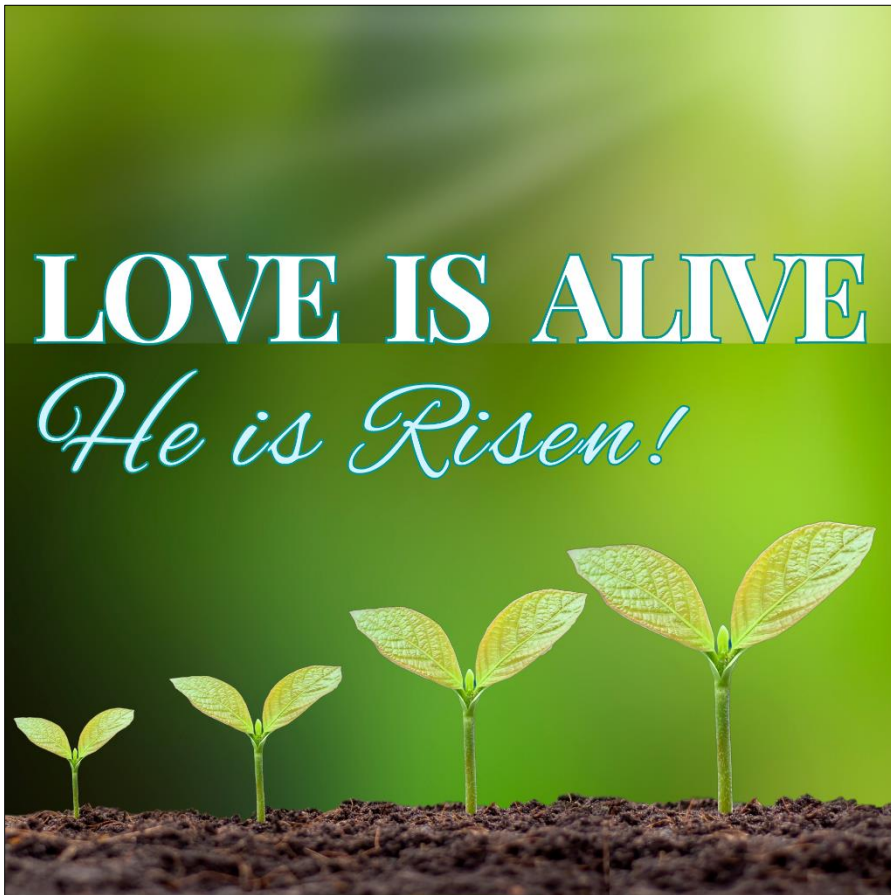


# Village Church in Wellesley

*Congregational † United Church of Christ*



10:00am Worship † April 21, 2024



**A belonging that makes us feel valued, secure, and whole, just as we are.  
A belonging we can freely share with others.**

Jesus taught us about a flock that is ever-expanding, never complete.

**Like Jesus, at our best we reach out with compassion, find human connections,  
and offer grace.**

**Still, we confess, we are prone to judge, condemn, or be suspicious of those we  
don't know. We even criticize, belittle, and berate those whom we love.**

*(silence)*

Great shepherd of our souls,  
forgive us our sin, tend to our needs, and make us secure in your embrace.

**Then help us extend that embrace to others.**

In Jesus name, **Amen**

### **ASSURANCE**

People of God, the Lord is your God. You ARE God's people, the sheep of God's pasture. Rejoice and be glad, for nothing can separate you from the love of God made known in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom you belong in never-ending love. **Amen**

### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

*Please share a greeting of peace with one another.*

**ANTHEM***“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”**arr. Mack Wilberg*

Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Kevin McDonald – Conductor; Kristjon Imperio – Piano

Laura Wilkins - Flute; Julie Verret - Oboe

*My shepherd will supply my need**Jehovah is His name**In pastures fresh He makes me feed**Beside the living stream**He brings my wandering spirit back**When I forsake His ways**And leads me for His mercy's sake**In paths of truth and grace**When I walk through the shades of death**Thy presence is my stay**One word of Thy supporting breath**Drives all my fears away**Thy hand in sight of all my foes**Doth still my table spread**My cup with blessings overflows**Thine oil anoints my head**The sure provisions of my God**Attend me all my days (attend me all my days)**Oh, may Thy house be mine abode**And all my work be praise**(and all my work be praise)**There would I find a settled rest**While others go and come**No more a stranger nor a guest**But like a child at home**No more a stranger nor a guest**But like a child at home**But like a child at home**No more a stranger, nor a guest**But like a child at home***PSALM READING**

Psalm 23

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 John 10:11-18

**SERMON**

“Shepherding”

Rev. Martha Schick

**RESPONSE HYMN NO. 247 “My Shepherd is the Living”****PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Stacy Swain

**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

*We are grateful for your gifts to God in support of the ministries  
of Village Church in Wellesley. Checks may be placed  
in the offering plate at the front or rear of the church.  
You may donate online using this QR code.*

To give:



### Offertory

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

J.S. Bach

Arr. Katherine Davis

Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Kevin McDonald – Conductor; Kristjon Imperio – Piano

*Sheep may safely graze and pasture  
In a watchful Shepherd's sight.  
Those who rule with wisdom guiding  
Bring to hearts a peace abiding  
Bless a land with joy made bright.*

### \*Doxology

**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!**

### COMMON LIFE:

**PASTORAL RESIDENCY COMMITTEE**

Susan Sullivan

**RESIDENCY CANDIDATE REMARKS**

Carlos Aoun

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 355 “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”**

**\*INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP & BENEDECTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare”

William Mathias

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

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*ALL ARE INVITED to Village Common to enjoy coffee and conversation.*

VISITORS - We're glad you are here!  
Please introduce yourself to a pastor near the Welcome sign.  
Questions? Ask anyone - we love to talk about our church.

**Considering membership?**

**Want to learn more about Village Church?**

**You're Invited to our Spring Seekers Sessions!**

**Join us TODAY** after 10 AM worship in the Parlor for a no-strings-attached conversation about membership, how the church runs, and how we live out our faith in community.

Childcare is available and RSVPs are not necessary.

The Seekers Session is an opportunity to ask questions, seek understanding, and get to know more about Village Church!

We will get together with those who plan to join for a party the evening of Friday, April 26 **AND** we will welcome new members in worship on April 28!

**TODAY**

- 9:00am** **Chapel Worship**, *Chapel and Livestream*, Rev. Martha Schick, preaching; Rev. Stacy Swain
- 10:00am** **Sanctuary Worship**, *Sanctuary and Livestream*, Rev. Martha Schick, preaching; Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter; Rev. Stacy Swain; Michaela McDonald
- Childcare**, *Family Worship Room*
- Children's Church**, *Sanctuary, then Upper Level*
- No Middle School Youth Group today**
- 10:50-11:20am** **Village Children's Choir**, *Upper Level*
- 11:15am** **Coffee and Fellowship**, *Village Common*
- Seekers Orientation**, *Parlor*
- Village Ringers Rehearsal**, *Sanctuary*, Kristjon Imperio
- 3:00pm** **Wild Church Service**, *McKinnon Park, Wellesley*, Rev. Diane Anderson
- 5:00pm** **Worship Service**, *Village Church in Weston*, Rev. Martha Schick
- 7:00pm** **No High School Youth Group today**

## "Christ is Alive!"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

The first system of music features a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

## OPPORTUNITIES

*Please see Enews or website for details.*

*To receive our weekly E-news, contact Chris Toppin at: [christine@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:christine@wellesleyvillagechurch.org).*

### **Personal Care Item Drive**

As part of our ongoing commitment to extend a warm welcome to newcomers in Boston, we are partnering with the Massachusetts Council of Churches to collect personal care items. Please see the list below. Items can be dropped off in the designated bin in the Village Common Lobby. The drive begins today! If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Stacy: [stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org), or members of the Service Deacon Ministry. The following NEW Hygiene Products are needed:

- Toothpaste,
- Toothbrushes,
- Bath Soaps,
- Face and hair care products, especially those for Black hair
- Menstruation Pads
- Diapers of all sizes
- Shampoo and Conditioner,
- Body Lotion,
- Vaseline/Aquaphor Gel,
  - Baby Wipes
  - Bath towels & wash cloths (must be new)

**Feeding Frenzy - Sign up now!** *Sunday, April 28 from 11:00 - 2:00 PM, Village Common*  
We will pack thousands of nutritious meals headed to local food pantries, Ukraine and organizations supporting immigrants. 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 11:00 - 2:00. **Please sign up online through our Enews or website for one (or two! or three!) one-hour work slots, or just come!** For info: Lisa Weinstock ([leweinstock@gmail.com](mailto:leweinstock@gmail.com)) or Deryle House ([derylehouse@gmail.com](mailto:derylehouse@gmail.com)).

### **Empty Nesters+ Walking Group**

*Monday mornings, 9:30am at Elm Bank Reservation*

Join us! It's a great way to start your week. Elm Bank Reservation, 9:30 am Monday mornings. If you'd like to be added to the email list be in touch with Christina Oliver at [christina.oliver20@gmail.com](mailto:christina.oliver20@gmail.com).



### **Village Churchwomen Luncheon and Author Presentation**

*Tuesday, May 14th at Noon; RSVP by Monday, May 6 to [normajeankamar@gmail.com](mailto:normajeankamar@gmail.com)*

Please join us for a spring luncheon to be followed by an engaging program with author, Sami Greenfield, who will share observations on writing as well as readings from her book, "Bury Me in My Bathing Suit: Essays on Life, Grief, and Unexpected Joybursts". To quote one of the book's many five-star reviews, "This book is a must read for the summer. It's happy, funny, heartwarming, touching and moving. The author has a gift for telling stories." Born with her middle name, Joy, Sami brings sunshine and laughter to any group she mingles with – come and enjoy this special afternoon.

### **Village Church Dads Group**

*Tuesday, May 14, 7pm, Julien Grant's home, 34 Ingraham Rd., Wellesley*

All Dads welcome! Please email [getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) to sign up.

### **Seniors Connect**

*Tuesday, May 7 and First Tuesday of the month, 2pm, on Zoom*

Please email Rev. Stacy Swain at [stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

### **Wednesdays At The Well** *Every Wednesday, 8:30am-noon in the Wellesley Chapel*

Come, sit in the beauty of the Chapel, light candles in the Cloister, walk the Labyrinth, pray with Pastor Stacy. Drink deeply from the wellspring of grace and love that you will find.

### **Village Church Moms**, *Thursday, May 2, 7:00-8:30 pm*

MOMS, please come join us!!! We are a "come when you can" kind of group, welcoming moms of all ages for monthly gatherings, usually in someone's home for wine, dessert and conversation. It is a great way to meet other moms at our church. This gathering will take place at the home of Kerry Evans 157 Harding Street, Medfield, MA 02052. Contact Meg Steere: [megsteere@hotmail.com](mailto:megsteere@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

### **Village Churchmen**

*Third Thursdays, 12:30pm via Zoom*

Please email [getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) for information.

### **Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry**

*Every Thursday, 10:30-11:30, on Zoom*

We welcome new knitters and crocheters to this special ministry. Yarn and patterns supplied. Please contact Bobbie Hayes at 781-400-1333 or [rchkch@verizon.net](mailto:rchkch@verizon.net).

### **Continuing the Conversation**

"Voices Carry: Pride Empowers" will be held at Village Church in Wellesley the first Saturday of Pride Month, June 1, 2024. Voices Carry is a mobile photographic art installation started by Southborough Safe Spaces (SBSS) and photographer Chelsea Bradway. The purpose of this show is to showcase "the beauty, resilience, humanity, and inherent spirituality of queer people. It highlights all the ways that LGBTQ+ folks live full and authentic lives."

All folks from our congregation are invited to have their photographs taken (singles, couples, and family photos are encouraged!) on **Saturday, April 27** between noon and 5 p.m.; selections of these photographs will be added to this ever-expansive art show.

To learn more and join in, please see our Enews or website for information and sign-up.

WORLD RENOWNED DOUBLE BASSISTS

*Susan*  
**HAGEN** & *David*  
**HEYES**

*Special Guest Appearance by*  
*Sarah Poole, Soprano*

KOUSSEVITZKY  
*Connections*

*Music by*  
*Bottesini, Koussevitzky, Heyes & more*



CONCERT TO BENEFIT  
wellesleysymphonyorchestra

THURSDAY, APRIL 25  
7:30 PM

*Wellesley Village Church*  
2 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02482

To Purchase Tickets:

<https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=wso>

## LAY LEADERSHIP

**Joe Morray** – Moderator

**Candace Sutcliffe**– Vice Moderator

**Kathy Schleyer** – Immediate Past Moderator

## PASTORS

**The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter**,

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**The Rev. Pam Emslie**, Assoc. Pastor, Youth Ministry [pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org)

**The Rev. Stacy Swain**, Assoc. Pastor, Congregational Care and Engagement [stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org)

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**The Rev. Martha Schick**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year [martha@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:martha@wellesleyvillagechurch.org)

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## WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC)

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. Martha Schick at: [martha@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:martha@wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

### Hearing Assistance Available



Induction loop systems are available in the Chapel and in the Narthex section antuary. Hearing devices may be turned to the “T” setting. Those without devices may request a loop receiver with earphones.

For information, please visit our website at:

[wellesleyvillagechurch.org](http://wellesleyvillagechurch.org)

Scan with smartphone →

Or speak to any one of us!

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