

Village Church in Wellesley

Congregational † United Church of Christ

9:00 AM Worship ~ Lent V

March 10, 2024

Speak with the Earth - Clouds

Chapel & Livestream

What a blessing it is to have you here today!



Please use this QR code to register your presence on our new online church attendance check-in web page.



Hearing Assistance Available

Induction loop systems are available in the Chapel and in the Narthex section of the Sanctuary. Hearing devices may be turned to the “T” setting. Those without devices may request a loop receiver and earphones.


ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE “Danny Boy” (instrumental)
Ginny Bailey, piano

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Megan Strouse

*GATHERING SONG NO. 32 "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" vv. 1-3



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross



God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say



Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in reading the bold sections) Martha Schick

Holy One, you have promised us over and over again that you are with us.

We confess that we do not always act accordingly.

We doubt the promise of your presence.

We participate in small unkindnesses and deep injustices.

We lose our way.

Forgive us, God. Forgive us when we forget we are your people.

[use this time for your own silent prayers of confession]

We ask not only for forgiveness, but for signs upon signs that we still travel with you.

Be with us in our journeying, God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you,

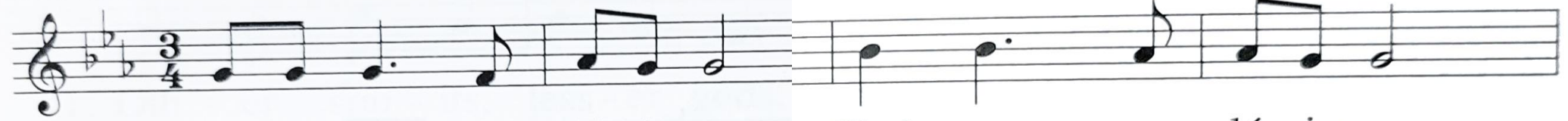
and also with you.

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

SUNG RESPONSE

“Kyrie”

Ostinato I



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i-son, Chri - ste, e - lé - i-son,



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Ostinato II (optional)

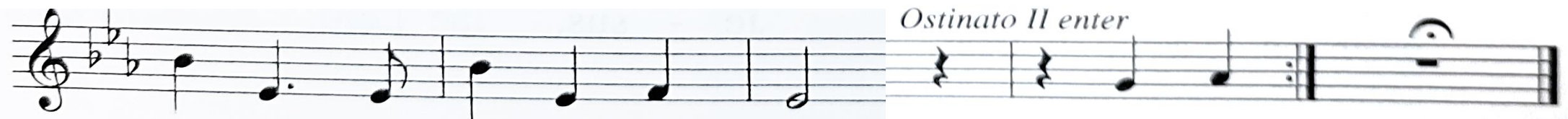


(mer - cy,) Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

To repeat

Last time

Ostinato Il enter



mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Lord, have

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-16

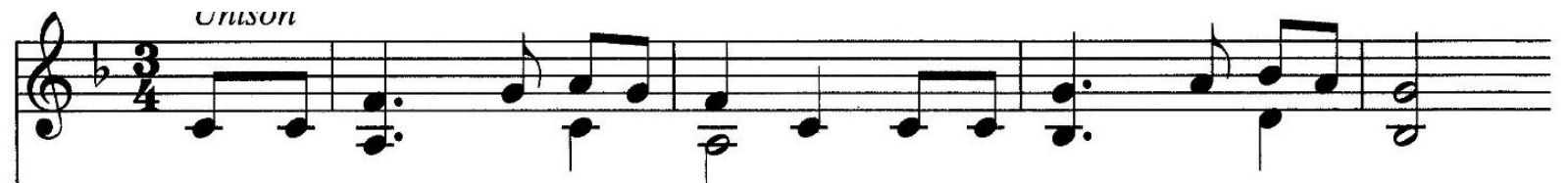
HOMILY "For God So Loved the World" Megan Strouse




MUSICAL RESPONSE NO 433

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"


Unison



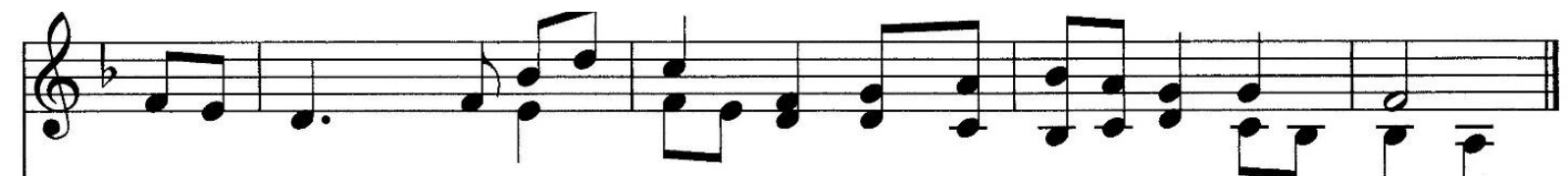
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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INVITATION TO PRAYER STATIONS & OFFERINGS

*baptismal remembrance

*candle lighting

*silent prayer in your seat

*prayer stones

*financial gifts may be offered in basket or by QR code



Preparation for Holy Communion

EVERYONE is invited to share in the Lord's supper.

Please collect bread and cup, return to your seat, and hold until we commune together.

Music "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Table

Jesus' Words of Invitation and the Gifts of his Life

Communion Prayer and 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.**

***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

COMMON LIFE

***CLOSING SONG NO. 391**

"In the Midst of New Dimension

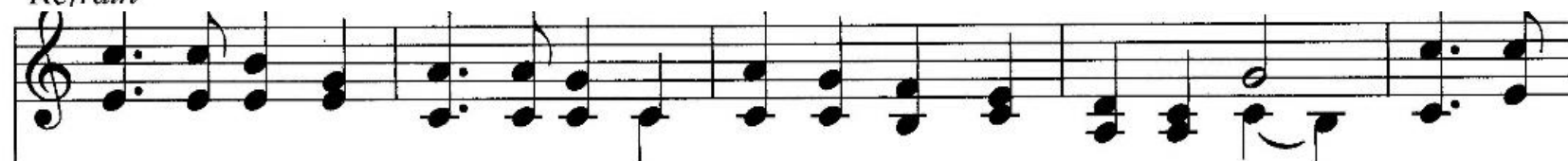


1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
3 As we stand a world di-vid-ed by our own self-seek-ing schemes,
5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,



Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?
Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage, might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams.
May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

Refrain



God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your



peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er - more.

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC “Irish Blessing”

Thank you for joining us today!



We invite you to scan this
QR code to learn about upcoming
common life events
and opportunities, or **to give**.

Dismissal: Go in peace!