

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 26, 2020

10:00am

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

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 558

“O How Glorious”

During the final verse, children are invited to join the pastor on the Chancel steps.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Children may leave for Children’s Church, which concludes at 11:15am.
Parents will find Pre-K-5th grade on the 2nd floor and Middle School on the lower level.*

TESTIMONY

Margaret Boles Fitzgerald

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

One: People of God, know that by God’s grace we are loved and called to walk forth in the light of Christ!

All: **Holy God, we give you thanks for the guiding light of love that has come to dwell among us. Even when darkness seems to surround us, we know that it cannot overcome the light. Empower us to follow where you lead, to trust in your guiding light, and to live more fully into the beloved community. Through Christ our Lord and our light, Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

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

ANTHEM

“Look from Your Sphere of Endless Day”

Percy Buck

*Look from your sphere of endless day,
O God of mercy and of might;
in pity look on those
who stray so blindly in this land of light.
Send us your people, Lord
to call the thoughtless, hardened young
and old, a scattered homeless flock,
till all are gathered in your peaceful fold.
Give us your mighty Word to speak
till faith is born and doubts depart,
to awe the bold, to stay the weak,
and bind and heal the broken heart.
Then all these wastes, a dreary scene
that makes us sadden as we gaze,
shall bloom with living waters green
and lift to heaven the voice of praise. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Pew Bible p. 926

SERMON

“Keep it Together, People!”

Bob Feeny

***HYMN NO. 383**

“Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls”

OUR VILLAGE LIFE AND OFFERINGS

*Please sign and pass the fellowship book, which is located at the end of each pew.
In the blue folders are prayer request slips, connection cards, and offering cards
for your use; please place them in the offering plate.*

Offertory

“Thanks Be to God! (Elijah)”

Felix Mendelssohn

*Thanks be to God!
He laveth the thirsty land.
The waters gather, they rush along!
They are lifting their voices!
The stormy billows are high,
their fury is mighty,
but the Lord is above them,
and Almighty, Thanks be to God!
He laveth the thirsty land.*

***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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Diane Seaborn

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.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 565 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"In Thee is Gladness"

J.S. Bach

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*You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude,
when the pastor charges us to
"Go in Peace".*

*Hosting fellowship hour today are members of the Family Promise Ministry.
ALL ARE INVITED to share in coffee and conversation in Village Common,
which is located through the doors nearest the pulpit.*

*If you are visiting, looking for a church home or want a smaller group with whom to connect,
please fill out a pew pad, speak with a pastor
and stay for coffee and conversation with our members.*

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TODAY

- 9:00am **Worship, Chapel**
Bob Feeny, Sean Patrick Coady, Rev. Pam Emslie,
Russell Hornung, Isaac Hargrave, lay musicians
- 10:00am **Vision 2020 Reveal, Chapel**
- 10:00am **Worship, Sanctuary**
Bob Feeny, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Diane Seaborn
David Carrier, Director of Music
Childcare, Family Worship Room
Children's Church & Joyful Noise, Sanctuary, pick up Upper Rm, 11:15am
Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room, pick up Youth Rm, 11:15am
- 11:15am **Coffee and Conversation, Village Common**
- 11:30am **Vision 2020 Reveal, Chapel**
- 11:30am **Staff Meeting for Pastors & Music Staff, Seminar Room**
- 4:00pm **Sustainable Wellesley, Chapel**
- 7:00pm **High School Youth Group, Youth Room**
- 7:00pm **Village Church Parents Group (VCPG), Parlor**

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)

Tonight, 7pm-9:30pm, *Parlor*

Finding parenting a challenge sometimes? You are not alone! At VCPG we: tell our stories, share resources and strategies, walk in faith together. Start 2020 off right with support from other Village Church parents. Moms and dads welcome!

Contact Caroline (cejh47@gmail.com) or Kerstin (kerstin.r.allen@gmail.com)

Sustainable Wellesley

Today, 4pm, *Burt Chapel*

Sustainable Wellesley is working on a variety of environmental initiatives here in our community and beyond. All are invited!



Vision 2020 Chapel Chats: Values, Mission and Vision Reveal!

Today at 10 am & 11:30 am and Feb. 2 at 11:30 am

Join us in the chapel after 9am or 10am worship today (or Feb. 2) to learn about the proposed Vision 2020 values, mission, and vision statements. These are brief statements that capture our highest common values and vision/mission as a congregation and will fuel and inform the actions that define Village Church in 2020 and beyond.

The Vision 2020 Writing Team has faithfully worked to create a vision and mission for Wellesley Village Church based on the distilled themes that emerged from the small group sessions, as we sought to answers to the following questions:

- What are our core principles? (values)
- Who does God call us to be? (vision)
- What does God call us to do? (mission)

The Chapel Chats are a time for our community to review and reflect on the written words before congregational approval is sought to formally accept the values, mission, and vision. The next phase will involve an Implementation Team, who will identify, prioritize and recommend specific initiatives and ways to align our resources to accomplish our vision/mission. The chats are a wonderful opportunity to reunite with your small groups to hear how your voices have been incorporated into our future. All are welcome!

COMING UP

"Pick Your Party" and Join Us!

Among the wonderful ways to reflect on and bear witness to some of God's many blessings that we share is to gather with other members of the Wellesley Village Church congregation! The Stewardship Committee enthusiastically invites you to **RSVP** for one of the following "Pick Your Party" gatherings:

- **Thursday, January 30th, 4:30 - 6:00 P.M. TEA & Cocktail Party** @ home of Sally & Mike Kellogg (10 Westwood Rd., Wellesley)
- **Saturday, February 8th, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.** @ Village Church. Can't make the January dates? Come to the final party at Village Church!
- **Tea @ North Hill, date and time TBD.** Tea hosted by Alice Polley. An invitation will be forthcoming.

Courageous Conversations

Jan. 30, 7pm, Wellesley Free Library

Village Church will co-sponsor "No Place Like Home" on Jan. 30 at 7pm at Wellesley Free Library. We invite you to come join the conversation, and learn more about the opportunity and challenge of creating diverse housing in Wellesley.