

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



9:00 am Summer Worship

Season of Pentecost

Sunday, July 3, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

Nocturne in B Major, Op. 62, No. 1
Kristjon Imperio, piano

F. Chopin

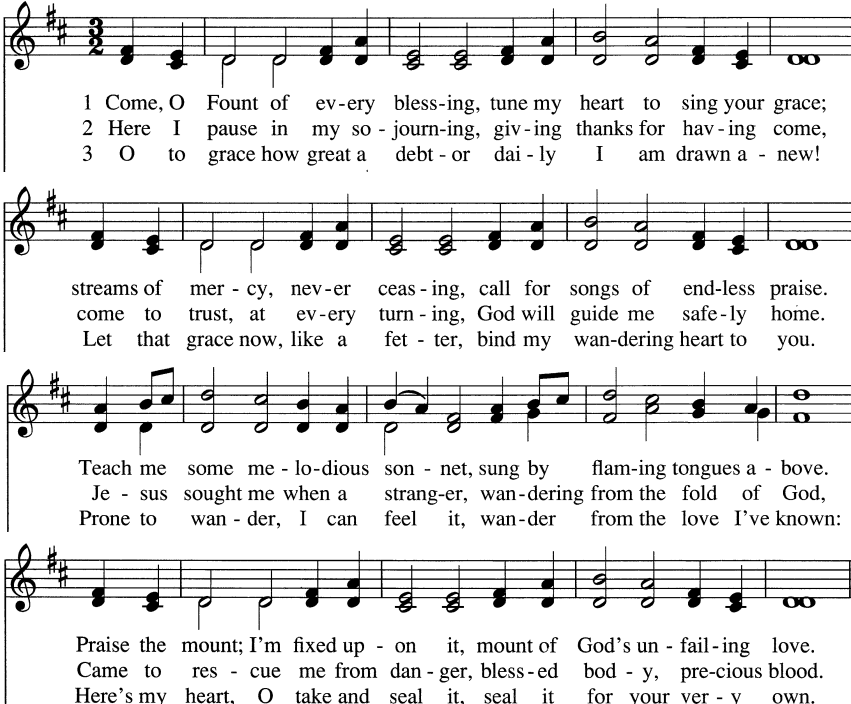
WELCOME

Stacy Swain

CENTERING INTO WORSHIP

*GATHERING SONG

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”



1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christie Baskett

One: God, we know that you have laid a way before us, a path of goodness and righteousness, a path of extravagant love for all your people.

All: Yet there are times when we wander. We lose our way, distracted by the signposts of the world. We place our own desires over the path our faith shows us. We ignore others' need and pain, forgetting that we are all bound up together in you.

One: God of tenderness and love, breathe your grace into our lives. Forgive our wandering ways, and guide us along your paths of peace.

All: When we lose our way, carry us back to you. Lead us to a place of faith and hope so that we can proclaim your goodness throughout the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: "Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God. Rather than punish us when we stray, God calls for our return, and seeks to comfort us as we do so. Even when we are lost, God is ready to bring us back home, with forgiveness and grace for all.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

SUNG RESPONSE

"Blessed Assurance"

Verse lyrics by Stacy Swain

**Peace is the vision God has for all,
Heavenly garden, enough for us all.
Here we now till the ground where we stand,
Joining with God in healing the land.**

**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**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 27-31

Stacy Swain

THIS IS MY STORY

"Freedom"

RESPONSE SONG "O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free" vv. 1, 4, 6



1 O Love, how vast, how flow - ing free, O Love how
4 For us was beat - en, whipped, and tried, and tak - en
filled with ec - sta - sy, That God a hu - man
to be cru - ci - fied, So Love all this for
form should take, and mor - tal be for mor - tals' sake.
us en - dured, and dy - ing, life for us pro - cured.

6 Then for God's bound-less love
sing praise
through end-less a-ges, count-less days;
By Love we have been rec-on-ciled:
sal-va-tion gained through
God's own Child.

THIS IS MY SONG

Christie Baskett

SUNG RESPONSE

"Blessed Assurance" (Refrain)

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
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Praising my Savior all the day long**

A TIME OF PRAYER STATIONS & OFFERING

Megan Berkowitz

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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 "How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies" vv. 1, 2, and 4

1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am-ber waves of grain;
2 In-dig-e-nous and im-mi-grant, our daugh-ters and our sons;
4 How beau-ti-ful, two con-ti-nents, and is-lands in the sea

our pur-ple moun-tains as they rise a-bove the fruit-ful plain.
O may we nev-er rest con-tent till all are tru-ly one.
that dream of peace, non-vi-o-lence, all peo-ple liv-ing free.

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God's gra-cious gifts a-bound,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
A-mer-i-cas! A-mer-i-cas! God grant that we may be

and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a-round.
a sis-ter-hood and broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
a hem-i-sphere where peo-ple here all live in har-mo-ny.

*COMMON LIFE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Improvisation on "Blessed Assurance" *Charles Callahan*

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. Stacy Swain, Preaching;
Rev. Megan Berkowitz, Christie Baskett; Liturgists
- 10:00am** **Fellowship Hour, Cloister Garden**

To accommodate summer vacations the **church office will be closed on Friday, July 1** and in observance of Independence Day, **Monday, July 4**.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *Please see Enews for details.*

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 – *Monthly, on third Thursdays, via Zoom.* Please email getinvolved@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for the link.

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

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

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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The Rev. Pam Emslie

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On sabbatical until 8/25/22

The Rev. Stacy Swain

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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

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