ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 21, 2021

Hymns can be found in the New Century (black) Hymnal.
*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE
“Land of Our Birth” from Song of Thanksgiving
Kristjon Imperio, Organist
Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

OPENING HYMN NO. 422 “Come, O Thankful People, Come”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Rev. Megan Berkowitz

All: Loving God, we confess that the many small worries that fill our days draw our attention away from you. We are easily overwhelmed by “sweating the small stuff,” and we find it easy to dwell on these worries. We find it much harder to keep our minds set on the goodness that comes from you and permeates every corner of our lives. Forgive us. Show us how to ground ourselves in gratitude. Help us to bring our struggles to you and allow you to transform them – and us – into people of witness and praise. Please hear now our silent prayers...

One: In Jesus’ name. All: Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE
One: People of God, be assured: God’s love is with us in every worry. Christ’s peace surrounds us in every moment. The Holy Spirit’s fellowship connects us in every struggle. For all of this, we can be grateful.

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 as you are able and share a sign of peace with one another.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS
WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION

All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together as the people of God who worship, learn, serve and share.

PRAYER

*THE SHARING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT (page 7)

ANTHEM

“Give Thanks/Thank You, Lord”

Henry Smith, Paul Baloche, Don Moen

Youth Choir  
Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director of Music

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because  
He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
And now let the weak say, “I am strong.”  
Let the poor say,  
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”  
Give thanks.

I come before you today, and there’s just one thing that I want to say:  
For all You’ve given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see.  
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,  
with an outstretched arm, I will bless Your name.  
Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank You, Lord.  
Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank You, Lord.  

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100  
Philippians 4:1, 4-8  
Rev. Diane Seaborn

SERMON

“Peace-able”  
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter
RESPONSE HYMN NO. 388 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

RECOGNITION OF FIFTY-YEAR-AND-MORE MEMBERS Rev. Diane Seaborn

SUNG RESPONSE NO. 393 “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds” verse 1 only

COMMON LIFE, OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offertory

“Great and Glorious” Sanctury Choir
Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director

Franz Joseph Haydn

Great and Glorious is the Lord in majesty.
Glorious in power eternal, mighty and loving Father.
Praise Him for His greatness, for His exceeding greatness.
Great and glorious, mighty in awful majesty,
let all extol Him evermore.

Praise Ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God.
Glorious and mighty, loving Father, glorious ever in majesty.
Praise to Thy name, Thy holy Name for evermore.

God is nigh to all that call, all that call truly upon Him;
the Lord upholdeth all who fall, and gently,
He upraiseth those who are bowed down.

The mighty and loving Father in power eternal,
The mighty loving Father, the loving Father, eternal Lord.
Great and glorious; call upon Him, mighty and loving,
glorious ever in majesty, glorious ever in majesty.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
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. 76 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God”, Op. 65 No. 13 Sigfried Karg-Elert

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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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.

The cover art is an image of “Peaceable Kingdom”, by Edward Hicks.
~We welcome these new members into our covenant today~

Sarah & Brian Hall

Jan Beaven

Jennifer Dirga

Frank Haydu

Charles & Maeliss Kounakowitch

Suzanne Wintle

Chris & Rod Taft

Bill & Diane Chaisson

Jan Cree

Jennifer Yu

Chris & Meg Gomsak

Kristin Zinggeler

Chipo Dendere
Wellesley Village Church Covenant

Adopted 1962

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God,
to proclaim the gospel of Christ,
to develop in all people a consciousness of their relations and duties to God and to each other,
and to inspire them with love for truth, passion for righteousness, and enthusiasm for service.

To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with each other to express God’s spirit in our individual and corporate life;
to live together as Christians,
and to submit ourselves to the government of this Church, working, giving, praying for its increase, its purity, its peace,
and seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the kingdom of God.
We Celebrate Our 50+ Year Members ~

*50-year members as of 2021

“Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.”
Psalm 119:90

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* indicates members that have passed away.
Giving Options

Our community is sustained by the gracious gifts of time, service, and financial resources that we share. In an effort to make financial giving more streamlined, we now offer online options. You can find the link in the weekly Enews or scan this QR code. Gifts may always be mailed to the church office or left in collection baskets. May God bless the giving and receiving of gifts and make more of us together than we can be apart.

Year-End Giving Notes

Special year-end gifts to Wellesley Village Church are a wonderful way to express gratitude for the blessings of the past year. Your gifts will help the church with unmet needs and enable us to end the year with financial strength. Checks may be placed in the offering or mailed to the church. Please visit our website for on-line giving, or call Marina at 781-235-1988 ext. 18 or email her at marina@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for any questions, or to notify her of a stock transfer.

Thank you for ALL of your gifts to Village Church!
TODAY

9:00am  Worship, Chapel, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Preacher; Rev. Diane Seaborn
10:00am Worship, Sanctuary and Livestream, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Preacher; Rev. Diane Seaborn; Rev. Megan Berkowitz
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, Sanctuary
3:00pm  Wild Church, MacKinnon Park, Wellesley, Rev. Diane Anderson
5:00pm  Worship, Congregational Church of Weston (masked)
7:00pm  High School Youth Group, Youth Room, Rev. Pam Emslie

EMBODYING GOD’S LOVE IN A BEAUTIFUL AND BROKEN WORLD

Thanksgiving is an especially hard time for many in our community. Let’s join together to support and care for our neighbors. Here are opportunities:

Service Ministry invites you to drop off Wellesley Food Pantry donations of non-perishable food items in the box in Village Common Lobby.

Community Ministry and the Village Table Ministry invite you to help deliver Thanksgiving meals (to-go!) after 10am worship to our friends and neighbors in need of extra care. Won't you join us in sharing God's abundant love?

Virtual Alternative Christmas Gift Fair 2021—Thanksgiving through Christmas
In your gift giving this year please consider gifts that improve lives. The Alternative Gift Fair offers Village Church families and friends an easy way to make Christmas gift donations to those in need through 9 organizations with strong Village Church connections. This year the Fair is virtual! For links and info., see your weekly Enews, or visit our website at: wellesleyvillagechurch.org. Or, if you’re viewing this bulletin electronically, follow this link for all the details and links.

Stay tuned for Advent opportunities to worship, serve and give!
At Wellesley Village Church, we believe in a vision for God’s Beloved Community where all people are welcomed and enthusiastically affirmed, as well as honored and celebrated as made in God’s holy image. This intentional inclusivity welcomes people of all races, sexual orientations, gender identities/expressions, abilities, family dynamics and configurations, and so much more. We recognize that our world and our church community do not always live into this vision, and yet as a church, we are continually working to widen our welcome and witness. If you have suggestions for how we can better welcome you and those you love, please reach out to Pastoral Resident Megan Berkowitz at megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

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!

WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH WEBSITE

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