

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

Summer Worship

9:00 am Chapel

July 23, 2023

Our Scripture Today:

Psalm 91

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

“Arabesque” no. 1
Ilana Cady, piano

Debussy

WELCOME

Rev. Martha Schick

*GATHERING SONG

“God of Great and God of Small”



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy One, Forgive us for what we have done and what we have failed to do. Forgive us for the harm we have caused, and move us to repair our relationships - with others, with ourselves, and with you. Remind us, God, that this work can only be done through your grace and mercy.

use this time for your own silent prayer of confession

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, you can never be so lost that God will not seek you out. There is nothing that you can do or not do that would sever you from the all-encompassing love of God. God promises abundant grace that is always at work remaking us and our relationships, prompting us toward reconciliation. That is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

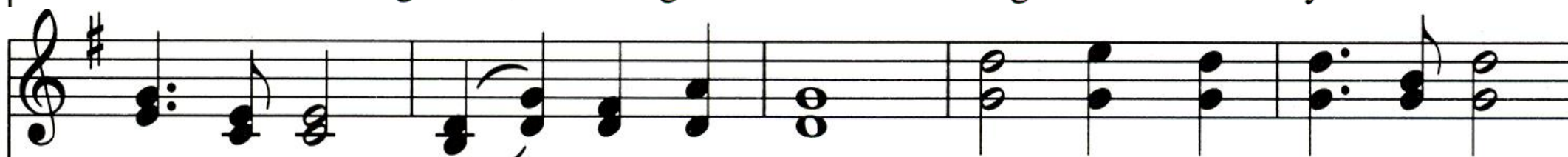
Please stand as you are able and share a greeting of peace with one another.

SUNG RESPONSE - NO. 606

"Nearer, My God, to You"



2 When I am wan - der - ing as Ja - cob did, and in the
3 Let Ja - cob's lad - der fill the sky a - bove, and an - gels
4 Then, wak - ing from the night to morn - ing air by Beth - el's



deep - est night the path is hid, my dreams will bring me, too,
car - ry down the faith and love to keep this goal in view:
stone, I'll know you heard my prayer, and how my yearn - ing grew:



2-4 Near - er my God, to you, near - er my God, to you, near - er to you.

PSALM READING

Psalm 139:1-8

Cathy Liddell

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

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PSALM READING

Psalm 139:9-12, 23-24

Cathy Liddell

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
²⁴See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE
(Instrumental)

“How Great Thou Art”

Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 91

REFLECTION / HOMILY “Making the Lord Our Refuge” Rev. R. Ward Holder

PRAYER

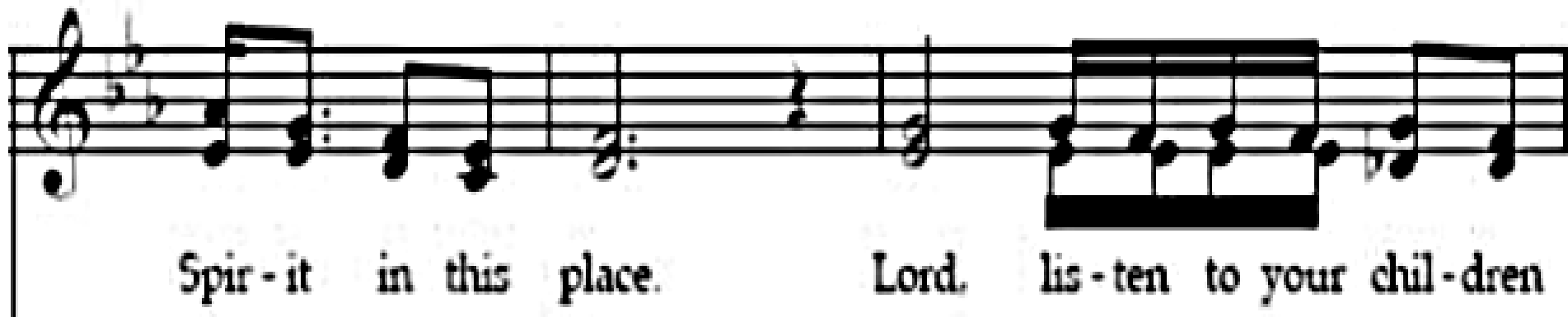


SUNG RESPONSE

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your



Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren



pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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

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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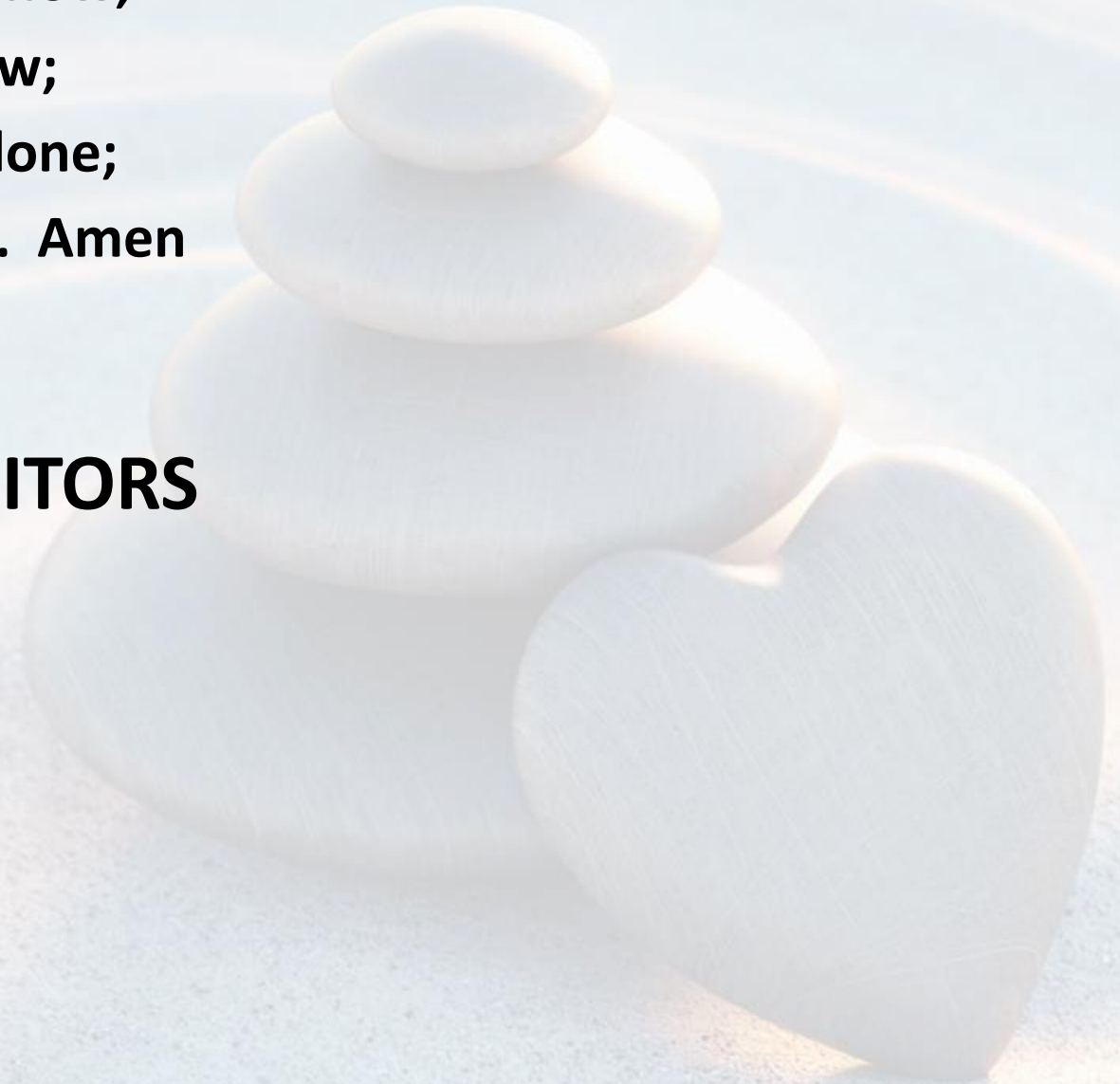
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

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



***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.

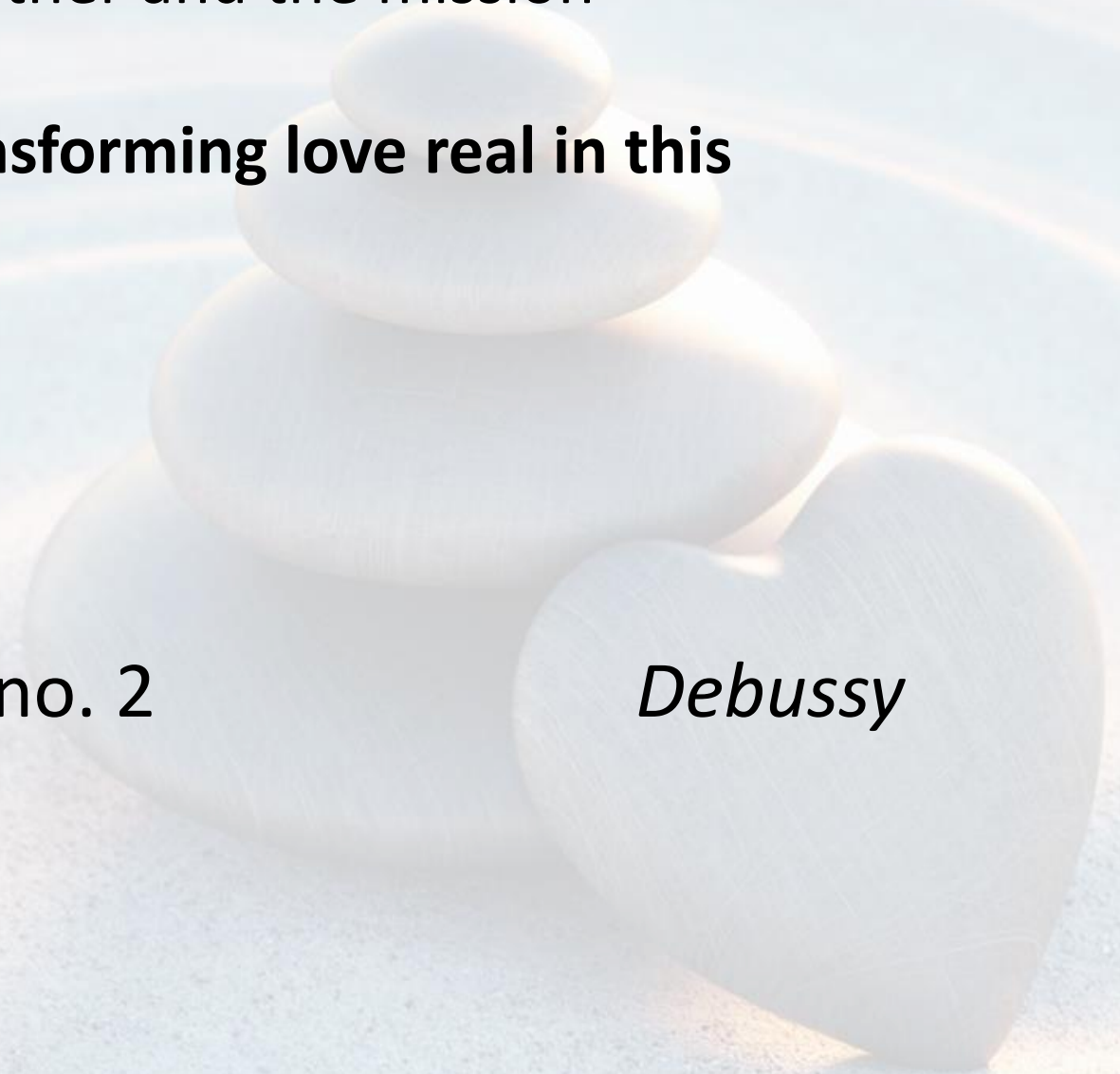
AMEN

***BLESSING**

SENDING MUSIC

“Arabesque” no. 2

Debussy



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!