Wellesley Village Church
Congregational † United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 3, 2021
10:00am
ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 3, 2021 10:00 am

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”  
Kristjon Imperio, Organist

Robert Lind

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 17 “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Megan Berkowitz

One: Jesus calls us to follow in His Way, witnessing to the Good News of God’s glory in all of creation, the redeeming power of love, and the triumph of life over death.

All: Yet the costs of discipleship can be high, and we do not always live into our call as followers of Christ.

One: We place our own desires above those of others, wanting to be fulfilled even as others are needy. We ignore the movement of the Spirit seeking to connect us more deeply with God and one another. We let our fear of change keep us from life-giving growth.

All: Forgive us, O God. Heal our divisions, and allow us to grow into new life in Christ. Help us to see Your image reflected back to us in the faces of all your people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

One: Church, hear this good news: A place has been set for us at God’s table, ready to welcome us home no matter how far away we wander. We are God’s beloved children, and we are learning to be disciples ever more fully each day.

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**

“We Are Your People”  John Wilson and Brian Wren  
Sanctuary Choir

We are your people: Spirit of grace,  
You dare to make us Christ to our neighbors  
Of every culture and place.

Joined in community, treasured and fed,  
May we discover gifts in each other,  
Willing to lead and be led.

Rich in diversity, help us to live  
Closer than neighbors, open to strangers,  
Able to clash and forgive.

Glad of tradition, help us to see  
In all life’s changing, where Christ is leading,  
Where our best efforts should be.

Give, as we venture justice and care  
(peaceful insisting, risking, resisting),  
Wisdom to know when and where.

Spirit, unite us, make us, by grace,  
Willing and ready, Christ’s living body,  
loving the whole human race.

**SCRIPTURE**  Psalm 8, Responsive  Diane Seaborn

**SERMON**  "Bread, Cup and Card Table"

**RESPONSE HYMN NO. 575**  “O For a World”
CALL TO TIME OF OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You may collect communion elements during the time of prayer stations and bring them back to your pew to be consumed together during the communion liturgy.

Offertory “O World of God” Charles Callahan

*Doxology

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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is Christ’s open table and all who wish to partake are welcome!

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you;  All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts;  All: We lift them up to God.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

*The Gift of the Bread and Cup

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.
*CLOSING HYMN NO. 347 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Ken Naylor

*BENEDICTION AND SPECIAL WELCOME TO VISITORS

POSTLUDE “Poco Vivace”, Op. 9, No. 6 Hermann Schroeder

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.

The chancel flowers today are in honor of Wellesley Village Church’s music team:
Dr. Kevin McDonald, Ed Broms and Kristjon Imperio.
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

9:00am Worship, Chapel, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Bob Feeny
10:00am Worship, Sanctuary
    Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Diane Seaborn, Megan Berkowitz
    Childcare, Family Worship Room
    Children’s Church & Joyful Noise, Courtyard, or Upper Room
    Middle School Youth Group, Cloister Garden or Chapel
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship, Cloister Garden
    Zoom Fellowship, immediately after live-streamed worship
11:30am Handbell Choir Rehearsal with Kristjon Imperio, Village Hall
3:00pm Ordination of Megan Berkowitz, on Zoom
5:00pm Worship, Congregational Church of Weston (masked)
7:00pm High School Youth Group, Cloister Garden, Sanctuary or Chapel

Service of Ordination of Megan Berkowitz
Today, 3pm, on Zoom only
You are invited to join the Service of Ordination to Christian Ministry for Pastoral
Resident Megan Berkowitz on Zoom, on October 3rd at 3pm. Although her home
church’s COVID protocols allow for only a limited group gathered in person, all are
welcome to the Zoom livestream. You’re also invited to be a part of the laying on of
hands during the service by making a paper cutout of your hands at Fellowship Hour
after 10am worship this Sunday. You’ll be able to trace your hands on a piece of paper,
write your name on it, and then cut out. These hands will be joined together on a paper
chain that will wrap throughout the sanctuary in Somerville, connecting the handful of
folks there in person, and be laid onto Megan during the ordination rite. Visit the church
website calendar for the link or for those reading this online follow this Zoom link >

Handbell Choir is Ringing Again!
Today, after 10am worship, Village Hall
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 are after the 10am worship service with
Kristjon Imperio leading us. To hear more, check your Enews, the church website, or
email christie.baskett@gmail.com.
COMING UP – ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

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. Won’t you join us? Email Christina Oliver for questions or to RSVP and to receive a weekly email for details and confirmation, or cancellation due to weather forecast.

Seniors Connect
First Tuesday of every month, starting Oct. 5, 2-3:00pm
Join us on Zoom for fellowship and connection. We look forward to seeing you!

Thursday Night Bible Study Begins!
Every Thursday night, starting October 7th, 7pm, on Zoom
You, yes YOU, are invited to join in a Bible study this fall exploring the theme of “Violence in the Hebrew Bible.” Relevant to our lives as people of faith in the world today, this season’s Bible study group will ask questions of how to make sense of morally questionable material in the Bible. In doing so, we hope that we will together gain tools for interpreting the text, and through the text interpreting our world.

This Bible study is an opportunity to grow in faith and ask questions of ourselves and one another as we wrestle with the text in community on Zoom, 7:00-8:30pm.

All are welcome! We ask that you commit to the study for the season, coming most weeks, so that we can grow in trust and communication with one another throughout our time together. For more information, or to sign up for the email list to join, please email at: megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.
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SUNDAY WORSHIP (masks required indoors)

• 9am Chapel Worship
• 10am Sanctuary Worship (& livestreamed)
• 5pm Evening Worship at CCW in Weston

SPECIAL DATES

OCTOBER 3 - World Communion Sunday
OCTOBER 17 - Confirmation Sunday, Wild Church 3pm
NOVEMBER 7 - All Saints Sunday
NOVEMBER 21 - Thanksgiving Sunday
VISITORS, WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!

Please visit our Welcome Table outside today. We would love to meet you!
Every Sunday, before and after worship

Seekers 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!
Cynthia Sibold ~ Moderator
John Snyder ~ Vice Moderator
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**Senior Pastor**

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