Wellesley Village Church
Congregational † United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 14, 2021
10:00am
Hymns may be found in the New Century (black) hymnal or in this bulletin.
*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE "Ave Maria"  
Franz Schubert  
Jennifer Soloway, Soprano Solo; Kristjon Imperio, Organist

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION  
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

INTROIT "We Gather Together"  
Village Church Handbell Choir; Kristjon Imperio, Director

*OPENING HYMN NO. 421 "We Gather Together", vs. 1,2,3

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism
Charles Clift Lincoln, son of Hillary (Rose) and Graham Lincoln  
Henri Joseph Kounakowitch, son of Maeliss and Charles Kounakowitch  
Emerson Cooper Champion, daughter of Katelyn and Thomas Champion

Assisting are Darlene Howland, Worship Deacon, Margie Sipe, Family Life Deacon  
and Rev. Vanessa Rose.

Invitation

Covenant Promises of the Parents

Covenant Promises of the Congregation

Deacon: Will you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to Charles Clift Lincoln, Henri Joseph Kounakowitch, and Emerson Cooper Champion, who are about to be baptized?

All: We will, with the help of God. With this sacrament we welcome Charles, Henri and Emerson into the fellowship of Christ’s church. We promise to receive them as children of God, nurture them in Christian faith, and grow with them in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.
Blessing of Water

Baptism of Charles Clift Lincoln

Deacon: See what love God has for us, that we should be called children of God.

All: Loving God, we thank you for Charles; bless him and keep him, now and forever. Give him faith and strength for life’s journey, the joy of fellowship, the freedom to love, the courage to serve, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Sung Response Hymn No. 325, “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”, vs. 1

Baptism of Henri Joseph Kounakowitch

Deacon: See what love God has for us, that we should be called children of God.

All: Loving God, we thank you for Henri; bless him and keep him, now and forever. Give him faith and strength for life’s journey, the joy of fellowship, the freedom to love, the courage to serve, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Sung Response Hymn No. 325, “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” vs. 2

Baptism of Emerson Cooper Champion

Deacon: See what love God has for us, that we should be called children of God.

All: Loving God, we thank you for Emerson; bless her and keep her, now and forever. Give her faith and strength for life’s journey, the joy of fellowship, the freedom to love, the courage to serve, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Sung Response Hymn No. 325, “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” vs. 3

Introduction to the Family of Faith

Sung Response Hymn No. 325, “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” vs. 4
One: When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with reconciling with God. Trusting in God, our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Silent Confession

All: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we may bring to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hard. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. By your grace wash us afresh with the waters of baptism. Claim us again as your children and remind us that we are yours. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Siblings in Christ, hear this good news: God’s grace surpasses human understanding and the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to live anew in Christ-like love and service. Alleluia! 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.

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1:11-2
Luke 11:29-30, 32

Rev. Bob Feeny

SERMON

“Sing a New Song: What Whales Sing of Baptism”

RESPONSE HYMN

NO. 556 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”
Offertory  “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  Lisa Hoekstra

Village Church Sanctuary Choir  
Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. 
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the Mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, here by Thy great help I've come,  
and I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love, the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
clothed then, in blood washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away.
Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

*Doxology

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

WELCOME TO VISITORS

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 423  “Great is Your Faithfulness”

BENEDICTION
You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of worship.

Pastor: Our worship has ended;  
People: Let our service begin.  
Pastor: Go in peace!

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The chancel flowers today are given by the Rose Family  
in gratitude for all of God’s children.

We are glad you’re here today!

ALL ARE INVITED  
to share in coffee and conversation  
in Village Common.

Our Reopening Task Force advises that we require vaccinations  
if folks want to eat/drink during coffee hour.  
Unvaccinated folks will need to remain masked.

If you are watching our livestreamed 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  
giving more streamlined, we now offer online options. You can  
find the link in the weekly Enews or scan this QR code. May God  
bless the giving and receiving of gifts and make more of us  
together than we can be apart.
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| 10:00am| **Worship**, Sanctuary and Livestream, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter; Rev. Diane Seaborn; Rev. Bob Feeny, Preacher; Rev. Vanessa Rose  
**Childcare**, Family Worship Room  
**Children’s Church**, Courtyard or Upper Room, Michaela McDonald  
**Middle School Youth Group**, Cloister Garden or Chapel, Rev. Pam Emslie |
| 11:15am| **Coffee & Fellowship**, Village Common  
**Zoom Fellowship**, immediately after live-streamed worship  
**Handbell Choir Rehearsal with Kristjon Imperio**, Sanctuary |
| 1:00pm| **Confirmation Retreat**, returning from Craigville, MA |
| 4:00pm| **Visitors Gathering**, home of Jen Beachell, ask for details at Welcome Table |
| 5:00pm| **Worship**, Congregational Church of Weston (masked) |
| 7:00pm| **High School Youth Group**, Youth Room, Rev. Pam Emslie |
Thanksgiving is an especially hard time for many in our community. Let’s join together to support and care for our neighbors.

Service Ministry invites you to bring non-perishable food items to worship for the Wellesley Food Pantry, or drop them off in the basket outside Village Common any time during the week.

Community Ministry and the Village Table Ministry are partnering together to Make Love Real! Thanksgiving meals (to-go!) will be ready after 10am worship to be delivered by volunteers to our friends and neighbors in need of extra care. Won't you join us in sharing God's abundant love? Stay tuned for upcoming details.

Thanks to your generosity, Service Ministry delivered 88 new coats to City Mission this week. Many children will be warmed by your LOVE MADE REAL!

Stay tuned for Advent opportunities to serve and give.
Connected ~ Growing ~ GRATEFUL

Weekly Sunday Worship (masks required indoors)

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

COMING UP

Nov. 21 – Thanksgiving Sunday! Recognition of 50 Year Members and Welcome of New Members in 10am service

Nov. 21 - 3pm Wild Church, outdoors in MacKinnon Park, Wellesley, with Rev. Diane Anderson

ADVENT

Nov. 28 - Advent I, Installation of Pastoral Residents, Rev. Bob Feeny and Rev. Megan Berkowitz; Rev. Alex Shea Will, UCC Associate Conference Minister Preaching

Dec. 5 – Advent II, Communion

Dec. 12 – Advent III

Dec. 19 – Advent IV, Lessons and Carols

Wellesley Village Church Website

For information about Wellesley Village Church, please visit our website, which may be accessed using your smartphone.
VISITORS INFORMATION
WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!

Please visit our Welcome Table outside and/or come to coffee hour in Village Common, located through the doors near the pulpit. 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.

4pm Visitors Gathering at the home of Jen Beachell
Please ask at the Welcome Table outside for the address if you are coming.

We look forward to welcoming new members next Sunday!
Lay Leadership
Cynthia Sibold ~ Moderator
John Snyder ~ Vice Moderator
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