Wellesley Village Church
Congregational † United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 24, 2021
10:00am
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE  
Leibster Jesu, wir sind heir,  
“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here” BWV 731  
J. S. Bach  
Kristjon Imperio, Organist  

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION  
Diane Seaborn  

*OPENING HYMN NO. 74  “We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Bob Feeny  

One:    Holy One, we confess that we need healing.  

All:    We confess that we do not cry out for healing as we should. We let old wounds remain open, tender, and hidden away. In our woundedness, we often hurt others.  

One:    Forgive us, o God, for the times when our desire to prove our own strength prevents us from seeing the harm we do to others.  

All:    Loving God, show us the way of peace, the way of healing, the way of love. Help us to cry out in our vulnerability, to be healed and transformed, so that we might heal others. Soften our hearts, o God. Teach us to tend to our wounds, and to deal tenderly with all who are hurting. In the loving name of Jesus, amen.  

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  

One:    Church, you are the body of Christ, broken and remembered in this achingly beautiful world. God’s love heals our wounds and bruises into scars that remind us of our shared need for compassion and care.  

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

“Heal Us Now”
Leon Sher
Sanctuary Choir
Kevin McDonald, Director of Music

Heal us, Eternal God, and we will be healed; save us and we will be saved. God is near to all who seek God. Surely, help is near for those who revere God.

Please God, grant healing, healing of the soul, healing of the body, complete healing. Save your people, bless Your inheritance, care for them, and exalt them forever.

You, who blessed our fathers and our mothers, O please, help us, God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52
Diane Seaborn

SERMON

"Name It"

*RESPONSE HYMN NO. 314 “Community of Christ”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Megan Berkowitz

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

Offertory  “Canon of Praise”  Natalie Sleeth

*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. 81  “God Be With You”

*SPECIAL WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  “Processional”, Op. 96, No. 4  Charles Hutchings

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.

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.
**TODAY**

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<td><strong>Worship, Sanctuary</strong>&lt;br&gt;Rev. Diane Seaborn, Preacher; Rev. Bob Feeny;&lt;br&gt;Rev. Megan Berkowitz&lt;br&gt;<strong>Childcare, Family Worship Room</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Children’s Church, Courtyard or Upper Room</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Middle School Youth Group, Cloister Garden or Chapel</strong></td>
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<td>11:15am</td>
<td><strong>Coffee &amp; Fellowship, Cloister Garden</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Zoom Fellowship</strong>, immediately after live-streamed worship&lt;br&gt;<strong>Orientation for Seekers/Newcomers, Parlor</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Handbell Choir Rehearsal with Kristjon Imperio, Village Hall</strong></td>
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<td><strong>BeFrienders Retreat, Cloister Garden, Chapel and Village Common</strong></td>
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**Orientation for Seekers/Newcomers to Wellesley Village Church**
*Today, 11:15am, Parlor*
Please see Visitors’ page in this bulletin for more information.

**Handbell Choir is Ringing Again with Director Kristjon Imperio!**
*Today, 11:30am, Village Hall*
All who would like to ring are welcome! Come for a trial ring today! To hear more, check the church website, Enews, or email christie.baskett@gmail.com.

**Village Church Parents Group (VCPG)**
*Today and Dec. 5, 7:30-8:30pm, Zoom and Library*
We are a group of Village Church parents walking in faith together. Please join us on Zoom or in the church library 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)
Wellesley Village Church website

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

COMING UP

Empty Nesters+ *(a walking group)*
*Mondays, 9:30am*
Empty Nesters+ (not necessarily empty nesters, hence the plus sign!) gather weekly, weather permitting, for a walk at the beautiful Elm Bank Reservation in Wellesley. Please join us! Email Christina Oliver at christinaoliver20@gmail.com for information.

Congregational Hearing
*Oct. 31, after 10am worship, Zoom and Sanctuary*
The focus will be to provide an update on Church activities, events, and initiatives, including the progress of the Associate Pastor Search Committee. All are welcome!

Annual Rummage Sale on November 8 has been cancelled
We’re sorry to say that we have had to cancel to keep everyone safe while shopping. Please save your offerings for 2022!
VISITORS INFORMATION
WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!

Please visit our Welcome Table outside today. We would love to meet you! Every Sunday, before and after worship, members of our Welcome Ministry are here to greet you and answer any questions.

Seekers Orientation for Newcomers to Village Church
Today, 11:15am, Parlor
If you are new to WVC and want to learn more about our life together, please join the Welcomers in the Parlor after 10 AM worship. Childcare will be provided. Our pastors and lay leaders will share information about our mission, beliefs, governance and ministries, as well as answer your questions. A social gathering for visitors will also be offered in November, so please stay tuned!
Lay Leadership
Cynthia Sibold ~ Moderator
John Snyder ~ Vice Moderator
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The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter
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