

Village Church in Wellesley

Congregational † United Church of Christ

9:00 AM “A Fruitful Summer” Worship

The Fruit of the Spirit “Kindness”

July 14, 2024, Chapel & Livestream

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.

Hearing Assistance Available



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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE “Steal Away” *Samuel Coleridge-Taylor*
Kristjon Imperio, piano

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Sarah Sarchet Butter



***GATHERING SONG**

NO. 23

“There’s a
Wideness in
God’s Mercy”



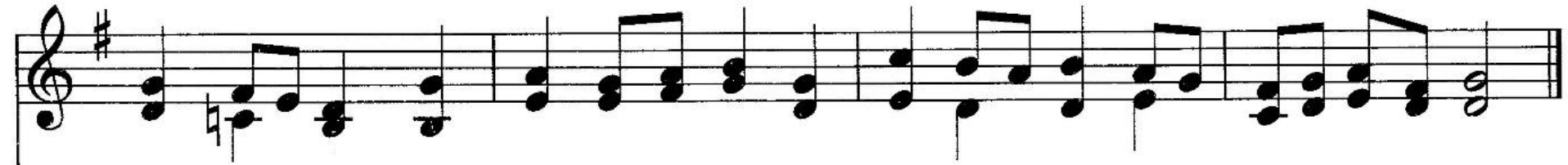
1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there’s a kind-ness in God’s jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There’s no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God’s heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God’s word;



there’s no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please read bold sections aloud)

God of loving kindness,
You made us to be in relationships
but some relationships are hard.

We confess the ways we have hurt or been hurt by others,
and ask for forgiveness, healing and wholeness.

When we lose ourselves and fail to act, or react, with patience and kindness,
we turn to You and confess that we have fallen short.

God of loving kindness, grant us your grace.
Hear our prayers, and help us start again.

In Your holy name we pray, **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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

“What Does the Lord
Require of You?”

What does the Lord re - quire of you?
Jus - tice, kind - ness,
To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

The first system of the musical score is written on three staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "What does the Lord re - quire of you? Jus - tice, kind - ness, To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness".

What does the Lord re - quire of you? you?
walk hum - bly with your God. God.
and walk hum - bly with your God. God.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody on three staves. It includes a repeat sign and a first ending bracket labeled "Repeat ending" and a second ending bracket labeled "Last". The lyrics are: "What does the Lord re - quire of you? you? walk hum - bly with your God. God. and walk hum - bly with your God. God.".

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30-44 Helen Sagan

HOMILY

“Responding in Kind”

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*Today we focus on the
spiritual fruit of kindness*

*The fruits of the Spirit are love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control.”*

Galatians 5:22-23

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Waltz in A-flat, Op. 39, No. 15

Johannes Brahms



INVITATION TO PRAYER STATIONS & OFFERINGS

*baptismal remembrance

*candle lighting

*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 partake together.

Music “Nocturne, Op. 62, No. 1” *Frederic Chopin*

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.**

***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. Amen

COMMON LIFE

***CLOSING SONG**

“Lord of All
Hopefulness”



3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose



hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace: Be
voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm: Be



there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your



love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC “The Lord Bless You” *John Rutter*

Thank you for joining us today!



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Go in Kindness!

