Wellesley Village Church
Congregational † United Church of Christ

Sunday, September 19, 2021
10:00am
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

David Carrier

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 289 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Nurturing God, You are the giver of all good gifts. In great love, you create us in your image and call us to life together.

ALL: You bless each of us, and call us to be a family of faith. Forgive us, O God, when we separate ourselves from you or one another.

One: You are loving, kind, and generous, overflowing with compassion and mercy.

ALL: Forgive us when we fall short of your call and claim on our lives. Heal our divisions and help us to welcome the changes that growth can bring.

One: In this fall season, help us find life-giving patterns and rhythms for worship and work. Help us find quiet times of renewal, and productive times of care for others. By your grace, remake us in your image, again and again, that we might embody your love in our daily lives.

All: Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

One: Be assured of this good news: in countless ways, God is moving in our midst, showering us with grace, and making us whole. Beloved, be at peace, for in Christ we are forgiven, loved, and freed to live anew.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen
*SHARING 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.

ANTHEM  “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”  
Sanctuary Choir  
arr. Kyle Smith

My Shepherd, You supply my need:  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,  
Jehovah is Your name:  
Does still my table spread;  
In pastures fresh You make me feed,  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
Beside the living stream.  
Your oil anoints my head.  
You bring my wandering spirit back,  
The sure provisions of my God  
When I forsake Your ways;  
Attend me all my days;  
And lead me, for Your mercy’s sake,  
O may Your House be my abode,  
In paths of truth and grace.  
And all my work be praise.  
When I walk through the shades of death  
The sure provisions of my God  
Your presence is my stay;  
Attend me all my days;  
One word of Your supporting breath  
While others go and come;  
Drives all my fears away.  
No more a stranger, or a guest,  
But like a child at home.

EPISTLE READING  
James 3:13-18  
Megan Berkowitz

GOSPEL READING  
Mark 9: 30-37  
Bob Feeny

SERMON  “Notes from a Year with a Dog”

*RESPONSE HYMN NO. 459 “Come O Fount of Every Blessing”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, forever. Amen.
CALL TO TIME OF OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Diane Seaborn

Offertory  “I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”  arr. Robert Lehman

I will arise and go to Jesus,  
he will embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity, love and power.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  

OUR COMMON LIFE

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 452  “Born of God”

*SPECIAL WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  “Toccata”  Percy Fletcher

You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

*COMMISSIONING:

Pastor:  Our worship has ended,  
People: Let our service begin!  
Pastor:  GO IN PEACE.

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ALL ARE INVITED to share in food and fellowship in the Cloister Garden.  
If you are watching our live-streamed service,  
please join us for Coffee Hour following virtual worship at approximately 11 am.  
The link is found here or from the website home page and the weekly enews Village News.
Giving

Our community is sustained by the gracious gifts of time, service, and financial resources that we share. In an effort to make that sharing more streamlined, we now offer online giving. You can find the link in the weekly Enews, or scan this QR code. May God bless the giving and receiving of these and all gifts, and make more of us together than we can ever hope or imagine apart.

Wellesley Village Church website

For information about Wellesley Village Church, please visit our website, which may be accessed using your smartphone.
TODAY

11:00am Coffee & Conversation, Cloister Garden
11:00am Zoom Fellowship, immediately after live-streamed worship
3:00pm Wild Church – McKinnon Park, Wellesley
5:00pm Worship, Congregational Church of Weston (masked)
7:00pm High School Youth Group, Cloister Garden

COMING UP – ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Wild Church
*Once a month, starting today, 3pm, McKinnon Park, Wellesley*
Come seek God’s spirit in Creation! Join Village Church member Rev. Diane Anderson for worship outdoors.

Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)
*Starting Sept. 24, 7-8:30pm*
We are a group of Village Church parents walking in faith together. Please join us on Zoom (for now -- we hope to be in person in the near future!) for an hour of conversation and support. How are you and your children getting through the latest pandemic issues? Is there frustration? New stresses? Are you experiencing new joys? Come and share with others going through similar things. All parents welcome! Kerstin Allen (Kerstin.r.allen@gmail.com)

David Carrier’s Farewell Sunday is next Sunday, Sept. 26!
Come celebrate David’s tenure of 35+ years of music ministry at Village Church!

Handbell Choir is Ringing Again!
All who would like to ring are welcome! WVC's beautiful set of Whitebell handbells have just been refurbished, thanks to a generous grant from Village Churchwomen. Today our handbells will be available for those who wish to give them a trial “ring” and consider joining the Handbell Choir. Rehearsals will begin in October and will likely be after the 10am worship service. To hear more, check your Enews, the church website, or email christie.baskett@gmail.com.

Service of Ordination of Megan Berkowitz
*October 3rd, 3pm*
Our new Pastoral Resident will be ordained to Christian Ministry in the United Church of Christ at her home congregation, First Church Somerville. Watch the Enews for the Zoom link to join this joyous celebration.
VISITORS, WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!

Please visit our Welcome Table outside. We would love to meet you!

Orientation for Newcomers to Village Church

Oct. 17 and Oct. 24, 11:15am, Parlor

If you are new to WVC and want to learn more, please join the Welcomers on Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 in the Parlor after 10 AM worship. Childcare will be provided. Our church staff and lay leaders will share information about our mission, beliefs, governance and programs, as well as answer questions. A social gathering for visitors will be offered in November, so stay tuned!
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