

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

10:00am Virtual Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Prelude Dom”

Paul Benoit

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bob Feeny

OPENING HYMN

“Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”

Sanctuary Choir, voice

David Carrier, organ

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Michaela McDonald

RESPONSE SONG

“Psalm 23, My Shepherd Is the Lord”

Joseph Gelineau

Ed Broms, piano & voice

My shepherd is the Lord,
Nothing indeed shall I want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.
Near refreshing waters he leads me;
He revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path,
For the sake of his name.
]Though I should walk in the valley
Of the shadow of death,
No evil would I fear,

For you are with me.
Your crook and your staff
Will give me comfort.
You have prepared a table before me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For length of days unending.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sean Patrick Coady

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Amazing Grace"
Handbell Choir
Zen Kuriyama, Director

SCRIPTURE

John 10:11-18

Bob Feeny

SERMON "Are You Betting on a Sheep, or Invested in the Flock?"

RESPONSE SONG

"Listen to the Shepherd"
Ed Broms, voice

Ralph Stanley

Listen to the shepherd
Listen to the shepherd
Calling, calling us over

He will guide us safely
He will guide us safely
Calling, calling us over

Follow his footsteps
Follow his footsteps

Calling, calling us over

We are all his children
We are all his children
Calling, calling us over

Listen to the shepherd
Listen to the shepherd
Calling, calling us over
Calling, calling us over

COMMON LIFE

Sean Patrick Coady

PASTORAL RESIDENT INTRODUCTION

Neil Simister
Chair of Pastoral Residency Committee

DOXOLOGY

Sanctuary Choir, voice
David Carrier, organ

**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! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Sean Patrick Coady

**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

“My Shepherd Is the Living God”

Will Farrell, Celeste Godin, Kevin McDonald, Vera Savage, voice
David Carrier, organ



1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.
A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—



And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.
No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

BENEDICTION

Bob Feeny

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Giovan Martini

David Carrier, organ

†††

*Remember to join us by Zoom for Coffee Hour following virtual worship at approximately 11 am.
The link is found here or from the website home page and the weekly e-news Village News.*

Congregational Meeting

Today, 11am, after worship

The Pastoral Residency Committee will introduce and seek congregational approval for the call for a new Pastoral Resident. The Associate Pastor Search Committee will also provide an update to the congregation on the progress of the search, including sharing of a proposed job description.

Vision 2021 Eastertide Discernment

Eastertide is upon us and is the time in the liturgical year to discern where the body of Christ is in the world. During this Eastertide season, the congregation is invited to participate in a series of three “Vision 2021 Eastertide Discernment” sessions and to reflect on the following questions:

Where are we now? Where do we want to be? How do we get there?

During each session the Vision 2021 Eastertide small groups will build upon the feedback from Vision 2020 and reflect on what has been accomplished *as a result* of Vision 2020. [Read more & sign up here >](#)

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)

Tonight and May 23rd, 7:30 -8:30pm via Zoom

We are a group of Village Church parents walking in faith together -- please join us on Zoom for an hour of conversation and support. How is family life changing now that things are opening up? Are there new joys? New stresses? Come share with others going through similar things. All parents welcome! Contact Caroline Johnson Hodge (cejh47@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and/or to be added to our email list.

New Book Group Forming: Food & Faith

Starting April 27, 5-7pm

Please join our study group, "Food & Faith: justice, joy and daily bread," a collection of religious voices and perspectives on food. The book includes a helpful study guide, and is laid out to be studied in community. Christ is risen, we are all welcomed at the table...now what? Join us in exploring these questions and many others, as we continue to imagine our way in this world. Email Rev. Bob Feeny at bob@wellesleyvillagechurch.org if you're interested.

Walk With Us! Family Promise Walk for Change

May 1 & 2 (Your Choice)

Help families facing homelessness to change their lives. Go to the Wellesley Village Church (combined) Team page to sign up or donate. We will have one group walking in Natick, starting at 1 pm on Saturday, May 1 - contact Ann Skipper for details (awskipper@verizon.net). Another group with short and longer walking options will leave from the Church (Grove Street steps) at 4 pm on Sunday, May 2 (contact diana.carroll4@gmail.com for details). OR - you can walk on your own with family and friends. **Check out the coupons and kids activities at:** <https://familypromisemetrowest.salsalabs.org/walkforchange/t/wellesleyvillagechurch/index.html> COVID precautions will apply.

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

Cynthia Sibold ~ Moderator

John Snyder ~ Vice Moderator

Leif Hille ~ Immediate Past Moderator

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

sarah@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Associate Pastors

The Rev. Pam Emslie

pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

The Rev. Diane P. Seaborn

diane@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Pastoral Residents

The Rev. Sean Patrick Coady 3rd Year

seanpatrick@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

The Rev. Bob Feeny 2nd Year

bob@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Ministry Directors

Michaela McDonald – Children’s Ministry

michaela@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

David R. Carrier – Music

david@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Ed Broms – Associate Music Director

ed@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Dr. Kevin McDonald – Youth Music

kevin@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Meg Sweeting – Church Administrator

meg@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Chris Toppin Riordan – Communications

christine@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

All music and words in this bulletin are reprinted by permission under OneLicense.net, License #A-714276 and by CCLI, License #2910233.



2 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02482
Office: 781-235-1988 – Urgent Pastoral Care Cell: 781-591-7451
www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org

