

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 7, 2018

10:00am

Hymns can be found in the New Century (black) hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

Betty Seaborn

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 158 "O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright" WIESCHONLEUCHTOT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eric Ogi

One: God of light and darkness,

**All: We have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us,
but we have given into the bitter cold and closed the curtains of our hearts.
We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul,
with all our mind, and with all our strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One.
Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of light. (silence)**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN NO. 160 vs. 1 "Jesus, the Light of the World"

Children are invited to the chancel.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Please stand and share a greeting of peace with one another.

Children may proceed to Children's Church through the doors on piano side of the chancel.

*SUNG RESPONSE NO. 160 vs. 3 "Jesus, the Light of the World"

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RESPONSIVE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible P. 602

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible P.783

SERMON

“Shine Forth”

Liz Garrigan-Byerly

***HYMN NO. 331**

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

THE CALL

OUR VILLAGE LIFE AND OFFERINGS

Stewardship Team

Please sign and pass the fellowship book, which is located at the end of each pew.

*Please use the prayer request slips, connection cards, and offering cards
found in the blue folders, and place them in the offering plate.*

Offertory

“Behold a Star from Jacob Shining”

Felix Mendelssohn

***Doxology and Presentation**

**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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is Christ's open table and all who wish to partake are welcome!

*We receive communion by intinction: take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup, which is
grape juice. If you are seated in the center of the sanctuary,
come forward using the center aisle and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

If you are in the transepts, servers will come to you.

Gluten free bread and cup is offered by the piano.

If you prefer a blessing in words instead of communion, cross your arms over your heart.

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise. . .

All: *Sung to the tune of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord!
God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of Your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high!
Blest is He who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King!
Hallelujahs glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due
Be forever, Lord, to You!**

Words of Institution

***The Gift of the Bread and Cup**

Communion Anthem *"L'adieu des Bergers (Shepherd's Farewell)* *Hector Berlioz*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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, for ever. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 164** *"Arise, Your Light Is Come"* **FESTAL SONG**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Allegro Maestoso"* *Felix Mendelssohn*
Matthew Dion, organist

*At conclusion of the postlude, the Stewardship Team invites all to share in refreshments and conversation in Village Common, located through the doors nearest the pulpit.
Please come!*

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Communion Bread today was baked with love and care by the Village Bread Ministry.

The Chancel flowers are given today by the Village Churchwomen. Thank you!

Stewardship Committee hosts today's Fellowship & Refreshments in Village Common immediately following 10am worship. Thank you!

TODAY

- 9:00 AM **Worship, Chapel**
Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter
- 10:00 AM **Worship, Sanctuary**
Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Eric Ogi
6th & 7th Grade Youth Group, Youth Room
Children's Church & Youth Programs
Infant Through Threes, Family Worship Room 1st floor (9:50am)
Pre-K/ Kindergarten Students, Upper Floor (beginning at 9:50am)
Grades 1-5, begin in worship then proceed to Upper Floor
Grades 8, begin in worship then proceed to Upper Floor
- 11:15 AM **Fellowship & Refreshments, Village Common**
Adult Learning Ministry Team, Library
Children's Learning Ministry Team, Michaela's Office
Nominating Team, Seminar I
Pastoral Residency Committee, Parlor
- 1:00 PM **Wellesley Chinese Language School, Upper Level, B14**
- 7:00 PM **High School Youth Group, Youth Room**