

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



Easter Sunday

*April 9, 2023
9:00am Worship*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

We Welcome All

We extend a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God.

On this joyful day we worship together, as one family of God. Children's Church and Youth Programs will resume Sunday, April 23rd. Questions about our life together are always welcome. Ask any one of us! More information is also on our website, www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

*If you are visiting, looking for a church home
or want a smaller group with whom to connect after worship,
please visit our Welcome Table outside
or introduce yourself to a pastor or any member.
We would love to meet you!*

You Are Invited

Please join us for refreshments and conversation after worship. Children are invited to join in our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:25am. 1st through 5th graders meet in the Churchyard. Kindergarteners and younger meet on the Washington St. lawn. If you need directions, ask a neighbor to show you the way!

We are an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

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.

*Whoever you are,
wherever you are on the journey of life and faith,
you are welcome here!*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 9, 2023

9am

Hymns are in the New Century (black) hymnal.

** Please stand as you are able.*

What a blessing it is to have you here today!

Please sign in at the door
or use this QR code to register your presence.



PRELUDE

“Allegro” from *Trumpet Concerto in E-Flat*
Clark Davis, Trumpet
Kristjon Imperio, Organ

F.J. Haydn

INTROIT

“Fanfare”
Village Ringers; Kristjon Imperio, Director
Allen Steere, Piano

Karen Buckwalter

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastoral Staff

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **All: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 233** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Stacy Swain

SUNG RESPONSE NO. 4 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” vv. 1&2

Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps during our sung response.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Michaela McDonald

Children may return to their families.

*Children’s worship supplies are available in the “Pray Ground”, on the steps by the piano, and in the back pews. The **Family Worship Room, with service on live audio feed**, is available through the door by the piano. A childcare attendant is there to assist as needed.*

Families and children are welcome to come and go during the service.

From the tallest to the smallest, we are glad you are here!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Pam Emslie

One: Living God, you have done it again! Your Spirit gives life to dust, and out of the dusty tomb Christ Jesus rises to give us new life! But we confess that we do not live with the exuberant, miraculous, joyful abundance you offer us.

All: Though life has triumphed over death, our world remains intent on making war. Though you set captives free, so many of our brothers and sisters remain imprisoned by social injustice. Though the earth is your creation, we threaten its existence with our misuse.

One: Loving God, beneath the trumpets' din and joyous alleluias, we confess that there are parts of ourselves that we withhold from you. We have not allowed ourselves to fall completely into your embrace; we justify old patterns and cling to old ways; we resist choosing the new life we find in you. Hear our prayers, as we offer ourselves to you in silent confession.

(silent prayer)

All: Risen One, break through our barriers, heal our brokenness, and surprise us with new life beyond our imagining. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Beloved in Christ, there is no greater news than this – that Jesus Christ has triumphed over death and despair. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are called into new life, filled with joy, and assured that we are right where we belong, in God's embrace!

All: Forgiven and forgiving, let us proclaim Christ's love for all creation!

One: Let us live in Easter laughter, assured that the new way of life is possible, that God is faithful, and our hopes for peace and justice are never in vain.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE NO. 4 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" vv. 3&4

SHARING OUR EASTER JOY

Rev. Pam Emslie

One: The joy of the Risen Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

**Please share an Easter greeting with those around you.*

ANTHEM

"Since by Man Came Death" from *Messiah*
Sanctuary Choir, Kevin McDonald Conductor

G.F. Handel

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

Rev. Stacy Swain

SERMON

“A Resurrected Life”

*RESPONSE HYMN NO. 245 “The Day of Resurrection”

COMMON LIFE, CALL TO OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

Offertory

“Hallelujah Chorus” from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

If you wish, please join in singing the refrain.

*Doxology

To give:

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



PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Martha Schick

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE SERVICE PROJECT

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 253 “Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One”

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Saraband for the Morning of Easter”

Herbert Howells

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

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! All: **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Today's Notes

Share the Joy of Easter by Delivering an Easter Plant!

Please join us in delivering Easter plants to church members as a sign of our special care. Plants can be delivered today or during the week. After service, visit the table near Village Common to receive a name and address. After the 9am service, plants can be taken from The Chapel. Thank you for sharing the Joy of Easter!

Special Thanks

Thank you to all the generous volunteers who made today possible: sanctuary decorators, office support, Sanctuary Choir, Council, greeters and deacons.

The Church office will be closed Monday, April 10, in observance of Easter Monday.

Upcoming Invitations: All Are Welcome!

"Stories from the Southern Border" Exhibit

*Exhibit on display, today through April 23, Village Common
Forum on immigration crisis, April 23, after worship, Chapel*

In 2019 members of Christ Lutheran Church, Natick were part of New England Synod's Refugee and Immigration Task Force Border Immersion Program in Texas. From this experience, they created the Metrowest Asylee Family Coalition, including Village Church and other area churches, who now accompany a family of four on their asylum-seeking journey. Rolf Larson, Chair of the Coalition, created *Stories from the Southern Border*, a photography exhibit of portraits and stories of people he met during that visit.

We hope you will visit the exhibit and join us for the forum led by Rolf. The Coalition was the 2022 winner of the Abernethy Award. For more information contact Judy Mongiardo, judymongiardo@gmail.com or Lisa Weinstock, leweinstock@gmail.com.

Making God's Love Real Together

Sunday, April 16, during and after 10am (Sanctuary) worship service

This year, the Congregational Church of Weston (CCW) has focused outreach and educational efforts on refugee resettlement, including a successful Let's Talk event attended by many Village Church (WVC) members. Following that event, members from both congregations have wondered what it looks like to 'walk the talk,' and to get involved in refugee resettlement in our area. The two congregations will worship together on **Sunday, April 16th** in 10am worship at WVC, and leaders from CCW, along with Stacy and Martha, will host a **lunch and learn** event after worship. At this event,

anyone potentially interested in getting involved in a new refugee resettlement project supported by the International Institute of New England (IINE) is invited to listen, ask questions, and wonder together where God may be calling our two churches to serve and to support a refugee family. There is no assumption of long-term commitment at this point. **RSVP** to help with food planning to jschendel@comcast.net **by April 12th**. We hope to see you there!

Blessing the Athletes

Sunday, April 16, during worship, 9am (Chapel) and 10am (Sanctuary)

During the 9:00 and 10:00 worship services on April 16th, we will bless all who will be participating in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 17th. Feel free to come in your running shoes on Sunday, to show your support for the athletes.

Marathon Monday

Monday, April 17, 10am – 3pm

The church restrooms will be open and available for public use.

Standing for Climate Justice!

Sunday, April 23, 11:15, Village Common

After worship on Sunday, April 23rd, we will write postcards to send to our elected officials calling for climate justice. During fellowship hour, postcards, addresses, and sample statements will be available. We are using a postcard picture designed by our own youth, Violet Staley-Goss, who won her age group in the UCC climate art contest.

Spring Seekers Orientation

Sunday, April 23, 11:15, Parlor and Zoom

Are you interested in exploring what Wellesley Village Church has to offer? Are you curious about becoming a member? We invite you to attend the Spring Seekers Orientation session on April 23rd (in the Parlor and on Zoom to learn more about our faith community.



We will welcome new members on April 30th.

We hope you will come learn about how Village Church works, how we fit into the United Church of Christ, and how we are “church” together!

Childcare will be available in the Family Worship Room for both sessions. Contact Rev. Martha Schick with questions or to RSVP at martha@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

Village Church/Charles Street AME Feeding Frenzy - Sign up Now!!

Sunday, April 30, 2:00 - 5:00pm, Village Common

On Sunday afternoon, April 30, we will pack thousands of nutritious meals headed to local food pantries and to Ukraine. We need your help to make it happen. This is a wonderful service opportunity for everyone, including families! Packing sessions will run for 3 hours from 2:00 - 5:00.

Please sign up in our Enews or on our website for one (or two! or three!) one-hour work slots, or just come! Please reach out to Lisa Weinstock (leweinstock@gmail.com) or Deryle House (derylehouse@gmail.com) with any questions.

Easter Dedications

for Wellesley Village Church & Congregational Church of Weston

In Celebration of:

- † Five new family members who are all under the age of three!
- † Russell D. Clark, Jr.
- † Our wonderful children Griffin and Sienna, and beloved Au Pair
- † Gabe Buchholtz
- † Honoring the 30th anniversary of Duncan's death in April of 1993
- † Tucker and Edith Gregg, our grandchildren
- † Family
- † Our children, grandchildren, and great grand children
- † Our beloved family--Barbara & George Howland, Ann & the late Norman Pfaff and Stephen & Caitlin Pfaff.
- † Health and our big, loving family
- † our grandchildren, Nolan, Madelyn and Landon
- † The first Easter with our new baby cousins, Caroline and Vivi
- † Life, Trevor and Chipo's jobs, gogo visiting, Lexi's birthday and sabbatical
- † the passage of the Public Lands Preservation Act by the Mass Legislature
- † The Village Church community
- † The Congregational Church of Weston Community
- † The Sirivallop & Redd Family
- † With gratitude to our Church Family and friends for the loving care received over the past year.
- † loved ones
- † Our grandchildren Finn, Emmett and Willa Suratt and Teddy, Xavie, and Chester Xu.
- † This remarkable church
- † Our families
- † Madelyn VanDahm

Given by:

- Diane & Ed Bedrosian
- Karen Clark Bernardo
- The Edwards Family
- nieces: Amy Fuller Boyd and Deborah Berger, and brother-in-law Sam Fuller
- Rob & Ginny Gregg
- Anne Grote
- Bobbie & Casey Hayes
- Darlene Howland and Steve Pfaff
- Tim and Shannon Kelly
- Kent & Genanne Kissinger
- The Marett Family
- Lexi, Chipo & Trevor
- The Saunders Family
- The Sibold Family
- The Sibold Family
- The Sirivallop Family
- Ron and Linda Smith
- John & Pam Snyder
- Bobbie and Dan Suratt
- Stacy Swain and Mark Smith
- Chris and Rod Taft
- Elizabeth VanDahm

In Loving Memory of:

- † My beautiful Grandma Kay!
- † My husband Bob Bachman and my daughter Bambi Wulf
- † Our parents, David & RuthAnn Froh and Wilbur & Marion Baker
- † Gail A. Baker, mother and grandmother
- † Teddy, Rich, Sarah & Barney
- † Shirley, Deryle's Mom
- † Mary and Clarence Beachell
- † Douglas Walther & Kerry Brody
- † Sally and Fred Brown
- † Loved ones
- † Donald Dickason and Dorothy, William, and James Carroll
- † 1) George Chaisson & Alice Chaisson Hennessey
- † 2) Richard Sewall & Madelon Sewall Baker
- † Thomas and Harriet Cooper
- † in honor of my late husband Jack Colbert, father of Samantha, Sarah, John, and Natalie, and 6 grandchildren
- † Michael Healy
- † Dwight Conway
- † Patricia Cree and Peter Gee
- † our beloved daughter Lin
- † My husband, Bill
- † Tim Lundin
- † Judy Forker
- † Carol Fuller
- † Honoring the 30th anniversary of Duncan's death in April of 1993
- † Dr Jack "DJ" Jung
- † Linda Roth Andresen Harding
- † Shirley House
- † Jere E. Hornung, Alan R. Williams
- † our parents, Mary & John Schule, Georgina & Harrison Howland
- † Royden and Fred Jones
- † Rufus King Jr.
- † Our parents Percy and Jess Larkan; Gordon and Rita Hunt
- † Becca Lenci
- † family member no longer with us.
- † Marilyn Erwin and Tom Garvin
- † Nana and PopPops, GG and Grandpa, and Grandpa Tom
- † Elizabeth (Liz) Martin
- † George S. & Hannah Patey
- † George & Jeannette McNeilly
- † Sandra McNeilly
- † Pat Buxton
- † our parents Frank and Victoria Mongiardo and Edward and Phroso Jaboolian
- † Many loved ones we've lost.

Given by:

- Lori Bruce and family
- Libby Bachman
- Bob Froh and Barbara Baker
- Dave, Julie and Eloise Baker
- Rev. Megan

- Jen Beachell and Deryle House

- Thomas Walter & Eileen Brody
- Heather Brown Sawitsky
- NAN CONG
- The Carroll/Dickason Family

- Bill & Diane Sewall Chaisson

- Nancy Champion

- Cheryl Colbert

- The Conway Family

- Jan Cree, Mike Gee and children
- Renny and Dottie Damon

- Jeanette Duncklee
- Kate Ellmer
- Rob & Erin Forker

- Amy Fuller Boyd, Deborah Berger, and Sam Fuller

- Phyllis Gibson and Peter & Sarah
- Sue and Julien Grant
- her entire family
- Beachell House Family
- Kimberley, Matthew & Russell Hornung

- Barbara & George Howland
- Mary Jones
- Rufus King III

- Trevor and Jillian Larkan
- Bev & Mark Lenci
- Jim & Allie Loehlin
- With love from Steve, Laurel, Evan and Henry Lyle
- The Maret Family
- Jacob Martin

- Jill & Todd Maher

- Senior Choir

- Jim and Judy Mongiardo

- Lexi, Chip & Trevor

† Helen Carle, Steffi's mother and Carol Peck, Charlie's mother
† Warren Johnson, Louis & Joann Peta
† -Robert J. Drummond
-Judith Goodnow Prus and A. Michael Prus
† Patty Franks
† George A. Ritsert, you are held in our hearts always.
† those who are no longer with us that we loved.
† Robert Sagan
† Anne Littmann
† Neal and our son, Evan
† Loved ones
† Mary C. Crocket
† loved ones
† Our parents: Ruth and Harold Finch; Lucille and Tom Stock.
Our brothers ans sisters: Shorty and Baba Finch; Tom and
Ann Stock
† my parents, Robert & Priscilla Brown
† my parents Bob and Lillian
† Karen Korn, Burton Smith and Steve Smith
† Richard "Woody" Woodrich
† My dad who filled my heart with joy and
who I'm eternally grateful for each day.

The Peck family
Lana & John Peta
Jeff, Hilary, Charlie, and Emily Prus
The Reynolds Family
Joanne, Jen, Chris, Tyler & Owen
The Sirivallop Family
Helen Sagan
Martha, Bob, and Jeannie Schick and Greg Townsend
Betty Seaborn
The Secor Family
Jane Shufro
John & Pam Snyder
Barbara and Arthur Stock
Pam Stazesky
Susan Sullivan
Stacy Swain and Mark Smith
Judy Woodrich
Kristin Zinggeler

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