

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



10:00am Worship † January 21, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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10:00 AM

What a blessing it is to have you here today!

Today's hymns may be found in the New Century (black) hymnal, except where noted.

*Please stand as you are able.

*For families who wish to be together in a child-centered space,
the service is livestreamed into the Family Worship Room,
located just outside the Sanctuary through the exit on the piano side.*

Please use this QR code to register your presence
with our church check-in page.



*The chancel flowers are given today by the Duval Family in loving memory of Duncan Duval,
whose memorial service was celebrated here yesterday.
Duncan and his spouse, Debbie, were members of WVC
from November 19, 2006 to January 2022.*

PRELUDE

"Master Tallis's Testament"
Kristjon Imperio - Organ

Herbert Howells

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Sarah S. Butter

***OPENING HYMN NO. 172 "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"**

Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps during the last verse.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Children may leave for Children's Church, which concludes after worship.
Parents, please see page 4 for pick-up information.*

SUNG RESPONSE NO. 478 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Megan Strouse

God of Epiphany, like the Wise Men who followed your star to find the Christ child and came bearing gifts, we seek to follow your light and offer you our best gifts.

We confess that sometimes we hold back. We don't always offer our time, talents, or treasure with open hands and hearts. We are afraid to try new things. We are reluctant to give as much as we could. We are afraid to give up too much or put ourselves in uncomfortable positions.

[Use this time for silent contemplation and prayer of confession.]

Forgive us, we pray.

May this holy season inspire us to recognize our gifts and offer them to the Christ child, to bring your love into our broken world.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you, **And also with you.**

Please stand as you are able and share a greeting of peace with one another.

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20

SERMON "What Are We To Do?" Rev. Stacy Swain

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 539 "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

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.**

STEWARDSHP WITNESS, CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Martha Schick

To give:

*We are grateful for your offerings to God in support of
the ministries of Wellesley Village Church.
Checks made payable to Wellesley Village Church may be placed in the
offering plate at the front or rear of the church.
You may donate online by scanning this QR code.
Thank you for your generosity.*



Offertory

“Shine on Me”

Spiritual, arr. Rollo Dillworth

Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Kevin McDonald – Conductor; Kristjon Imperio – Organ

*Shine on me. Shine on me. I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.
Oh shine on me. Shine on me. I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.
Is a light shining above? Is it shining above in the heaven's for me?
I'm wondering if there's a light that is shining above in the heaven's for me.
Shine on me. Shine on me. I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.
Oh shine on me. Shine on me. I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.
Will it shine on me!*

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

Abernethy version

COMMON LIFE AND BEFRIENDER RECOGNITION

Rev. Stacy Swain and Susan Sullivan, Co-Leader of the BeFriends Ministry

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 495 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”**

*INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on “Endless Song”

David Lasky

Please be seated for the postlude.

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ALL ARE INVITED to Village Common to enjoy coffee and conversation.

VISITORS

We're so glad you are here!

Please introduce yourself to a pastor near the Welcome sign.

PARENTS

Children Kindergarten and younger may be picked up in the PreK/K room on the 2nd floor.

Grades 1-5 will meet parents on the 2nd floor. Middle Schoolers are on retreat?

TODAY

- 9:00am** **Chapel Worship**, *Chapel and Livestream*,
Rev. Martha Schick, preaching; Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter
- 10:00am** **Sanctuary Worship**, *Sanctuary and Livestream*,
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, preaching; Rev. Stacy Swain;
Rev. Martha Schick; Megan Strouse
Childcare, *Family Worship Room*
Children's Church, *Sanctuary, pick up Upper Level*, Michaela McDonald
No Middle School Youth Group today
- 10:50-11:20am** **Village Children's Choir**, *Upper Level*
- 11:15am** **Congregational Budget Meeting**, *Chapel*
- 11:15am** **Coffee and Fellowship**, *Village Common*
- 11:30am** **Village Ringers Rehearsal**, *Sanctuary*
- 3:00pm** **Pick Your Party - Family Friendly**
- 5:00pm** **Worship Service**, *Congregational Church of Weston*, Rev. Martha Schick
- 7:00pm** **High School Youth Group**, Rev. Pam Emslie

Village Church Budget Hearing

TODAY, in the Chapel following 10am Worship

Julien Grant, Chair of Finance, will lead the presentation and he will have slides to share on the 2024 proposed budget.

Join us in person or via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83040787466?pwd=Tno5UU9xY2szR1ZSeHl2cGQrSXhoUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 4078 7466

Passcode: 385681

IMPORTANT GATHERINGS

Sunday, January 28 -

9am and 10am worship services

11:15am Epiphany Cultural Fellowship

11:30am "Courageous Conversations" w/ Rabbi Sisenwine

Sunday, February 4 -Pledge Consecration Sunday

Congregational Meeting after the 10am worship service to seek the congregation's approval of the merger with Congregational Church of Weston. **Your attendance, either in person or online, is strongly encouraged for this historic vote.**

Sunday, February 11

226th Annual Meeting of the Congregation after 10am worship

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday service, 7pm

WELLESLEY VILLAGE CHURCH 2024 STEWARDSHIP TEAM

INVITES YOU TO:

*** PICK YOUR PARTY ***

Friday, January 19, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

At the home of Sarah and John Butter (38 Royalston Road, Wellesley)

Sunday, January 21, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Family-Friendly at Wellesley Village Church with childcare provided

Saturday, January 27, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

At the home of Regina and Santa Wiryaman (4 Ingersoll Rd. Wellesley)

Tuesday, January 30, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

At North Hill (Lower Level - Wellspring Landing, 865 Central Ave, Needham)



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND SERVE

Please see Enews for details.

To receive our weekly E-newsletter, contact Chris Toppin at: christine@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

Empty Nesters + (walking group)

Monday mornings at 9:30am at Elm Bank Reservation

Join us, even with snow on the ground! Great way to start your week. Elm Bank Reservation, 9:30 am Monday mornings. If you'd like to be added to the email list be in touch with Christina Oliver at christina.oliver20@gmail.com

Exploring the Bible – A New Bible Study for the New Year

Starting, Tues., Jan. 23 - Tuesday mornings, 8:30-9:30 in person and on zoom

Are you new to the Bible? Do you have questions as to how it came to be and what it is all about? If so, perhaps you'd like to join in a new Bible study. Using an "Exploring the Bible" curriculum, we will be offering a six week course entitled "What is the Bible?." If interested, please reach out to Pastor Stacy at: stacy@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

Labyrinth Walking

Wednesday Mornings, 8:30-12:00 Want to catch your breath mid-week? You are invited into the peace of the chapel to walk the Labyrinth. Come find rest and renewal.

Village Church Men's Book Group

Sat., Jan. 27, 9-11am, Parlor and on Zoom

The group will be discussing "Voices of Protest: Huey Long, Father Coughlin, and the Great Depression" by Alan Brinkley. All welcome! Information: John Snyder at john.snyder234@gmail.com or Bob Glowacky at wilsonglowacky@comcast.net.

Village Church Moms

Tuesday, Feb 6 at 7:00-8:30 pm

MOMS, please come join us!!! We are a "come when you can" kind of group, welcoming moms of all ages for monthly gatherings, usually in someone's home for wine, dessert and conversation. It is a great way to meet other moms at our church. This gathering will take place at the home of Heather Conway at 190 Winding River Road in Wellesley. Please sign up through the Enews. Contact: megsteere@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

LAY LEADERSHIP

Kathy Schleyer – Moderator

Joe Morray – Vice Moderator

John Snyder – Immediate Past Moderator

PASTORS

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter,

Sr. Pastor sarah@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

The Rev. Pam Emslie, Assoc. Pastor, Youth Ministry pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org

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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

Rev. Martha Schick at:

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