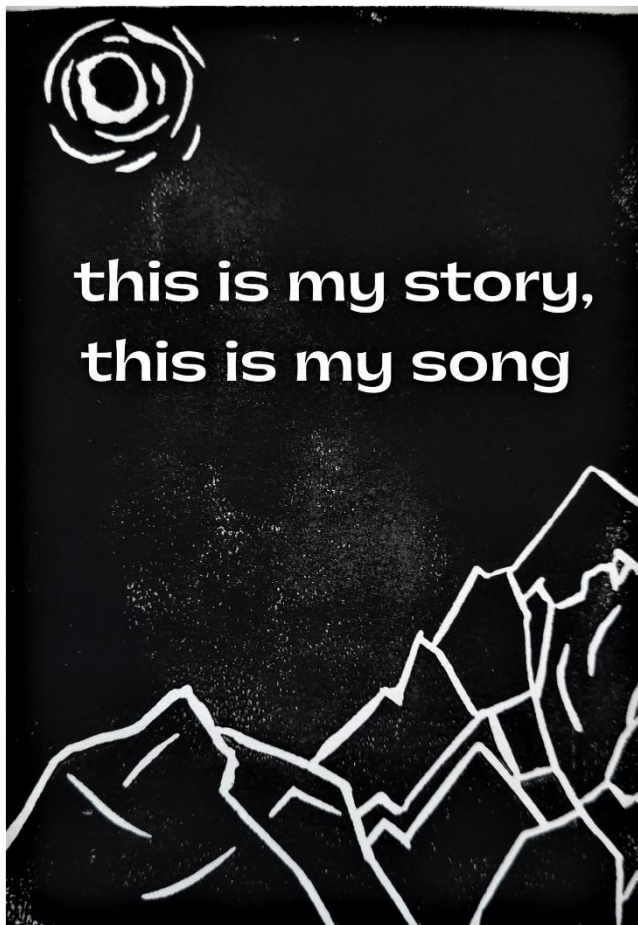


# Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



**9:00 am Summer Worship**

*Sunday, August 28, 2022*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 28, 2022

9:00am

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**PRELUDE**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
Kristjon Imperio, piano

*David Nevue*

**WELCOME**

Martha Schick

**CENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

“Bless The Lord, My Soul” (Taize)  
Sonya Imperio, Cantor

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a cantor.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Megan Berkowitz

One: Holy God, Creator of All Life, You knew us before we took our first breath. You gathered us from the dust of the earth and called us your people. You gave Christ, Light of the World, to us, and sent us into the world after him to proclaim his Way.

**All: Yet we confess to you that we do not always share your love as we should. Where you have called us to live as one body, we exist as divided members.**

One: Where you have called us to give our Spirit-given gifts, we focus instead on our own ends. Where you have called us to forgive, we have forgotten your mercy.

**All: Have mercy on us, and draw us back into your Way, your Truth, and your Life, through Christ. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Children of God, know that however we have fallen short of our call, God is still with us, telling us not to fear, strengthening us and preparing us to make a way in Love once more.

**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

John 15:16

Martha Schick

THIS IS MY STORY

“Choosing Home”

RESPONSE SONG

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,  
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,  
You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.  
Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## THIS IS MY SONG

Pam Emslie

**SUNG RESPONSE**      "Holy, Holy, Holy" (*verse 1*)

**Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

"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**

"Give Me Jesus"  
Village Church Bell Choir

*arr. Jason Krug*

## 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**

**“What A Covenant”**



1 What a \*cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing  
last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing

*Refrain*



on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from  
on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Ende vom Lied' from Fantasiestucke”

*Robert Schumann*

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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*, Martha Schick, story; Pam Emslie, song;  
Rev. Megan Berkowitz, liturgist
- 10:00am**    **Fellowship Hour**, *Cloister Garden*

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & ACT

**Village Table Ministry Cooking**, *Thursday and Friday, Sept. 8 and 9, 6pm, and Saturday, Sept. 10, 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, 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](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*. Email [getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

**Wednesday Bible Study**, *Reconvening in September*. Email [getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto: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](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).

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### 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).

### WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH WEBSITE

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For smartphone access →

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