

Wellesley Village Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



"Time of the Season" by Lauren Wright Pittman

Sunday, June 27, 2021

ONA Sunday

9:00am Summer Worship

Dear Village Church,

Thank you, thank you, thank you! On this final Sunday of my Pastoral Residency, my heart is full of gratitude; you may even see it overflowing out of my eyes. I am so grateful to you, for the support, and encouragement, and LOVE you have shown me over these past three years. And I am so grateful to God, for calling us together.

Goodbyes are hard. I am going to miss worshipping with you each Sunday and being in community together. And yet, I really believe in the Pastoral Residency Program, which has a beginning, spans two years (well, sometimes three!), and has an ending. This model allows Village Church to continually send its residents out in the world, to make an impact on the wider church; and it allows Village Church to welcome a new resident each year, to continue this amazing program you have created, grown, and endowed for the future.

Please know that you will continue to hold a special place in my heart and in my prayers. And I will carry with me all of the experiences, memories, learnings, and love that we have shared, always.

Yours in faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Patrick Coady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "S" and "C".

Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

Pastoral Resident, 2018-2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Song* "They'll Know We Are Christians"



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by



Lord; We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the
hand; We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in
side; We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by



Lord. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
hand. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
side. And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save ___ each man's



-stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our
land.
pride.



love, yes they'll know ___ we are Chris - tians by our love. _____

Welcome

Sarah S. Butter

Time to Take in God's Gifts

Opening Hymn*

"How Can I Keep From Singing"



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
 2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
 3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
 4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -



ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
 bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since



hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes



and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All



finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?
 Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing - ing?

“I’m Nonbinary” by Michaela Nicole

June 1, 2021 @michaelaatencio

i'm nonbinary. how does this reconcile with the verse, "male and female he created them," you may ask? the variety in God's creation emphasizes God's creativity as an artist. Genesis gives us several examples of this. God made "day and night." this sounds like a binary, similar to "male and female," right? but that isn't quite all we experience in 24 hours. sunrises and sunsets do not fit into the binary of day or night. yet God paints the skies with these too. On the second day God separated the sky from water. seems like another binary. yet the clouds hold water for us in the sky, the condensation and rain cycle refreshing our earth constantly. the sky, separate from water, contains and releases water. God also said "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." that isn't the full story, either. consider marshes, swamps, bogs, and fens. not fully land, not fully waters. there is such glorious variety in God's creation. We see another binary in the celestial bodies God made: "the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night." and then, almost as a footnote, "and the stars." there is more than just sun and moon in outer space. planets, asteroids, black holes, supernovae. side note: these magnificent stars hundreds of times more massive than our sun, as simple as that to God. "and the stars." I marvel. Hallelujah. "God created the great sea monsters" and "every winged bird of every kind." a split again between water and sky. yet we see creatures like penguins that are definitely a "winged bird," but do not fly and instead walk and swim. and finally "male and female he created them." first off, intersex people exist. but, and perhaps more importantly, friends, look around. listen. do you have friends or family that say they don't fall under "male" or "female?" if so, honor that. does all this variety invalidate God as creator? of course not! I believe that this instead is an example of how authors weave words to tell a story. we see the author in Genesis give examples of the extremes that God creates. It doesn't exclude the possibility of more. and so we worship the God of more. The God of the marsh, the penguin, the God of the sunrise, the cloud, the supernovae. The God of the nonbinary. you are loved.

Response Song

“All Belong Here”

by The Many

*When you're not sure who you really are,
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count*

*Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home*

Come and remember who you are here

Do this to remember who I am

Come and remember you belong here

All belong here

Assurance of God's Love and Grace

Pam Emslie

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Sue Jung Grant

Response Song

“All Belong Here” Reprise

Come and remember who you are here

Do this to remember who I am

Come and remember you belong here

All belong here

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

CeCe Hansen

Homily

“Seasons of Love”

Sean Patrick Coady

Response Song

"Seasons of Love" from Rent

*Five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes
Five hundred, twenty five thousand moments so dear
Five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure? Measure a year?
In daylights, In sunsets, In midnights, In cups of coffee,
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife
In five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure a year in a life?*

*How about love?
How about love?
How about love?
Measure in love...
Seasons of love...
Seasons of love...*

*Five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes
Five hundred, twenty five thousand journeys to plan
Five hundred, twenty five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure a life of a woman or a man?
In truths that she learned or in times that he cried
In bridges he burned or the way that she died
Its time now to sing out though the story never ends
Let's celebrate remember a year in a life of friends*

*Remember the love... (Oh you gotta remember the love)
Remember the love... (Oh yeah, its a gift from up above)
Remember the love... (Sing out, give out, measure your life In looooooove...!)*
*Seasons of love...
Seasons of love...*

Invitation to Communion “All Belong Here”
by The Many

*When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home*

*At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace.*

*Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here*

Communion Liturgy

Sean Patrick Coady & Diane Seaborn

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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. And let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing Bread and Cup

Service of Farewell

Expressions of Thanksgiving

Recognition of Beginnings & Endings

Leader: On June 10, 2018, this congregation called Sean Patrick Coady to serve as Pastoral Resident.

SP: I thank Village Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last three years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

People: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

SP: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Vows of Release

Leader: Do you, the members and friends of Village Church, release Sean Patrick Coady from the duties of Pastoral Resident?

People: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you offer your encouragement to his ministry in his next call?

People: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you, Sean Patrick, release this congregation from turning to you and depending on you?

SP: I do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and for the relationship with others who will come to serve?

SP: I do, with the help of God.

*Prayer of Blessing

Sending Song*

"Sing a New World Into Being"

Nettleton



1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent year - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a___ church where all who wor - ship find their_ lives and loves be - long.
where the___ lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
where all___ peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all___ hate and vengeance cease.
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing___ balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

Benediction

Sean Patrick Coady

A very special THANK YOU to our musicians leading us in worship today: Ed Broms, Isaac Hargrave, Ashna Hille, Alex Hoskyns, Hilary Prus, Diane Seaborn, Elise Sharrock, and Evan Strouse.

We welcome you to join us for Summer Smash fellowship in the Cloister Garden following worship, or for [Zoom Coffee Hour](#) if you cannot join for the outdoor gathering.

Summer Smash ~ A Fellowship Celebration and Farewell to Rev. Coady

Today, June 27, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Join us following Summer Worship to kick off summer with a smash and celebrate Pastoral Resident, Rev. Sean Patrick Coady's last Sunday with us. We give gratitude for his many gifts and growth among us over the past three years of his residency and look forward to wishing him well on the next phase of his faith journey. We'll have music, games and Village Table grilling delicious treats for us all.

Giving



To give your offering with a credit card or your PayPal account, point your smartphone's camera viewfinder at this QR code and tap the popup window that appears on your screen and follow the prompts.

Summer Worship

We welcome you to join us for Summer Worship every Sunday in person in our Sanctuary, or to participate via live-stream.

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