

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

Summer Worship

9:00 am Chapel

July 2, 2023

Our Scripture Today:

Romans 8:26-27

What a blessing it is to have you here today!

Please use this QR code to register your presence on our new online church attendance check-in web page.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

“Finlandia, Op. 26”
Kristjon Imperio, piano

Jean Sibelius

WELCOME

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*GATHERING SONG - NO. 742

1
Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, 2
gath-ered here in one strong

3
bod - y, 4
gath-ered here in the strug-ple and the power, Spir - it draw near.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please read bolded parts)*

Stacy Swain

Holy One, You have assured us that you will be with us to the end of the age.

And yet, we confess we often see the sorrows and struggles in our lives and in the world as evidence of your absence. Forgive us we pray.

Help us to trust, in your sustaining Spirit that you have poured into our life together and over all your good creation.

We silently confess our need for your grace.

(silence)

In our interactions with ourselves and others,

help us to make manifest the steadfast love that is you.

In the name of the Risen One, we pray, **AMEN**

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

People of God be assured. We are a wholly loved and wholly forgiven people, renewed by God's grace and empowered by God's steadfast love. Let this assurance strengthen us to bring forth the image of the Risen One in all that we do and all that we are.

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.

SUNG RESPONSE - NO. 292 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"



1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly Thine,



that I may love what Thou dost
till all this earth - ly part of



love, and do with what Thou wouldst do.
me glows with Thy fire di - vine.

PSALM READING

Psalm 13

Ken Sipe

¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE
(Instrumental)

“Abide With Me”

Joshua Evanovich

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8: 26-27

REFLECTION / HOMILY

“Stuck, Evolve, Pray”

Alice Polley

PRAYER



SUNG RESPONSE

“Faith is Patience in the Night”



1. Faith is pa - tience in the night, wait - ing for the
2. Faith is laugh - ter in our pain, joy in plea - sures
3. Faith is stead - fast will to live, stand - ing firm and
4. Faith is cour - age un - der stress, con - fi - dence in



morn - ing light, nev - er giv - ing up the fight.
that re - main, trust in one we can't ex - plain.
pos - i - tive, be - ing read - y still to give.
hope - less - ness, great - est gift we can pos - sess.



Spir - it God give us faith. give us faith.

INVITATION TO PRAYER STATIONS & OFFERINGS

- *baptismal remembrance
- *candle lighting
- *written prayer requests
- *sand prayers of release
- *silent prayer in your seat

*financial gifts may be offered in basket or by QR code



Preparation for Holy Communion

EVERYONE is invited to share in the Lord's supper.

Please collect bread and cup, return to your seat, and hold until we commune together.

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Table

One: Let us pray... Amen.

Come Holy Spirit! By your presence among us, bless this grain from the earth and this fruit of the vine.

ALL: Come Holy Spirit! Make this a Holy Communion as we share the food and drink of abundant life in Jesus' name.

Jesus' Words of Invitation and the Gifts of his Life

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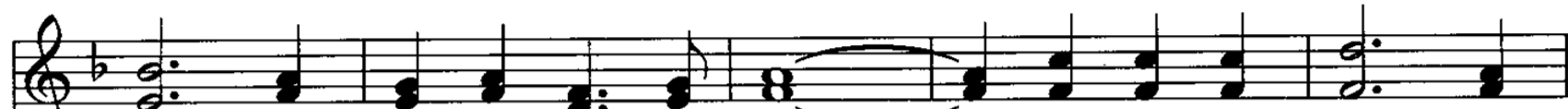
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen**

COMMON LIFE & WELCOME TO VISITORS


*CLOSING SONG - NO. 591 "This Is My Song"




1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light




peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have



coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -



dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the



beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

***COMMISSION**

One: Thank you God, for our life together and the mission to which you call us.

ALL: Send us forth to make your transforming love real in this beautiful and broken world.

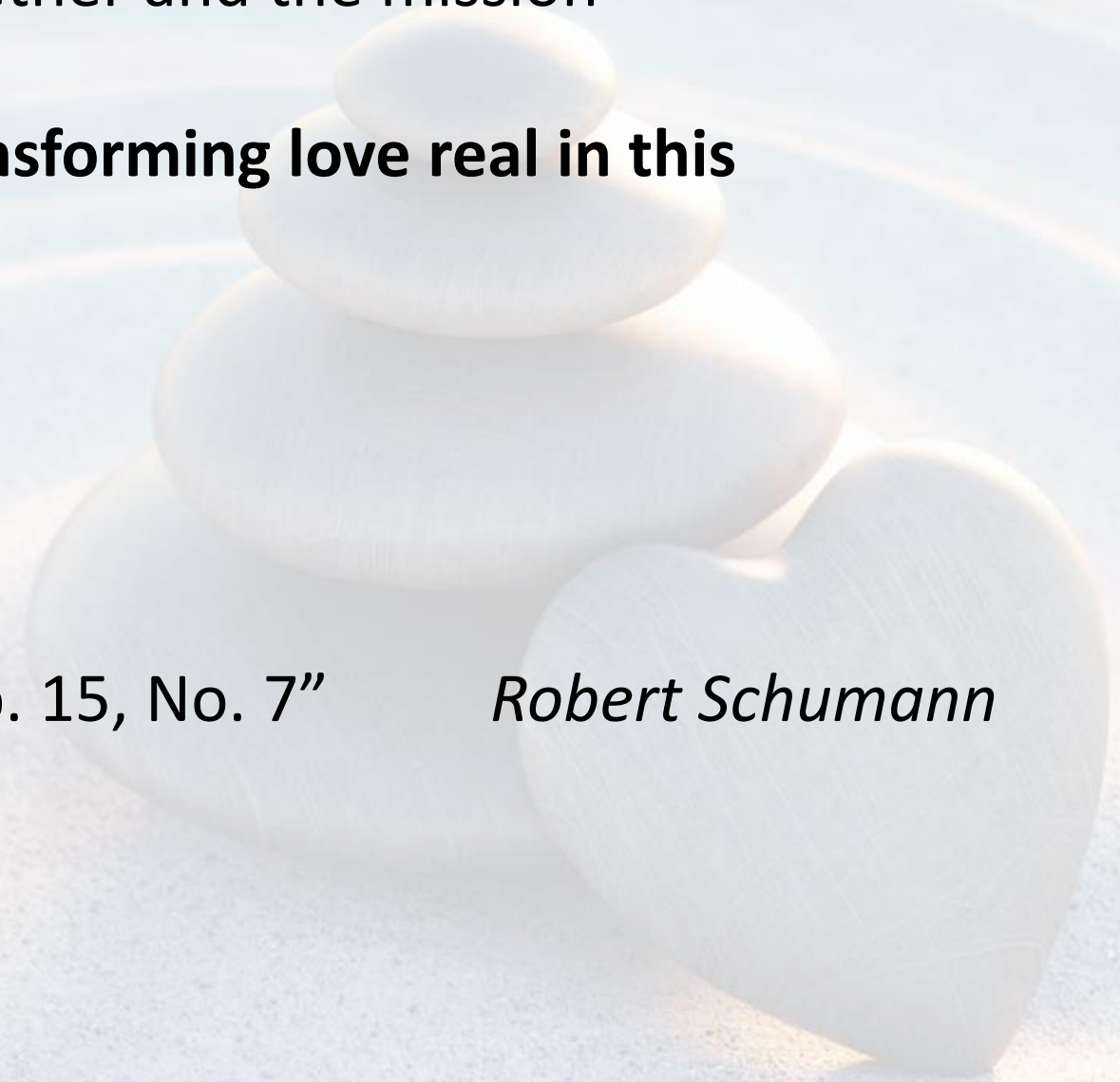
AMEN

***BLESSING**

SENDING MUSIC

“Träumerei, Op. 15, No. 7”

Robert Schumann



Thank you for joining us today!

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

We invite you to scan this
QR code to learn about upcoming
common life events
and opportunities, or **to give.**



Dismissal: Go in Peace!

