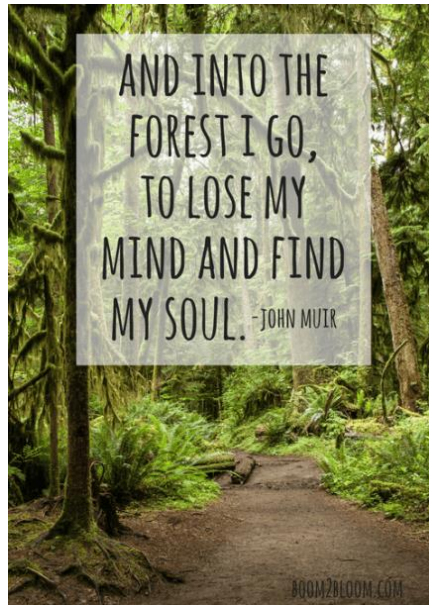




Chapel in the Pines

A Wild Church Worship Service



Please join us for the first Wild Church worship service!

Once a month we will offer the opportunity to gather for worship out in nature. This new monthly service, Chapel in the Pines, will take place at a recreational town park in Wellesley which is surrounded by forest. At Chapel in the Pines we will experience God in nature through prayer, scripture and short meditative walks in the forest. Refreshments will be served after the service.

This service is part of the Wild Church Movement which began in 2016 with the formation of the Wild Church Network. Since then, Wild Church communities have been popping up all over the US and Canada. We believe this will be the first Wild Church community in the state of MA!

What is Wild Church?

A Wild Church is a community of people who gather outdoors to worship and connect with God through experiences with nature. Wild Church communities seek to discover how God is revealed through the trees, the birds, the wind and the earth. Wild Church offers a time to experience the splendor of God's creation and praise God for the beauty of the earth.

“Earth’s crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God; But only he who sees, takes off his shoes.” ~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Here are the service details...

What: Chapel in the Pines – A Monthly Wild Church Worship Service

When: Sunday, October 17th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Where: MacKinnon Park, Wellesley (The entrance to the park is located at the corner of Halsey Ave and MacArthur Ave)

Please...

- Park on the forest side of Turner Street (near the entrance to Morse’s Pond) then walk down Halsey Ave. to McKinnon Park. This is a 5-10 minute walk.
- Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.
- Bring bug spray and a water bottle.
- Wear casual, weather appropriate clothing and sturdy walking shoes.
- Try to arrive 10 minutes early so we can begin right at 3:00

For more information about the Wild Church Movement...

https://www.ucc.org/church_of_the_wild/

<https://www.plough.com/en/topics/justice/environment/wild-church>

<https://www.wildchurchnetwork.com/About-Us>

Facilitators:

Rev. Diane Anderson: Diane received her MDiv. Degree from Andover Newton Theological School and was ordained at Village Church in 2017. She served as an Interim Associate Pastor at Village Church in 2014 and then as the Youth Pastor at Pilgrim Church in Sherborn from 2015-2021. Diane also received a certification in spiritual direction from Boston College in 2015. In nature Diane especially loves seeing the soft green ferns as they unfurl each Spring and the barred owl who silently swoops from branch to branch in the forest surrounding Chapel in the Pines.

Michele Ryan: Michele is a former CPA who is now blessed to spend a part of almost every day finding the Divine in the forests of New England and Colorado. She recently completed her service as a board member of the spiritual non-profit organization, Sacred Threads. Michele is a certified Forest Therapy Guide with the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy offering both public and private Forest Bathing sessions.

*Michele and Diane are currently enrolled in a year-long Wild Seminary course which equips spiritual leaders to facilitate Wild Church services.

Chapel in the Pines Email Distribution List: Please send an email to Diane at deanderson7@gmail.com to be on the Chapel in the Pines email list. This way you can be updated about rain delays and any other adjustments to the service.

