

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

Befriending Our Soul

Lent 2023



10:00 AM Worship
Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10:00 AM

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

*Please stand as you are able.

What a blessing it is to have you here today!
Please use this QR code to register your presence.



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PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557
Kristjon Imperio, organist

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Martha Schick

***OPENING HYMN NO. 332 “As We Gather at Your Table”**

*Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps during the last verse
for their time as young disciples.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Michaela McDonald

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Stacy Swain

***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.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:37-39

VILLAGE TABLE TESTIMONY “Hungry”

Rev. Martha Schick, Shannon Kelly

RESPONSE HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

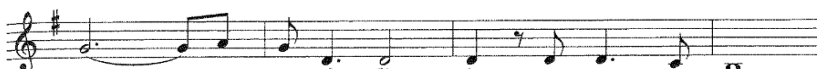
Refrain



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,



one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And



we, though man - y, through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses



1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

Rev. Martha Schick

This is Christ's open table and all who wish to partake are welcome!

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

*The Gift of the Bread and Cup

*Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.
If you are in a transept, please go down the side aisle to the back of the church
and come up the center aisle to receive communion.
Gluten free bread and cup are offered in the center.*

Communion Music

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Charles Callahan

Kristjon Imperio, organ

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know. O God, your pres-ence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy bind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-tory known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Communion 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Today, we invite you to consider offering your time, talents, and treasure to **Village Table**. You may make a financial gift by [following this link or QR code](#), → or by placing cash or check in the designated baskets at the front and rear of the sanctuary after worship has concluded, with “Village Table” in the memo line. Meet Village Table volunteers in Village Common after worship or email spkelly611@gmail.com to learn about offering your time and talent.



Offertory

“Ave Verum Corpus” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Kevin McDonald, conductor
Kristjon Imperio, Organ

*Ave, verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
in Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
unda* fluxit (et)* sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water* and blood,
Be for us a foretaste**
In the test of death.*

*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**

COMMON LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 212 “O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns”

*WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Bless, O My Soul, the Living God”

Kenneth Leighton

Please be seated for the postlude.

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*Following the service ALL ARE INVITED
to join in the sharing of refreshments and conversation in Village Common.
VISITORS - We're so glad you are here!
Please introduce yourself to a pastor near the Welcome sign.*

TODAY

- 9:00am** **Worship**, Chapel, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, preaching; Rev. Stacy Swain
- 10:00am** **Worship**, Sanctuary and Livestream, Rev. Martha Schick & Shannon Kelly,
preaching; Rev. Stacy Swain, Rev. Megan Berkowitz
- Childcare**, Family Worship Room
- Children's Church**, Sanctuary, then pick up on Upper Level,
Michaela McDonald
- No Middle School Youth Group today.** Craigville retreat, Mar 4 - 5
- 10:50-11:20am** **Village Children's Choir**
- 11:15am** **Coffee and Fellowship, Birthday Sunday**, Village Common
- 11:30am** **Handbell Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary
- 5:00pm** **Worship at Congregational Church of Weston**, Rev. Megan Berkowitz
- 7:00pm** **High School Youth Group**, Youth Room, Rev. Pam Emslie

This Sunday, March 5th is Birthday Sunday!

In the welcome given at the start of worship, we hear words that celebrate the presence of all who gather. We hear words that affirm how each of us matters. We matter to the church, and we matter to God. *That is worth celebrating* and we will do so with song and cake immediately following 10am worship at the start of fellowship hour. If you (or your children) were born in the month of March and would like your name(s) lifted up in song, please let Rev. Stacy know.



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A Lenten Practice of Tending to Our Roots

WORSHIP: Lenten Sundays 2/26-4/2

- **9a Chapel Worship**
- **10a Sanctuary worship** with livestream, 11a Fellowship hour
- **5p Congregational Church of Weston (CCW) service**

LENTEN REFLECTION groups

- see website and enews for an array of small reflection groups offered by your pastors – sign up for one or more

HOLY WEEK

- **Palm Sunday** 10a, April 2
- **Maundy Thursday** 7p, April 6
- **Good Friday** 7p, April 7
- **EASTER Sunday** April 9 Services: Sunrise 7a – 9a – 11a

Scan for details or visit: **WellesleyVillageChurch.org**



**VISITORS INFORMATION
WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!**

If you are visiting, please let one of the pastors know,
so that we can welcome you fully.

We would love to meet you!



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@ Wellesley Village Church



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~ **Spring Seekers Orientation** ~

Are you interested in exploring what Wellesley Village Church has to offer?

Are you curious about why church?

Are you thinking about getting involved in a community of faith?

We invite you to attend the

Spring Seekers Orientation classes

to learn more about our faith community.

March 26th, April 23rd with joining on April 30th!

Details to follow!

Contact Rev. Martha Schick at: martha@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, SERVE & ACT

Empty Nesters + Walking Group

We are a group of singles and couples (not just empty nesters), who gather weekly, weather permitting, for a walk in various locations, currently at the beautiful Elm Bank Reservation in Wellesley. Won't you join us? Email at Christina.oliver20@gmail.com to receive a weekly email for location details and confirmation or cancellation, pending weather.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all knitters and crocheters! You are invited to join in a special ministry to create prayer shawls and baptismal blankets. This is a rewarding way to use your creative hands, as well as help the church be ready when needs that arise. All materials and patterns will be provided and help given as needed. Please contact Bobbie Hayes (781-400-1333) for more information.

Family Promise - Update & Gift Card Request

Service Weeks – *Mar. 13-16* is full - thanks all!

Upcoming host weeks: *Jun. 12-15; Sept. 11-14; Nov. 6-9.* Various roles available!

Walk to End Homelessness – *Sun., Apr. 30*, all together again! 3 mile walk, Natick High School at 1pm. Music, food and activities for kids! Join our Walk team: Registration Link: <https://familypromisemetrowest.salsalabs.org/walktoendhomelessness2023/index.html>

Grocery Gift Cards Needed - Food inflation continues! To support 40 families in FPM programs, \$25 gift cards to *Stop & Shop* or *Market Basket* are requested. You can mail directly to Family Promise, 6 Mulligan Street, Natick 01760 or drop off at one of our homes. **Contacts:** Diana.Carroll4@gmail.com; Kim and Abby Reohr: reohr@mac.com.

Village Churchwomen Luncheon and Program

Tuesday, March 14th at Noon in Village Common

Please join us on Tuesday, March 14th for a luncheon at noon to be followed by an inspirational program with presenters Reverend Stacy Swain and Reverend Martha Schick. Stacy and Martha will share with us their Spiritual Journeys. Stacy's presentation is titled "From Yellow Arrow to Yellow Arrow - pilgrimage as a metaphor for my life's spiritual journey" while Martha's presentation is titled "Storytelling Always." Please RSVP to normajeankamar@gmail.com by Monday, March 6th if you plan to attend.

Book Drive for Tanyaradzwa Children's Home - March 5-31st

Please join Village Children's Church in our book drive to provide much needed books for this children's home in Zimbabwe. New or gently used children's books (ages 0-18) can be dropped off in the 1st floor lobby (cemetery entrance) in a marked bin. Gently used tablets to load education programs on are also welcome. Donations gratefully accepted to cover the freight costs by following this QR code→ Wellesley Village Church member Chipo Dendere will be delivering the books when she visits this summer.

Email Chipo with any questions chipo.dendere@gmail.com.



LAY LEADERSHIP

Kathy Schleyer ~ Moderator
Joe Morray ~ Vice Moderator
John Snyder ~ Immediate Past Moderator

PASTORS

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter,
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The Rev. Stacy Swain, Assoc. Pastor, Congregational Care and Engagement
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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.

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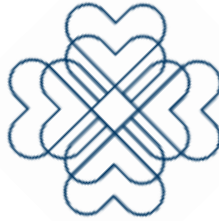
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