

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

Summer Worship

9:00 am Chapel

June 25, 2023

Our Scripture Today:

Romans 6:1-11

What a blessing it is to have you here today!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE “Adagio cantabile” from Sonata, Op. 13 *L.V. Beethoven*
Kristjon Imperio, piano

WELCOME

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*GATHERING SONG



Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong



bod - y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please read bolded parts)*

Holy One,

You have created us in your image, gifted us with the breath of life, and called us to life together.

We confess our reluctance to look for your image in one another, and in ourselves. We are quick to critique, both ourselves and others. We are slow to see goodness, in both ourselves and in others. We judge instead of affirm. We exclude instead of invite.

We silently confess our need for your grace.

(silence)

In our interactions with ourselves and others,

give us eyes as you see, ears to hear as you hear, and hearts to love as you love.

In Jesus' name, AMEN

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *(Please read bolded parts)*

Receive this assurance: You are made in God's image. The love in God's voice calls you by name. The love in God's eyes sees you wholly. The love in God's heart embraces you completely. Beloved, know that as God's own, you are loved, forgiven, healed, and blessed.

Thanks be to God!

***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.

SUNG RESPONSE

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

I’ve got peace like a river
I’ve got peace like a river
I’ve got peace like a river
In my soul

I’ve got love like an ocean...

I’ve got faith like an anchor...



PSALM READING

Psalm 86:1-5

Keri Hughes

1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

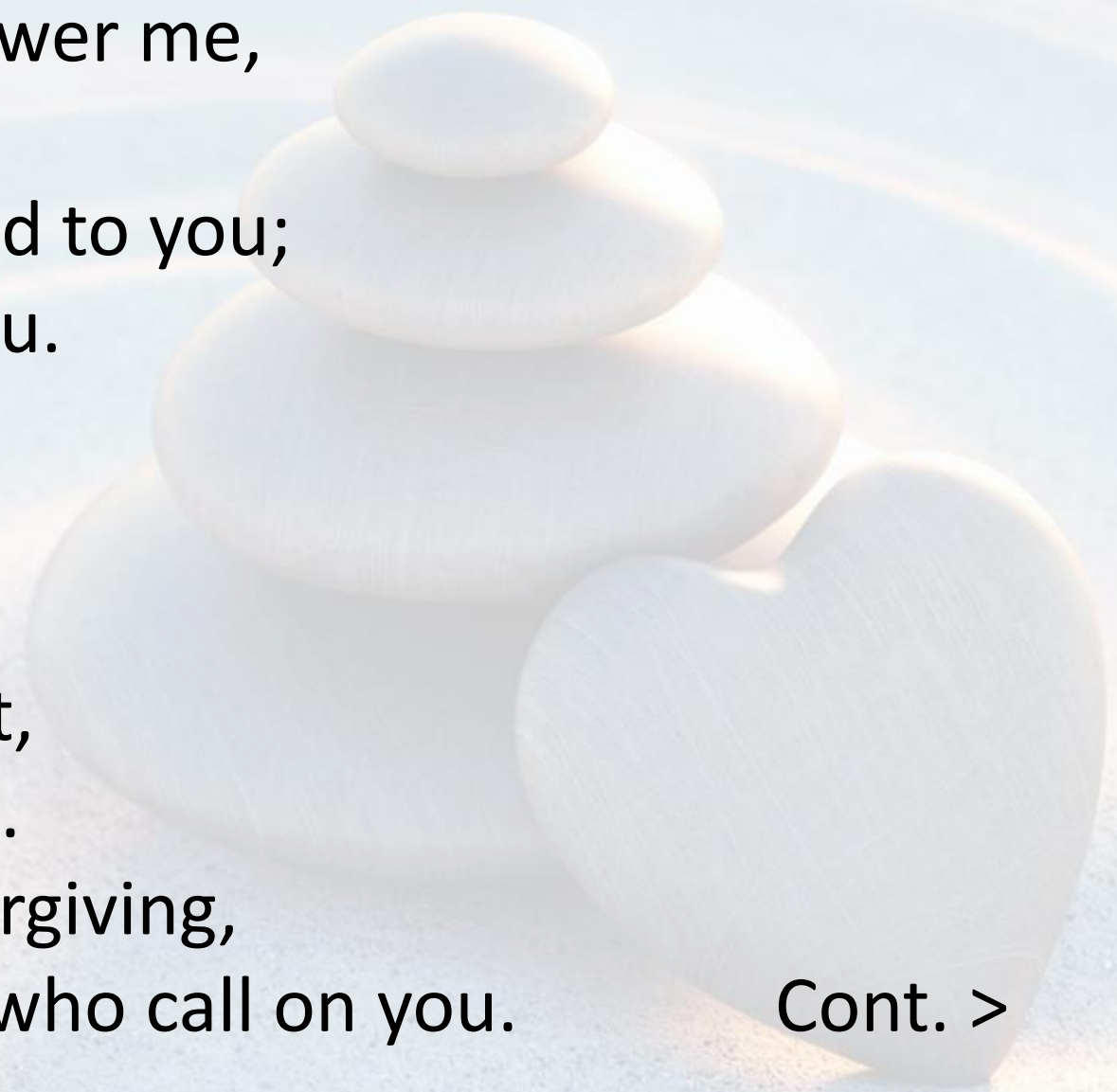
You are my God;

3 be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

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PSALM READING

Psalm 86:6-10

Keri Hughes

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.

7 In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

9 All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

10 For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

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PSALM READING

Psalm 86:16-17

Keri Hughes

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving girl.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Great is Thy Faithfulness” *Mark Hayes*

SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:1-11

Stacy Swain

REFLECTION / HOMILY

“An Antidote to Loneliness”

TIME OF PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE (Instrumental)

“In Christ Alone”

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

INVITATION TO PRAYER STATIONS

COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at Christ's table.

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.**

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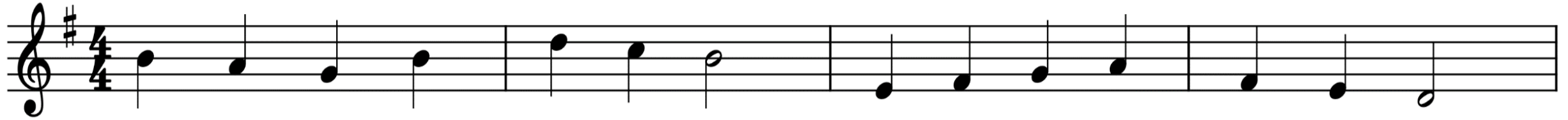
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen**

COMMON LIFE

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*CLOSING SONG “Sovereign and Transforming Grace”



Sov - ereign and trans - form - ing Grace, We in - voke your quick - ening power;
Ho - ly and cre - a - tive Light, we in - voke your kin - dling ray;
To the anx - ious soul im - part hope, all oth - er hopes a - bove;
Work in all; in all re - new, day by day, the life di - vine;



Reign the spir - it of this place, bless the pur - pose of this hour.
Dawn up - on our spir - it's night, as the dark - ness turns to day.
Stir the dull and hard - ened heart with a long - ing and a love.
All our wills to you sub - due, all our hearts to you in - cline.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC Invention in C Major, BWV 772 *J.S. Bach*

Thank you for joining us today!

Please join us in Village Common
to share in fellowship and lemonade.

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