

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



May 2, 2021, 10:00am

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Praeludium in C"
David Carrier, organ

Buxtehude

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sean Patrick Coady

OPENING HYMN

"Many Are the Lightbeams"
Will Farrell, Celeste Godin, Kevin McDonald & Vera Savage, voice
David Carrier, organ



1 Man - y are the light-beams from the one light. Our one
2 Man - y are the branch-es of the one tree. Our one
5 Man - y are the mem-bers, the bod-y is one; mem-bers



light is Je - sus. Man - y are the light-beams
tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the branch-es
all of Je - sus. Man - y are the mem-bers, the



from the one light; we are one in Christ.
of the one tree; we are one in Christ.
bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Michaela McDonald

DOXOLOGY

Sanctuary Choir
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!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Feeny

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RESPONSE SONG

"Vine and Fig Tree", Traditional Words from Isaiah & Micah
Ed Broms, piano & voice

And ev'ry one 'neath a vine and fig tree
shall live in peace and unafraid.
And ev'ry one 'neath a vine and fig tree
shall live in peace and unafraid.
And into plowshares turn their swords,
nations shall learn war no more.
And into plowshares turn their swords,
nations shall learn war no more.

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8

Jade Hargrave

SERMON

"Abide with Me"

RESPONSE SONG

"In the Garden"
Isaac Hargrave, voice

COMMON LIFE

Sean Patrick Coady

COMMUNION SONG “Let Us Break Bread Together” *African American spiritual*
Ed Broms, piano & voice

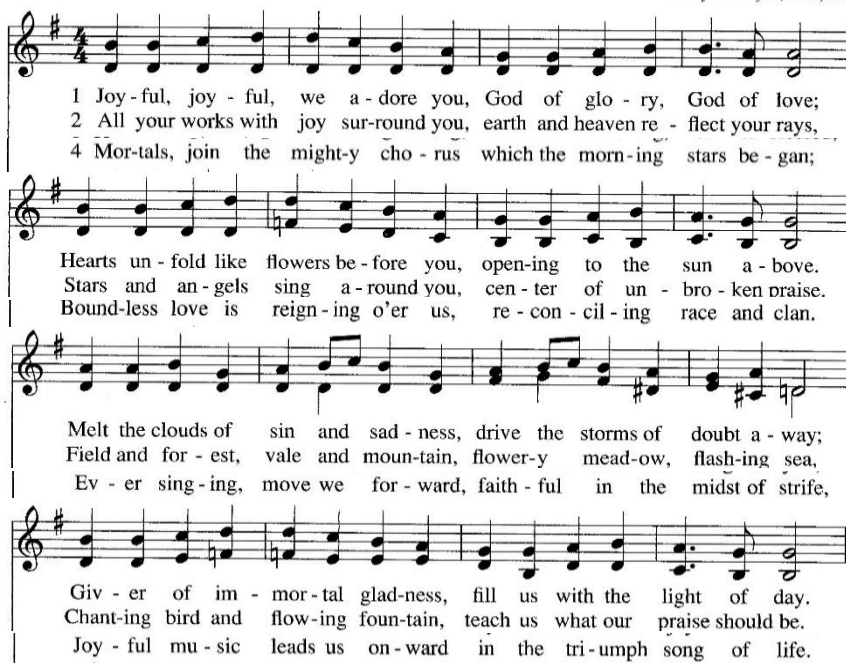
Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.

COMMUNION WITH PASTORAL PRAYER Sean Patrick Coady
Bob Feeny

CLOSING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”
Sanctuary Choir, voice
David Carrier, organ



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri-umph song of life.

BENEDICTION

Jade Hargrave

POSTLUDE

“Ciacona in C”
David Carrier, organ

Buxtehude

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Remember to join us by Zoom for Coffee Hour including Congregational Meeting following virtual worship at approximately 11 am. [The link is found here](#) or from the [website home page](#) and the weekly enews [Village News](#).

Congregational Hearing

Today, during Coffee Hour, 11am

All are welcome to join us for a Congregational Hearing. The Associate Pastor Search Committee will provide an update on the progress of the Associate Pastor search.

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 >](#)

Walk With Us! Family Promise Walk for Change

Today, May 2, 4pm

Help families facing homelessness to change their lives. Go to the Wellesley Village Church (combined) Team page to sign up or donate. A group with short and longer walking options will leave from the Church (Grove Street steps) at 4 pm today (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.

Seniors Connect

Greetings Seniors! Please join us for our next Seniors Connect gathering, Tuesday, May 4 at 2pm. Come join Rev. Diane Seaborn in this Zoom gathering to connect with others in an intentional community.

It is a place to listen, share, laugh, and simply be together.

We meet two Tuesdays a month, at 2pm.

We hope to see YOU!

Please contact Diane at diane@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for the zoom link.

Book Group: Food & Faith

Tuesdays, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 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.

Village Churchwomen's Spring Program

Tuesday, May 11, 1 p.m.

You are invited to attend the Village Churchwomen's Spring program via Zoom. We are excited to offer one of our most popular programs, Lorna Ruby from Wellesley Books. Lorna was born to talk about books. As an avid reader, she began working at bookstores as a college student at Framingham State University in 1978. From there, she went on to manage three bookstores for the former Lauriat's chain before becoming a buyer. Ruby has been in the book business in one way or another ever since she joined Wellesley Books in 2003. She will talk about some of her favorite books for interesting summer reading. No need to RSVP, just join us at the link below.

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)

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.

Empty Nesters+

Mondays (new time) 9:30am - 11am

We are a group of singles and couples (not necessarily empty nesters, hence the plus sign!) that gather weekly, weather permitting, for a masked, socially-distanced walk at the beautiful Elm Bank Reservation in Wellesley. Won't you join us? Please check Village News enews or wellesleyvillagechurch.org for more information.

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