

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



9:00 am Summer Worship

Season of Pentecost

Sunday, June 19, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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9:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue in C Major, BWV 846
Kristjon Imperio, piano

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Megan Berkowitz

CENTERING INTO WORSHIP

*GATHERING SONG

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
Kevin McDonald, cantor



Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way." *to Refrain*

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; And for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Phyllis Gibson

One: Loving God, you are our strength and our refuge. Through the Prophet Jeremiah you have shown us your plans for a future of welfare and not harm, and invited us to hope in you.

All: God, we confess that when our well of hope runs dry, we look to ourselves and not to you. We make plans and contingencies, relying on our own strength and will to carry us through times of trouble. We believe that the task of solving the world's problems, problems of war and hunger and prejudice, fall to us alone. In this problem-solving mindset, we grow weary and lose hope when progress is halting. Forgive us.

One: Forgive us, God, and remind us that the strength to change things, the imagination to dream a new world, and the hope that binds that strength and those dreams together all comes from you. You accompany us in all things, and show us the power of walking alongside one another.

All: Help us to look to you, and in you to find hope, love, peace, and strength beyond all measure. We pray through Christ, who is the embodiment of our hope in you, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: People of God, hear this Good News. Through Jeremiah, God promises: "When you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me." Pray and call out to God; seek God with all your heart. In God, you will find the hope, strength, and joy you need.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

SUNG RESPONSE

“May I Be Empty”

Batya Levine

May I be empty and open to receive the light,
May I be empty and open to receive.
May I be full and open to receive the light,
May I be full and open to receive.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 15:19-21; 1b-2

Phyllis Gibson

HOMILY

“Prepare for Joy”

Megan Berkowitz

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“This is My Father's World”
Village Church Handbell Choir

Susan Geschke

A TIME OF PRAYER STATIONS & OFFERING

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Deep River”

arr. Samuel Coleridge Taylor

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

*SENDING SONG

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
gleam of our bright star is cast.
God, true to our na - tive land.

***COMMON LIFE & BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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ALL ARE INVITED

Fellowship and lemonade in the Cloister Garden.

GIVING OPTIONS

Our church, our community and our world are sustained by the gracious gifts of time, service, and financial resources that we share. May God bless the giving and receiving of gifts and make more of us together than we can be apart. To donate **to support the mission and ministry of Village Church**, please [follow this link](#) or scan this QR Code to take you to the giving page for **Gifts**.



SHARING YOUR PRESENCE WITH US TODAY

What a blessing it is to have you here today!
Please sign in at the door or use this QR code.



TODAY

- 9:00am** **Summer Worship, Chapel**, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Preaching;
Phyllis Gibson
- 10:00am** **Fellowship Hour, Cloister Garden**
- 3:00pm** **Church in the Pines, McKinnon Park, Wellesley**

Happy Father’s Day!

Today is **Juneteenth**, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day. On June 19, 1865 the Emancipation Proclamation was put into effect in Galveston, TX, signifying the official end to slavery in the United States.

UPCOMING

Village Table Ministry Cooking *June 30, July 1 and 2, and every other week on Thurs., Fri. and Sat. after that, Village Hall Kitchen.* Please email food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to get involved.

To allow for summer vacations the church office will be closed on Friday, June 24 and Friday, July 1.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *Please see Enews for details.*

Empty Nesters+, *Mondays, reconvening in September for walks at Elm Bank Reservation.*

Please contact Christina Oliver at 617-529-9246 for more information.

Seniors Connect, *first Tuesday of the month.*

Please email Rev. Stacy Swain at stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

Village Church Dads Group –*The last meet-up before a pause for the summer is on June 21.*

Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry, *Wednesdays, 10-11:30, via Zoom*

Please contact Bobbie Hayes at 781-400-1333 or rchkch@verizon.net.

Wednesday Bible Study, *Wednesdays, 10am-11:45am, via Zoom, reconvening in September*

Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Village Churchmen –*Thursday, July 21, 12:30pm-2:30pm, and Monthly, on third Thursdays, via*

Zoom. Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for the link.

FAMILY LIFE

Family Life is Christian community and faith formation
for children, youth, and their families.

**Children’s Church and Middle School Youth Group have concluded for the summer and will
resume after Labor Day, on Sunday, September 11, 2022.**

Visit our website at wellesleyvillagechurch.org for more information

WELCOME, VISITORS!

Are you thinking about getting involved in a community of faith?

If you are interested in joining, and have not been in touch with our Welcoming Ministry,
please contact Megan Berkowitz at megan@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

**WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC)**

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.

Lay Leadership

John Snyder ~ Moderator

Kathy Schleyer ~ Vice Moderator

Cynthia Sibold ~ Immediate Past Moderator

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

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Associate Pastors

The Rev. Pam Emslie

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On sabbatical until 8/25/22

The Rev. Stacy Swain

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Pastoral Resident

The Rev. Megan Berkowitz, 2nd Year

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WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH WEBSITE

For information about Wellesley Village Church, please visit our website

at: wellesleyvillagechurch.org

or may be accessed by using your smartphone →

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