Welcome to First Worship! We extend a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God, who calls us to be here together to rejoice in God’s glorious presence. Welcome to children of all ages – to all the children of God, each one of us. If you are an old friend or here for the first time, we welcome you.

Our worship is an intergenerational experience and we want children to feel fully included. Children are welcome to pick up an activity bag and to bring snacks to their seats. We remember that worship offers us all a special place to be with God. In this space we talk a little more softly and walk a little more quietly. We are listening for God.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 19, 2014  9:00 am

Prelude

Ringing The Hour

Call to Worship  (adapted from Psalm 95)

Introit  “I Give All to You”  
Larnelle Harris
Junior Choir

Confession and Assurance  
Liz Garrigan-Byerly

Sung Response  “Come and Fill”

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Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love. Weave, weave, weave us together.

Weave us together, together in love.

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Rosemary Crow’s hymn pulses with the rhythm of the weaver at work.
Scripture  Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon  "Is Anything at Stake?"  Mary Luti

Sermon Response  "Come and Fill"

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Offering
  Invitation
  Offertory

Setting the Table  “Come, Let Us Bring”
  Come let us bring our gifts to God in praise. (echo)
  So that we might minister in countless ways. (echo)
  Come let us bring the warm and fragrant bread. (echo)
  Broken here so all God’s people might be fed. (echo)
  Come let us bring the sweet abundant wine. (echo)
  In this cup we taste the joy of grace divine. (echo)

Invitation to the Table

*Communion 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, and the power
  and the glory forever. Amen.
• Words of Institution

• Sharing the Gifts of Bread and Cup

• Prayer of Thanksgiving

• Sung Thanksgiving
  In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
  In the Lord I will rejoice
  Look to God, do not be afraid
  Lift up your voices, the Lord is near
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• Benediction
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Who will be joining during the 10am Worship Service
October 19, 2014

Emily Campbell
30 Colby Road, Wellesley, MA 02482
781-239-3283
Emily and her family are newcomers to the Wellesley area having just moved here in August from Summit, NJ. Emily was drawn to Village Church by our youth programs which she promised to her seventh graders Ben and Olivia. She is also very interested in community involvement both within and outside the church.

Liz and Danny Garrigan-Byerly
28 Hiram Street, Framingham, MA 01701
484-772-5348
Liz and Danny Garrigan-Byerly recently returned to Massachusetts from Pennsylvania, where Liz was the pastor of Friedens UCC and Danny taught at Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School. They are the parents of Ruth, who is three and loves taking communion at First Worship. Liz is one of our Associate Pastors and very excited to be serving this congregation. Danny teaches fourth grade in Sudbury and is looking forward to sharing his love of percussive instruments with the congregation.

Amanda Venier and Sandy Zinke
73 Cambridge Tpke., Concord, MA 01742
206-696-4662
Sandy and Amanda first came to Village church in April with Sandy's mother, who lives in Wellesley and knew the church from her days as a student at Dana Hall in the 1940s. They came back several more times and each time felt very welcomed and comfortable here. When they got engaged at the end of August they thought about where to have the service and decided on Village Church because it was becoming very special to them. They are both excited about joining the church today.
TODAY’S NOTES

Pastoral Care
If you have or know of a pastoral care need, please contact Liz Garrigan-Byerly at 781-235-1988 ext.14. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call 334-521-2481.

Fellowship Hour  11:15 am, Village Common
Please join us for coffee and fellowship. Information for visitors is available at the Welcome Table. Providing hospitality today are members from the Sharing Ministry. Please take a moment to thank them.

Village Church Birthday Celebration  11:15 am, Burtt Chapel
We want to celebrate your birthdays with you! We invite all those with October birthdays to join us for a few minutes in the Chapel.

Bible for Beginners  Sunday Mornings, 11:30-12:30, October 19, 26, November 9, Upper Room, Led by Linda Smith, Barbara Stock, Audra Teague Mackey, and Chris Braudaway-Bauman
Join us on this tour through central stories and themes of our sacred text. Bibles provided. For more information and if you are interested in childcare for this time, please contact Audra Teague Mackey, audra@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.  October 19: Jesus and the Gospels, October 26: Paul and his Letters, November 9: Why the Bible Matters

Cherub Choir Rehearsals
The Cherub Choir for children in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades will meet today at 11:15–11:45 am upstairs in the Cherub Choir Room. Contact Linda Harding, 508.651.0551, for more information.

Junior Choir Rehearsal  11:15 am, Youth Choir Room
For information, email Kevin McDonald at mcdonaldkevin23@yahoo.com.

"Holy Listening" will not take place after 10 am worship.

NWW Ecumenical Fellowship  Sundays, 4:30-6:30 pm, October 19, December 7, February 8, March 15, April 12; Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon, 11 am, November 23
The Newton Wellesley Weston Committee for Community Living is Village Church's partner in ministry to adults with developmental disabilities. NWW and Village Church friends will gather today in Village Common from 4:30-6:30 for worship, food and fellowship. All are invited to participate in this loving community. Please contact Judy Mongiardo (jmongiardo@earthlink.net).

Middle School Youth Group and NWW Ecumenical Fellowship  4:30 pm, Burtt Chapel, Village Common

High School Youth Group  No meeting tonight
For information about youth programs, contact Pam Emslie at 781.235.1988 x15 or pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.
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**Youth Choir Rehearsal**  
*Wednesday, October 22, 6:15 pm, Youth Choir Room*  
For more information, please email Kevin McDonald at mcdonaldkevin23@yahoo.com.

**Ministry of Last Things Workshop:**  
"Caring For Each Other in Life and Death"  
*Saturday, October 25, 8:30 - 11:30 am*  
Led by church members, Liz Garrigan-Byerly and Ellen DiPaola of Honoring Choices Massachusetts, we'll explore some of the most important and relevant decisions involving health care and other end-of-life preparations, decisions and personal conversations. Whether you are approaching retirement or just starting a family, whether you are in excellent health or face chronic health issues, whether you've given some thought to these documents but have never completed them or whether you've never even considered these questions, this workshop is for you!

**Installation of Rev. Elizabeth Garrigan-Byerly**  
*Sunday, October 26, 3 pm*  
Please join us as we recognize the formal covenant between our new Associate Pastor, Liz Garrigan-Byerly, the Metropolitan Boston Association and Wellesley Village Church. A reception to follow.

**Village Bread**, a new ministry in our church, makes the bread for communion. Our plan is to begin by providing bread for communion at both the 10 am and First Worship services and then grow into new dimensions. We are looking for new bakers to assist us! All are welcome, whether new, experienced, or just curious. Bread is forgiving and yeast its own miracle. Please join us. For more information, please contact Peggy Mauldin (pegmauldin@comcast.net) or Judith Hull (Judith_Hull@emerson.edu).

**Church Moms' Group**  
*Tuesday, October 28, 7 pm at the home of Heidi Almodovar*  
This casual group welcomes moms of all ages for monthly get-togethers away from the family, usually for a dinner in someone's home or restaurant, or perhaps for a service opportunity. It's a "come when you can" kind of group and is a great way to meet other moms & new friends at our church. If you know someone who has never been to a Church Mom's dinner or activity, please invite them to come along. We hope you can join us! Contact Kerry Evans (kegevans@gmail.com) to RSVP or with any questions about the evening. We hope your school year is off to a great start!
First Annual Pastoral Residency – Sunday, November 16
Quinn Caldwell, one of our first pastoral residents, will join current Residents, Audra Teague Mackey and John Allen in leading both our worship Services on November 16 as we gather to celebrate our congregation’s ongoing commitment to the Pastoral Residency Program.

Since 2003, Village Church has called two young, recent seminary graduates to serve among us full-time for two year terms. We have been, and continue to be blessed by the ministries of all of our Pastoral Residents. Ten former Residents now serve congregations in five different states and on both coasts of the country.

On Saturday, November 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, Quinn will be available in Village Common for conversation and to sign copies of his latest book, All I Really Want. All are invited to join us for refreshments and to celebrate his latest publication.

Rummage Sale
The annual Village Church Women’s rummage sale is scheduled for November 1. Please start collecting items to donate to this worthy endeavor. Bestselling items are clothing, men, women’s and children’s, linens, paperback books, jewelry and housewares. We do not accept sporting goods, large children’s toys, picture frames, computers or tvs. Donations may be dropped off from Sunday October 26th after noon until Wednesday afternoon. We cannot accept donations after that time. The money raised goes to many nonprofit organizations supporting hunger and homelessness, health services and the disabled, as well as organizations supporting seniors and disadvantaged youth. A large pledge is given to the church and scholarships are made available to those going to seminary. We need volunteers as well during the week and for the sale itself. It is a wonderful time for fun and fellowship. If you have any questions or are able to volunteer, please contact Bev Lenci – Beverly.lenci@verizon.net.

Stewardship Corner

In anticipation of Stewardship Sunday, November 2nd, here are some interesting facts about our church:

Did you know that GIFT, “Growing in Faith Together,” began in 2010, and since then it has become the heart of Village Church’s adult education program? For 15 to 20 weeks each year, 50 adults gather in intentional small groups to explore matters of faith and life together. We began our first year with a broad survey of Christian practices and beliefs, but since then have chosen a more particular focus: vocation and call one year, prayer the next, and spiritual discernment this past year. This year’s program starting in January will focus on the practice of testimony. GIFT is open to all who would like to attend. The only prerequisite is a desire to be in conversation with others about things that matter deeply to your life and faith.
What’s happening in 10 am Church School today?

- **Kindergarten students and younger** will be welcomed in their classrooms before 10 am worship begins. Older toddlers through Kindergarten classrooms are located on the upper floor. Children should be picked up promptly at the conclusion of worship.

- **Grades 1-8** will worship with their parents until it is time for class, as indicated in the bulletin. At that time, **Grades 1–5** will meet at the signs downstairs in Village Hall and proceed to the following classrooms for a special activity.

  This week…
  - Grade 1: Science Room
  - Grade 2: Fishes and Loaves Cafe
  - Grade 3: Games
  - Grade 4: Artisans’ Market
  - Grade 5: Artisans’ Market

**The Family Room** is available for parents who aren’t quite ready to leave their infants and toddlers in childcare. In this room, parents will be able to listen to the worship service while their child naps or plays. This room is located upstairs beyond the library.