

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

September ~ a month of



at WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH

10:00am Worship



September 11, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10:00am

Hymns may be found in the New Century (black) hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers today are a gift from Fran Kerchner's children,
in loving memory and celebration of their mother.*

PRELUDE

“In dir ist Freude, BWV 615 “

J. S. Bach

In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.

Kristjon Imperio, Organ

WELCOME

Rev. Pam Emslie and Rev. Stacy Swain

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

DOXOLOGY

Staff

***OPENING HYMN**

“All Are Welcome” (*Please see insert.*)

Children are invited to come forward on the last verse to join the pastor on the Chancel steps.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Michaela McDonald

Children may leave for Children's Church, which concludes at 11:15am.

Parents will find PreK-5th grade on the 2nd floor after worship.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please read bolded parts.)*

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

Lord God, much as we joyfully proclaim that you are our shepherd and that we want for nothing in your care, we know there are times when some tasty tidbit tempts us to wander and instead, we find ourselves as lost sheep, straying from the path you have laid for us.

We confess that as many things in the world draw our attention, we lose our way. We do not love others as you have loved us. We do not listen for your still, small voice speaking of care and call. We do not pause our work to praise you.

Forgive us, collect us from our wanderings, and draw us home to you in safety.

Through Jesus Christ, who is our Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Come and Fill"

Sing! Prayer and Praise

Ilana Cady and Kevin McDonald, cantors

(Please see insert.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

People of God, hear this Good News: no matter how far we wander, God has an eye on us. We are never so lost that God cannot sweep us back up into the palm of Her hand. Our shepherd rejoiced in whenever He carries us home.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

Please stand as you are able and share a greeting of peace with one another.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Fanfare and Morning Praise"

Gilbert Martin

Ilana Cady, piano

Kristjon Imperio, organ

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100, responsive *(pew Bible, page 481)*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

"Be Loved"

Rev. Stacy Swain

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 309 “We Are Your People”

Please remain seated during response hymn.

COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offertory

“Great and Glorious”

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director

***Doxology**

To give:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**



PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 293**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

(Cantors will sing verse 1. Please join in singing the refrain, verse 2 and the last refrain.)

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Richard Proulx

You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of worship.

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ALL ARE INVITED!

Please plan on staying and

joining in the celebration of the start of the new program year.

*We will be delighting in food provided by Village Table in Village Common
and there will be a Bouncy House for the children in the Churchyard.*

There will be no Zoom fellowship hour today.

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** **No 9am Worship Today** *Please attend 10am worship.*
- 10:00am** **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestream**, Rev. Stacy Swain, Preaching; Rev. Megan Berkowitz; Michaela McDonald
Childcare, *Family Worship Room*
Children's Church, *Courtyard or Upper Level*, Michaela McDonald
Middle School Youth Group today, *Youth Room, Lower Level*
- 11:00am** **Welcome Back Coffee and Fellowship**, *Village Common and Churchyard*
No Zoom Fellowship today
- 5:00pm** **Worship at Congregational Church of Weston**
- 7:00pm** **High School Youth Group**

The Place to BE: Wellesley Village Church

9/11 - Welcome Sunday! *One Service for our BELOVED Community*

- 10a - Worship / Children's Church / Middle School Youth Group
- 11a - LUNCH with VILLAGE TABLE / BOUNCE HOUSE for all ages
- 7p - High School Youth Group

9/18 - **BECOME!** *Full Fall Schedule Resumes

- 9a - Chapel Worship
- 10a - Sanctuary Worship/Children's Church/Middle School YG
- 11a - Fellowship and ICE CREAM TRUCK
- 7p - High School YG

9/25 - **BEFRIEND!**

- 9a - Chapel Worship
- 10a - Sanctuary Worship/Children's Church/Middle School YG
- 11a - Fellowship and PHOTO BOOTH
- 7p - High School YG



Sept 11 BELOVED!
Sept 18 BECOME!
Sept 25 BEFRIEND!
Oct 2 BEHOLD!
Oct 9 BELONG!
Oct 16 Confirmation

OPPORTUNITIES

Please see, or sign up to receive, our Enews for details.

For a complete listing and more information please go to our website. (see link on back page)

Village Table Ministry Cooking *September 22, 23 and 24 and every other Thurs., Fri. & Sat. after that, Village Hall Kitchen.* Please sign up for September by using this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4bafae22a75-village1>.

Fellowship Supper Groups - Join or host a small supper group this fall. During these supper gatherings new friendships arise as do new insights into the workings and spirit of our church. 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 AME.

Empty Nesters+ Walking Group , *Mondays, starting September 12, 9:30am, Elm Bank Reservation.* Please contact Christina Oliver at 617-529-9246 for more information.

Seniors Connect, *First Tuesday of the month, starting September 13, at 2pm on zoom*
Please email Rev. Stacy Swain at stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

Village Church Dads Group – *Tuesday, September 20 at The Local restaurant in Wellesley*
All Dads welcome! Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry, *Wednesdays, 10-11:30, via Zoom*
We welcome new knitters and crocheters to this special ministry. Yarn and patterns supplied. Please contact Bobbie Hayes at 781-400-1333 or rchkch@verizon.net.

Wednesday Bible Study, *Wednesdays, 10am-11:45am, via Zoom*
Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Village Churchmen –*Sept. 15, 12:30 – 2:30pm, via Zoom and monthly, on third Thursdays*
Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Village Church Men’s Book Group –*Saturday, Sept. 17, 9-11am, Church Parlor*
Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Chapel in the Pines, *Sept. 18, 3pm, McKinnon Park, Wellesley*

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG) – *starting Sept. 18, 7pm, Church Parlor*
We are a group of Village Church parents walking in faith together gathering for conversation and support. Contact Caroline Johnson Hodge at: cejh47@gmail.com

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 Megan Berkowitz at megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.



**WELCOME IS OUR
FAVORITE WORD**
@ Wellesley Village Church



Connect with us!
Scan this QR Code or visit:
wellesleyvillagechurch.org

FAMILY LIFE

Family Life is community and faith formation for children, youth, and their families. For current information on our programming, please go to the Church website for the Family Life Enews, or email pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org or michaela@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

LAY LEADERSHIP

John Snyder ~ Moderator

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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

For information , please visit our website at: wellesleyvillagechurch.org

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