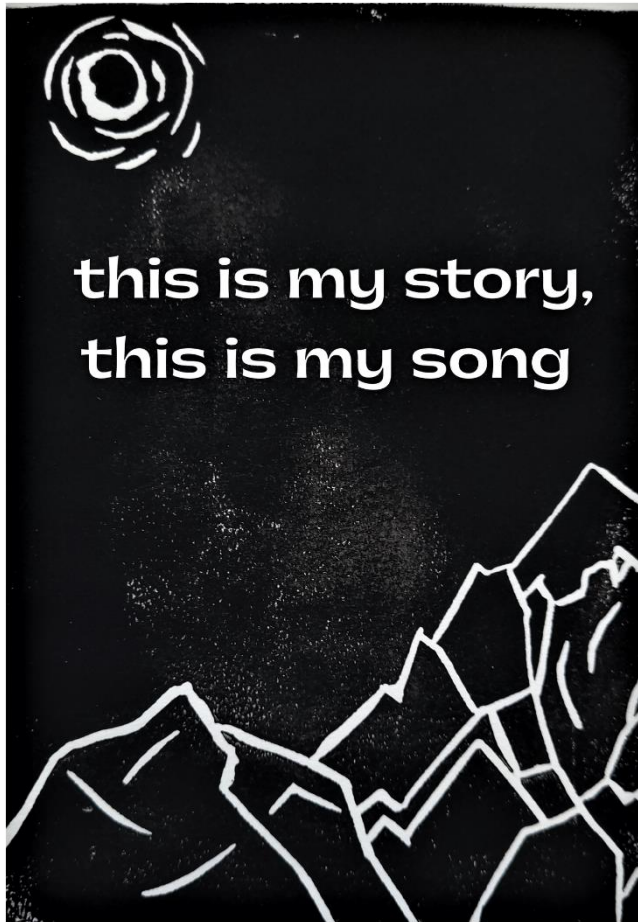


Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



9:00 am Summer Worship

Sunday, August 7, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 7, 2022

9:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

“Adagio” from Op. 5, No. 11 *by Arcangelo Corelli*
“Sarabande and Giga” from Op. 5, No. 8
Jagan-Nath Khalsa, violin; Kristjon Imperio, piano

WELCOME

CENTERING INTO WORSHIP

*GATHERING SONG

“Great is Your Faithfulness” (*see insert*)
Alex Hoskyns, Cantor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, Creator of the World, you have given us more than enough: enough food, enough water, enough resources to nourish and sustain us.

All: Yet we confess that instead of trusting in your provision, we act upon myths of scarcity. We believe that in order for ourselves to have enough, others must go hungry or thirsty. We compete with our siblings around the world and concentrate resources against future need. Instead, you call us to act in the faith that living in harmony with all of humanity and all of creation will be sufficient for our needs.

One: Free us from the fears that lead us to believe there will never be enough. Give us courage to make changes when you call us to new patterns of living. Give us the capacity to dream ways to re-establish our relationships with the rest of your creation.

All: Loving God, forgive us, and help us to grow in generosity and interdependence with all life. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE

One: People of God, hear this good news! Listening to God's promises of providence, and acting in concert with the needs of all of creation, we will be nourished beyond our boldest imagining. Each step we take towards right relationship with other people and all of creation is a step towards God's Kin-dom of righteousness and plenty.

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

Luke 12: 22-31

THIS IS MY STORY

“Frameworks and Lilies”

Cathy Liddell

THIS IS MY SONG

Brad Harding

RESPONSE SONG

“How Shall I Sing That Majesty” *(see insert)*

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

Stacy Swain

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Be Thou My Vision”

Arr. by David S. Abramsky

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

"Seek Ye First"



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but by ev - 'ry word
there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Nimrod" from Enigma Variations, Op. 36 by *Edward Elgar*

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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*, Cathy Liddell, story; Brad Harding, song;
Rev. Stacy Swain, liturgist
- 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.

Village Table Ministry Cooking, *Thursday and Friday, August 11 and 12, 6pm, and Saturday, August 13, 9am, and every other Thurs., Fri. and Sat after that, Village Hall Kitchen.* Please email: food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to get involved.

CLIMATE JUSTICE: Time for Action is Now! It is the 11th hour! *Thursday, Aug. 11th, 11am.* Join us on the church lawn 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.

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 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.

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. 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 Rev. Megan Berkowitz at megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

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