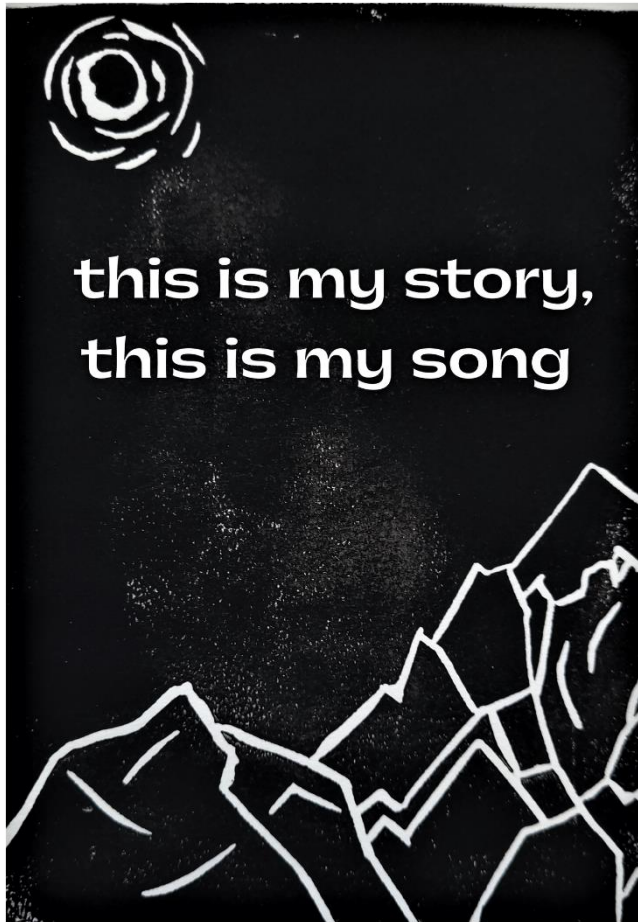


Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



9:00 am Summer Worship

Sunday, July 17, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 17, 2022

9:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

“Sonata in D Major, K.119”
Kristjon Imperio, piano

Domenico Scarlatti

WELCOME

Sarah Sarchet Butter

CENTERING INTO WORSHIP

***GATHERING SONG**

“I Want to Be A Christian”
Alex Hoskyns, cantor

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Refrain

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sue Jung Grant

One: Holy One, we want to follow Jesus. We want to get it right. We want to be more loving and more holy.

All: But sometimes we find it hard to do so. Sometimes we lose sight of you and become caught up in our own frustrations and resentments. Sometimes we spend our energies judging and condemning, instead of loving and forgiving. Sometimes, we lose sight of who you have called us to be and the love you have called us to live.

One: Have mercy on us, we pray. Forgive us. Wrap your arms around us and bring us home to you. Anoint us again, with your healing and world changing love.

All: We pray all of this, in the strong name of Jesus, our sibling and our savior, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: People of God, be assured. We are forgiven. God's love is not a reward for getting it right. God has loved us from the beginning, loves us now, and will love us always. So as a wholly loved and wholly forgiven people, let the Love of God resound through us and throughout this beautiful and broken world of ours.

All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

SUNG RESPONSE

"Blessed Assurance" Verse lyrics by Megan Berkowitz

**We have a mission, work in God's name,
To do our part to ease the world's pain:
Choosing God's love and making it real;
Sharing Christ's peace and helping all heal
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long**

***SENDING SONG**

"Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost"

Unison



1 Gra-cious Spir - it, Ho - ly Ghost, taught by you, we cov - et most
2 Love is kind, and suf-fers long; love is meek, and thinks no wrong;
3 Proph-e - cy will fade a - way, melt - ing in the light of day;
4 Faith and hope and love we see, join - ing hand in hand a - gree;

Of your gifts at Pen - te - cost, ho - ly, heaven-ly love.
Love than death it - self more strong; there-fore, give us love.
Love will ev - er with us stay; there-fore, give us love.
But the great - est of the three, and the best, is love.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

arr. Eric Schrotenboer

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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*, CeCe Hansen, preaching; Sue Jung Grant, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Stacy Swain, Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Liturgists
- 10:00am** **Fellowship Hour**, *Cloister Garden*
- 3:00pm** **Chapel in the Pines**, *Wild Church worship service in McKinnon Park, Wellesley MA*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & ACT

Hoops & Homework Backpack Project, *due August 17, drop off in the church parlor.*

Help a child prepare for school this fall with a new backpack and school supplies. See the weekly Enews or, [online viewers can follow this link to sign up](#). Email meg@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for more info.

Village Table Ministry Cooking, *Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29, 6pm, and Saturday, July 30, 9am, and every other Thurs., Fri. and Sat after that, Village Hall Kitchen.* Please email: food@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to get involved.

CLIMATE JUSTICE: Time for Action is Now! It is the 11th hour! *Thursday, Aug. 11th, 11am.* Join us on the church lawn on the 11th day of each month, as we ring the church bells for 11 minutes, starting at 11am, standing in solidarity for climate justice along with other churches in the community and across the region. See the Enews for more information.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *Please see Enews for details.*

Empty Nesters+ (walking group) Return! 9:30am Monday, July 18. Meet at Elm Bank Reservation. Contact Christina Oliver for more info. christina.oliver20@gmail.com.

Seniors Connect, first Tuesday of the month.

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

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

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

Village Churchmen – *Break for the summer. Will reconvene in the fall.* Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for information.

Village Church Dads Group – *Reconvening in the fall.*

Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

Wednesday Bible Study, *Reconvening in September*

Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org to sign up.

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.

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Kathy Schleyer ~ Vice Moderator

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