

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

September ~ a month of



at

WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH

10:00am Worship



September 18, 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 the Sally and Mike Kellogg,
in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Morgan Kellogg, and Chris Cua.*

PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art “

J. Wayne Kerr

Kristjon Imperio, Organ

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 8 “Praise to the Living God”

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.

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

Martha Schick

Gracious God, it can be so hard to trust you!

We seek to know it all, do it all, and be it all.

When we only rely on ourselves,

Draw us back to you.

When we are determined to shoulder our burdens alone,

Remind us that you are there to share the weight.

When we still turn inwards,

Bring us back to church, where we can reach out to you.

God, it can be so hard to trust you!

Forgive us anyway. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

People of God, there is Good News. No matter how far you stray, God seeks you out. No matter how hard it is for you to trust God, God remains steadfast. No matter what you have done or failed to do, God forgives you.

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Sicut Cervus" Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Kevin McDonald, conductor

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea ad te Dominus.*

As the hart (deer) yearns for the water springs:
so longs my soul for Thee, O God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43: 19

Rev. Stacy Swain

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:10

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

SERMON

"Faith is in the Eye of the Beholder"

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 531 "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" vv. 2-4

Please remain seated during response hymn.

COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For His Children

Sue Jung Grant

Offertory

“O How Amiable”

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Kevin McDonald, conductor

Kristjon Imperio, piano

O how amiable are thy dwellings;
thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing
to enter in to the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even thy altars O Lord of hosts,
my king and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handy work,
o prosper thou our handy work.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

***Doxology**

**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.**

To give:



PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Stacy Swain

**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. 76 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord the Almighty, Op 67, No. 24"

Max Reger

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 continuing celebration of the start of the new program year.
We will be delighting in fellowship in Village Common
and treats from an ice cream truck.*

*If you are watching our livestreamed service,
please join us after virtual worship
for a brief time of fellowship,*

followed by Faithful Questions led by Rev. Stacy Swain.

Please use this New Zoom link > Zoom Fellowship (11:15am) and Faithful Questions (11:30)

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** **Chapel Worship**
- 10:00am** **Worship**, *Sanctuary and Livestream*, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Preaching; Rev. Stacy Swain; Martha Schick; Michaela McDonald
Childcare, *Family Worship Room*
Children's Church, *Courtyard or Upper Level*, Michaela McDonald
Middle School Youth Group today, *Youth Room, Lower Level*
- 11:15am** **Welcome Back Coffee and Fellowship**, *Village Common and Churchyard*
Ice Cream Truck, *Churchyard*
- 11:15am **Zoom Fellowship**, to be followed by Faithful Questions
- 11:30am **Faithful Questions**, *Parlor and Zoom*, Rev. Stacy Swain
You may join this conversation in person in the Parlor; or if you are participating by Zoom: [Please use this New Zoom link >](#) for Zoom Fellowship (11:15am) and Faithful Questions (11:30)
- 5:00pm** **Worship at Congregational Church of Weston**
- 7:00pm** **High School Youth Group**, *Youth Room*, Rev. Pam Emslie
- 7:00pm** **Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)**, *Parlor*

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.)

Faithful Questions, *Today and every Sunday, 11:30am, Parlor and zoom, Rev. Stacy Swain*
Gather with us for an open-hearted, non-judgmental conversation as we explore questions of faith. Today's questions are: Who is God to you? How do you experience God? Has your experience of God changed over the years? If so, how?

You may join this conversation in person in the Parlor; or, if you are participating by Zoom for Zoom Fellowship (11:15am) and Faithful Questions (11:30):

Please use this New Zoom link >

Chapel in the Pines, *Today, 3pm, McKinnon Park, Wellesley*

Join us in the forest for our next wild church worship service this coming Sunday! We look forward to gathering with you in our wild sanctuary at McKinnon Park.

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG) – *Today, 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.

Empty Nesters+ Walking Group, *Mondays, 9:30am, Elm Bank Reservation.*

Please contact Christina Oliver at 617-529-9246 for more information.

Village Church Dads Group – *Tuesday, September 20 at The Local restaurant in Wellesley*

All Dads welcome! Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Seniors Connect, *First Tuesday of the month, 2pm on zoom*

Please email Rev. Stacy Swain at stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

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 - *12:30 - 2:30pm, on third Thursdays via Zoom.*

Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Village Table Ministry Cooking *Thursday, Fri., and Sat., Sept. 22, 23 and 24 and every other Thurs., Fri. & Sat., Village Hall Kitchen.* For a special time with amazing people preparing delicious, healthy meals for people in need, please sign up for September by using this link: [Sign up here >](#)

Village Church Men's Book Group – *Saturdays, to be announced, 9am, Parlor or zoom*
Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

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. Please see the weekly Enews to sign up.

Family Promise Dinners, Oct. 3-6

Family Promise provides support for hardworking, motivated families facing homelessness to find housing as well as to set and meet goals that change their lives forever. Our church provides dinner support several times a year to families staying at the Natick Center shelter. Please see Enews to sign up.

The Place to BE: Wellesley Village Church

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

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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

Enews - If you would like to receive our weekly electronic E-newsletter, contact Chris Toppin at: christine@wellesleyvillagechurch.org and she will add you to our "Village News" email list.

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.



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



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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

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Kathy Schleyer ~ Vice Moderator

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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.

WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH

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

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