick

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

“There Is A Balm In Gilead”

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

*BENEDICTION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

POSTLUDE

“Improvisation on 'There is a Balm in Gilead”

by Charles Callahan

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ALL ARE INVITED to 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**, Caroline Boynton, story; Martha Schick, song; Rev. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Pam Emslie, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, liturgists
- 10:00am **Fellowship Hour, Cloister Garden**
- 3:00pm **Chapel in the Pines-Wild Church, Outdoor worship in MacKinnon Park, Wellesley**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & ACT

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 to get involved.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES [Please see, or sign up to receive, our weekly Enews for details.](#)

Fellowship Supper Groups Join or host a small supper group this fall. Sign up via the weekly Enews.

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.

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.* Email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

Wednesday Bible Study, *Reconvening in September.* Email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

FAMILY LIFE is Christian community and faith formation for children, youth, and their families. **Children’s Church and Middle School Youth will resume after Labor Day, on Sunday, 9/11**
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 Martha Schick at martha@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

LAY LEADERSHIP

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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.

WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH WEBSITE

For information , please visit our website at:

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For smartphone access →

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