

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



10:00am Worship † June 4, 2023

Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 4, 2023

10:00 AM

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

*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
with our new church check-in page.



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PRELUDE

“With High Delight, Let us Unite”
Kristjon Imperio, Organ

Jan Bender

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 265 “Come, O Spirit, With Your Sound”

*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 *(Please read bolded parts.)*

Rev. Megan Berkowitz

Holy One, you pour your Spirit out upon your people so that we may be the Body of Christ in the world.

Forgive us when we fail to accept what you so freely give.

Forgive us when we think our failings separate us from you and disqualify us from sharing the good news you have called us to share.

Help us to be your hands and your feet and to make your transforming love real. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

People of God, Jesus be assured we are a wholly loved and wholly forgiven people. May the grace of newness of life in Christ Jesus give us all strength and courage to partner with the power of the Spirit in the healing of this beautiful and broken world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*As we greet each other with the peace of Christ,
please greet each other in whatever language you would like to speak.*

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.

SUNG RESPONSE NO. 293

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (refrain only)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-17

Rev. Sarah Sarchet Butter

SERMON

"Pentecost Passion"

RESPONSE HYMN "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" (Glory to God hymnal)



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
3 True love will not sit i - dly by whei
4 If what we have we free - ly share to
5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
love are found, there can the church be known.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Megan Berkowitz
Rev. Sarah Sarchet Butter

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 "Come, God, the Creator, Holy Spirit, BWV 667" J.S. Bach
Kristjon Imperio, organ

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Shawree An

**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 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Sarah Sarchet Butter

For His Children Witness

Jen Thomas

*We invite you to consider making an offering to For His Children.
You may make a financial gift by using this QR code
or by placing cash or check (with "For His Children" in the memo line)
in the designated baskets at the front and rear of the sanctuary
after worship has concluded.*

To give to FHC:



Please come greet Jen and Darwin at the presentation in the Chapel after worship.

Offertory

“Baba Yetu”

Christopher Tin

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Kevin McDonald, Conducting

Krisjton Imperio, Organ

Baba yetu, yetu uliye
Mbinguni yetu, yetu amina!
Baba yetu yetu uliye
M Jina lako e litukuzwe.

*Our Father, who art
in Heaven. Amen!
Our Father,
Hallowed be thy name.*

Utupe leo chakula chetu
Tunachohitaji, utusamehe
Makosa yetu, hey!
Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe
Waliotukosea usitutie
Katika majaribu, lakini
Utuokoe, na yule, muovu e milele!

*Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us of
our trespasses,
As we forgive others
Who trespass against us
Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from the evil one forever.*

Ufalme wako ufike utakalo
Lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni.
(Amina)

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven.
(Amen)*

*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.**

COMMON LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 267 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

*WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Please be seated for the postlude.

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*Following the service ALL ARE INVITED
for refreshments and conversation.*

*VISITORS - We're so glad you are here!
Please introduce yourself to a pastor near the Welcome sign.*

*The CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by the Stock family in loving memory of
Arthur James Stock III, 19-year member of Village Church, who died on May 14, 2023,
His life will be celebrated here at a memorial service at a later date.*

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by Service Ministry.

Did you know that your dollars help to support **A Place to Turn, For His Children** along with a **Circle of Hope**, a **Pathway to Possibility** and **Hope and Comfort? Village Table** and **Feeding Frenzy** are **Community Servings** and **Cornerstone Community Partnerships**? As **Friends of METCO**, we know that **H.O.M.E** and **ABC House** give **Wellesley A Better Chance**. As **Chaplains Along the Way**, we value local programs such as **Family Promise Metrowest**, **Wellesley Stars**, the **MetroWest Free Medical Program**, **City Mission**, **Outdoor Church** and **Common Cathedral**. And that's not all - we're helping abroad as well.....come join us for coffee hour to see more.

Today 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 June and would like your name(s) lifted up in song, please let Rev. Stacy know.

**For His Children (FHC) Ecuador ~
Service Partnership Presentation**

TODAY, Chapel, 11:15am

Jennifer Schneider Thomas, Executive Director of our service partner, For His Children (FHC) - Ecuador, will speak about the extraordinary work that FHC does, and about plans for our next church service trip (February 17-25, 2024).

You will meet Darwin Snyder, a young adult, who was adopted from FHC as a child. FHC operates 2 homes in Ecuador for about 50 children who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected. Village Church volunteers of all ages (12 and up) have visited FHC over the past 20 years to serve and nurture infants, children, young adults, and their caretaker "Tias". Volunteers help with daily care, read, play, initiate activities and assist with projects. Please see Enews to sign up for the 2024 trip, open until June 30.

TODAY

- 9:00am** **Worship**, *Chapel*, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Preacher; Rev. Sarah Sarchet Butter
- 10:00am** **Worship**, *Sanctuary and Livestream*, Rev. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Preacher; Rev. Megan Berkowitz; Michaela McDonald
Childcare, *Family Worship Room*
Children's Church, *Sanctuary, then pick up on Upper Level*, Michaela McDonald
Middle School Youth Group, Rev. Pam Emslie
- 10:50-11:20am** **Children's Village Choir**
- 11:15am** **Coffee, Fellowship and Birthday Celebration**, *Village Common*
- 11:15am** **For His Children Presentation**, *Chapel*
- 11:15am** **Community Deacons**, *Parlor*
- 5:00pm** **Worship at Congregational Church of Weston**
- 7:00pm** **High School Youth Group**, *Youth Room*, Rev. Pam Emslie

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, SERVE & ACT

Boston Pride Parade Pilgrimage

Month of June and Saturday, June 10, 9:45

June is Pride Month, and we are celebrating with a field trip to the Boston Pride for the People Parade on Saturday, June 10! We will leave WVC to take the commuter rail into Back Bay at 9:45 a.m. Wear your rainbows, bring water, wear sunscreen, and get ready to party! Please RSVP to martha@wellesleyvillagechurch.org if you're interested in attending.

Village Churchmen

June 15, 12:30pm-2:30pm via Zoom

Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for the link.

Dads Group

June 20, 7pm, offsite

All Dads welcome! Please refer to Enews for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have always been ready to give a prayer shawl to someone in need, and recipients are always deeply grateful. It is a special ministry! Our supply is currently very low. We encourage all knitters or learners to help build the supply! Materials and help will be provided. Please contact Bobbie Hayes (781-400-1333) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Congregational Meeting to call our new Pastoral Resident

11:15am, Sanctuary - The Pastoral Residency Committee is pleased to announce Megan Strouse as the candidate for pastoral resident commencing this summer. Right after worship at our Congregational Meeting we will make this call.

Pentecost and Pizza Celebration

11:30 am, Village Common - Please join us for a Pentecost and Pizza Celebration following 10am Worship and a brief congregational meeting to call our new pastoral resident, Megan Strouse. Let's celebrate the Pentecost season and the terrific progress of this year's Stewardship Campaign. Please remember to wear something red!

Meet Megan Strouse on Sunday, June 11!

Megan Strouse (she/they) has always had a natural sense of curiosity and a passion for learning about people and their stories; this interest led her to pursue two undergraduate degrees from Ithaca College: Documentary Studies & Production and Anthropology. Megan is a recent summa cum laude graduate from Boston University School of Theology. During her studies, she worked as the Intern for Discipleship and Outreach at Plymouth Congregational Church in Belmont, the BU STH Religion and Conflict Transformation Program, and was a project assistant for a Trauma Responsive Congregations grant from the Lilly Endowment. Prior to her time at BU, she completed a graduate certificate in Interfaith Dialogue from Hartford International University for Religion and Peace while in the International Peacemaking Program.

All of this informs the way Megan approaches life and ministry. Listening and engaging with peoples' narratives, biblical and otherwise, is a daily joy. Their entrance into ministry is lined with the fortitude of understanding that differences do not have to be a point of interpersonal departure; rather, by honoring and understanding our differences, we can learn about, interact with, and experience the real and loving presence of God.

They are a firm believer that all life is sacred and is to be honored in all of its various forms and iterations. She has a heartfelt faith and radical love for all of God's creatures and creation. As a queer Christian with a rich and varied Christian history, Megan is committed to creating spaces in our faith communities that are marked by authentic hospitality; from facilitating small groups to leading worship, she hopes to build a sense of belonging where people feel welcomed, cherished, and affirmed.

Megan grew up in Simsbury, CT with her fraternal twin sister and mom. Although she was raised in the Roman Catholic tradition, in later adolescence and college, she enjoyed the uncertainty, questioning, and rationalism of agnosticism and humanism. After she graduated and moved back home, she briefly worshipped at a local evangelical church.

Dissatisfied with the conservative theology and eager to belong to an affirming community, Megan finally found a church home within the progressive, open-and-affirming United Church of Christ. In her limited spare time, she's finding pleasure in the simple things: cross-stitching, enjoying time spent in nature, exercising, reading, listening to music, baking, cooking, and trying to perfect the art of Sabbath rest.



SUMMER WORSHIP 2023

"Pray, Tell"

A summer of exploring prayer through psalms, storytelling, songs, movement and more.

Join us this summer for clergy and lay-led Sunday services

in our beautiful, air-conditioned Chapel,

followed by lemonade in the Cloister Garden.

We move to one Sunday service

Jun. 18 - Sept 3, @ 9:00am

Chapel & via livestream

~ VISITORS ~
WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!

If you are visiting, we invite you to let one of the pastors know.

We would love to meet you!

FAMILY LIFE AT VILLAGE CHURCH

Wellesley Village Church is a place children and youth can call home. Our intergenerational community at Village Church is an extended family where children and youth find mentors and adults who truly care about them. We gather to experience the love and joy of God both personally and in relationship with each other. In this vibrant community of seekers and learners, we draw near to the stories of our faith and the stories of our lives as we journey together on the Christian path. Our faith changes and transforms our hearts and calls us to action in our community and in our world. We welcome you to be a part of our family at Village Church.

Family Life programming will pause for the summer. The last Sunday of programming before summer will be June 11. We look forward to seeing you in September!

LAY LEADERSHIP

Kathy Schleyer ~ Moderator

Joe Morray ~ Vice Moderator

John Snyder ~ Immediate Past Moderator

PASTORS

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter,

Sr. Pastor sarah@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

The Rev. Pam Emslie, Assoc. Pastor, Youth

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**The Rev. Stacy Swain, Assoc. Pastor,
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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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For smartphone access →

Or speak to any one of us!

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