

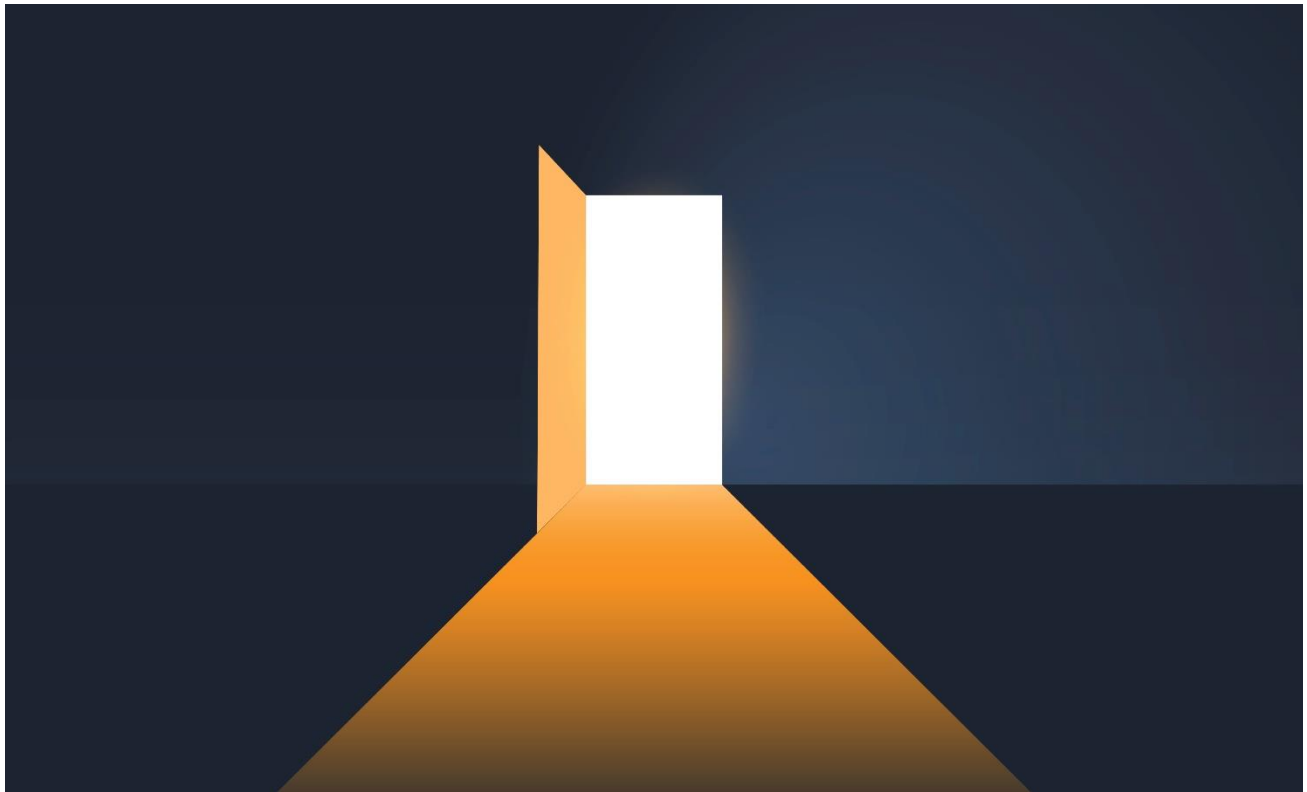


A progressive, radically inclusive, anti-racist community

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**March 12, 2023 • Third Sunday in Lent**

**Celebrating Women's History Month / Honor the Earth / Black Lives Matter  
No Human Being Is "Illegal" / No Muslim Ban Ever  
Stop Hate Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**



***Repent and Forgive:  
Keys to Living Well***

# WE GATHER

*“The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Lenni-Lenape, called ‘Lenapehoking.’ The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some also remain among the continuing historical tribal communities of the region: The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation; the Ramapough Lenape Nation; and the Powhatan Lenape Nation, The Nanticoke of Millsboro Delaware, and the Lenape of Cheswold Delaware. We acknowledge the Lenni-Lenape as the original people of this land and their continuing relationship with their territory. In our acknowledgment of the continued presence of Lenape people in their homeland, we affirm the aspiration of the great Lenape Chief Tamanend, that there be harmony between the indigenous people of this land and the descendants of the immigrants to this land, “as long as the rivers and creeks flow, and the sun, moon, and stars shine.”*

## GATHERING SONG

*Uyai Mose (Come, All You People)*

**Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker. (3x)  
Let’s sing in praise of God’s love.**

**Uyai mose tinamate mwari. (3x)  
Uyai mose svino.**

## WELCOME

# WE PROCLAIM

## CALL TO LISTEN

*Spirit of Life*

The musical score for 'Spirit of Life' is written in a single staff with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Spir - it of Life, move in this place. Sing in our hearts  
all the stir - rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the wind,  
rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv - ing life the shape of  
jus - tice. Roots, hold us close; Wings, set us free;  
Spir - it of Life, be our breath, be our guide.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*Colossians 3:11-15*  
(adapted from *The Inclusive Bible*)

When we live in the image and Spirit of God, there is no Greek or Hebrew; no Jew or Gentile; no barbarian or Scythian; no slave or citizen. There is only Christ, who is all in all.

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another – forgive in the same way God has forgiven you. Above all else, put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Let Christ's peace reign in your hearts since, as members of one body, you have been called to that peace.

*Matthew 18:15-17, 19-22*  
(adapted from *The Inclusive Bible*)

“If your sister or brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If she or he listens to you, you have won a loved one back; if not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses. If your sister or brother refuses to listen to them, refer the matter to the church. If she or he ignores even the church, then treat that sister or brother as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

“Again I tell you, if two of you on earth join in agreement to pray for anything whatsoever, it will be granted you by my Abba God in heaven. Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.” Peter came up and asked Jesus, “When a sister or brother wrongs me, how many times must I forgive? Seven times?” “No,” Jesus replied, “not seven times; I tell you seventy times seven.

A Word of Salvation.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

*Repent and Forgive:  
Keys to Living Well*

Pastor Jeff Wells  
Lead Pastor, Church of the Village

## WE RESPOND

### A TIME OF SHARING

**Share how your life has been impacted when you have been able to admit a way you have hurt someone and receive their forgiveness.**

**Share how your experience of yourself and your life has changed when you have been able to forgive someone who has hurt you.**

*Here Is Bread for the Hungry Heart*

Here is bread for the hun - gry heart. —

Here is drink for the thirst - y soul. —

Here is for - give - ness full and free.

Here, at this ta - ble set by love. —

**WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE**

In preparation for Communion, we encourage those online to prepare elements for participation, such as bread or cracker and juice or another beverage.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!  
Our hearts are lifted!

Let us give thanks to God!  
It is right to give our thanks  
and praise.

*(Call and echo)*

**Holy, holy, holy,  
God of loving pow'r  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God's love.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

The bread which we break together, is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
The cup, over which we give thanks, is a sharing in the life of Christ.

## A TIME OF OFFERING

### 4 WAYS TO GIVE:

- The Vanco giving app, using the link on our website <https://www.churchofthevillage.org> or the Vanco mobile app or secure Vanco web link.  
Visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQX3>.
  - Setting up a direct bank transfer from your bank to COTV's bank
  - Mailing a check to COTV's address: 201 West 13th St., NY, NY, 10011
  - For those in the church building: Placing your gift in the offering basket in the sanctuary
- For help with any of these, send an email to [giving@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:giving@churchofthevillage.org)  
OR call the church office: 212-243-5470

## OFFERTORY

*Run, Freedom, Run*

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

## BLESSING

## CLOSING SONG

*I'm Gonna Live So*

**I'm gonna live so God can use me,  
anywhere and anytime (2x)**

**I'm gonna pray...**

**I'm gonna love...**

To talk or pray one-on-one with a Minister of Care, if you are on-site,  
you can go to the area by the stairs next to the lobby/narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

If you are online, you can connect with a Minister of Care  
by typing "**CARE**" in capital letters in the Zoom chat.

## WORSHIP HOSTS

**Worship Design:** Pastor Jeff Wells, Pastor Alexis Lillie, Jorge Lockward, Alfida Figueroa, Katie Reimer, Rev. Jim Norton

**Worship Leader:** Jennifer Pinkney-Pastor

**Dance Ministry:** Megan Haungs

**Call to Offering:** TBD

**Altar Design:** Martha Chapman

**Visuals Design:** Katie Reimer

**Vocalists:** Maura Burns, Katie Braden, Jackie Stzendera, Alfida Figueroa, Reyno Francisco, Karen Hackett, John Wesley Heaton, Michelle Morris, Paul Pillitteri, Katie Reimer, Suzie Wilder

**Clarinet & Flute:** Matthew Willis

**Organ:** Michael Johnson

**Keyboard:** Jorge Lockward

**Drums & Percussion:** Juan Felipe Mayorga

**Ushers:** Sam Winfrey

**Ministers of Care:** Monica Quintero (onsite) & TBD (online)

**Zoom Host:** Calvin Miller

**Zoom Chat:** Natasha Wright

## CREDITS

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### *Uyai Mose (Come, All You People)*

W & M: Alexander Gondo (Zimbabwe) additional stanza by Jorge Lockward.  
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### *Spirit of Life*

W & M: Carolyn McDade  
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### *Here is Bread*

W & M: Mary Kay Beall and John Carter  
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### *Sanctus (le lo le lo lai lo)*

W: Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9  
M: Spanish Villancico adapted by William Loperena O.P.  
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### *I'm Gonna Live So*

W & M: African American Spiritual

## WE ARE THE CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE

The Church of the Village is a progressive and radically inclusive community that is committed to dismantling racism, sexism, and all forms of oppression. The foundation for all of our theology and practice is Jesus' instruction to "love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself."

We seek to build a world overflowing with justice, mercy, kindness, and compassion.

Our church building stands on ancestral lands of the Lenape people. The colonizers who stripped Indigenous peoples of their lands used Christianity to justify their actions. We are beneficiaries of a history of appropriation, slavery, and forced migration. We repent and commit to being a community that seeks to repair the harm done to Indigenous peoples and build new pathways to love and justice.

We celebrate human diversity – welcoming people of every color, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and cognitive ability, and economic status. We strongly support environmental justice and stewardship of the Earth. We believe many roads lead to God and are respectful of a diversity of spiritual paths. We believe our community flourishes with many points of view, opportunities for creative expression, and participatory worship.

To learn more about The Church of the Village, please complete our [Virtual Welcome Card](#).

You can also submit a prayer request on the Welcome Card form.

We will gladly send you our weekly email newsletter and Daily Inspiration emails.

If you have questions, please contact [PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org).

Please follow us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage](https://www.facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage)), Twitter (@umcofthevillage), and Instagram (churchofthevillage). Check out our [YouTube channel](#) for videos of music, worship, Finding Center, and more.

You can also learn more on our website at [churchofthevillage.org](http://churchofthevillage.org).

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>March 12 – Sunday</b>	10:10am 10:30am	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live)
<b>March 14 – Tuesday</b>	10:00am 2:00pm – 5:00pm	COTV Fitness with Lina TRDP: Food Pantry
<b>March 15 – Wednesday</b>	9:00am 6:00pm	Together in Prayer (via Zoom) Day of Prayer Service
<b>March 18 – Saturday</b>	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
<b>March 19 – Sunday</b>	10:10am 10:30am	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live)

# 2023 Stewardship Campaign

*Together in Commitment, Strength, and Mission*

Thank you for the many ways your presence enhances our community and work together.  
Thank you for pledging financial support to the life and ministry of our beloved community.

As you prayerfully discern your pledge for 2023, we invite you to be bold in your generosity as we continue this adventure together.

Submit your pledge: <https://www.churchofthevillage.org/2023-stewardship-campaign>

Questions: Email [giving@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:giving@churchofthevillage.org)

We all work together as members and supporters of our spiritual community to foster the ministries and mission of the Church of the Village. Here are ways you can offer your gifts:

- **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER/DIRECT PAYMENT** from your bank account to COTV. This option includes no fees for the giver or the church. You can set this up directly through your bank for one-time gifts/payments or recurring gifts/payments to COTV. For assistance with this process, please contact [giving@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:giving@churchofthevillage.org).
- **VANCO:** [Vanco](#)'s simple online payment processing services and giving app make it easy to give when and where you want.
- **CHECK:** you can send a check payable to "The Church of the Village," and mail it to:  
Church of the Village  
PO Box 167  
New York, NY 10113

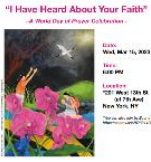
For assistance with using any of these methods or to talk about remembering Church of the Village in your will, email [giving@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:giving@churchofthevillage.org). *Please note - emails to this address should be about how we can help you set up your giving process but should NOT include any specific information about pledge amounts, gift amounts, or any other confidential information from the individual sending the message.*

*Thank you for being a part of the family of The Church of the Village  
and supporting the work and ministry of this community!*



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, March 15, 6pm ET



The World Day of Prayer service at Church of the Village will take place in collaboration with First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 15th at 6pm at Church of the Village and on Zoom. We hope to see you there, and we invite you to spend some time in prayer today, individually, with others around the world.

## RECLAIMING SIN: UNDERSTANDING OUR HUMANITY WITHOUT SHAME

Our New Worship Series; Sundays during Lent, 10:30am ET



The concept of sin has been used all too often as a way to shame and control people within a religious system. As a reflex, the progressive church movement sometimes responds by ignoring this concept and shying away from using the word altogether. Avoiding sin doesn't negate its reality. It affects the personal, institutional, systemic, and so many things in between. Join us this Lenten season as we gently and lovingly explore this concept of sin, through the lens of ethics, grace, repentance, and love - tackling concepts that affect our individual and communal lives.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL COMMUNION BRUNCH: MOSAIC IN FAITH

Saturday, March 25, 2023, 11am – 2pm ET; Continental Breakfast and Light Lunch will be served.



United  
Women  
in Faith

You are invited to Metropolitan's District's Annual  
Communion Brunch!

Guest Speaker: **Katie Reimer**

Donation \$25

Registration Deadline: March 17, 2023

For more information visit: [churchofthevillage.org/united-women-in-faith-communion-brunch-2023](https://churchofthevillage.org/united-women-in-faith-communion-brunch-2023)

## ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

### THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY IN RACISM

Friday, March 24, 7pm ET



**Presenter: Jennifer Pinkney-Pastor**

Assistant Professor Social Sciences,  
Human Services and Criminal Justice  
Borough of Manhattan Community  
College

### ANTI-RACISM - FROM INTENTION TO ACTION

Thursday, April 13, 7pm ET



**Presenter: Erich Dietrich**

Clinical Professor of Higher Education  
and International Education,  
NYU

Join via Zoom: Meeting ID: 867 6866 3955 Passcode: 029447

## TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Wednesday mornings; 9:00am

Our weekly prayer group includes an inspirational reading, time to support one another, and prayers for ourselves, others, and events in the world. We gather via Zoom conference call Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00am (**Meeting ID: 850 0514 7319** **Passcode: 594909**). For more information, contact Deaconess Sarah Capers at [smcapers99@gmail.com](mailto:smcapers99@gmail.com).

## COTV ONLINE FITNESS

Tuesdays, 10:00 am ET



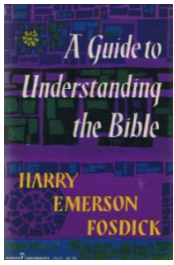
COTV Online Fitness with Lina now on Tuesdays at 10:00 am ET.

Join us via [Zoom!](#)

**Meeting ID:** 878 7016 4212 **Passcode:** fitness

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Wednesdays; 6:30pm – **NO Bible Study March 15. Please join the World Day of Prayer onsite or online.**



Our current Bible Study is *A Guide to Understanding the Bible* by Harry Emerson Fosdick

Harry Emerson Fosdick presents a study of the development of Biblical ideas. We will study the ideas developed by Fosdick (Idea of God; Idea of Man; Idea of Right and Wrong; Idea of Suffering; Idea of Fellowship with God; Idea of Hospitality). This book presents a different perspective for studying scripture.

We would be delighted to have you join us. **Everyone is Welcome.**

The group meets Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Facilitated by Sarah Capers, Deaconess. Join us via Zoom! <http://zoom.us/j/713063594> or by phone: 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: **713 063 594** Passcode: **10011**

## THE RED DOOR PLACE



Donations, in person, to the program can be made Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 9am to 3pm. Ring the bell on the red door on 13th street or call the number posted at the door.

**Food Pantry: Tuesdays; 2pm - 5pm - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Appointments are available via the [Plentiful App](#) (download from the play/app store). You can search for us, in the app, by name “The Red Door Place” or scroll through the list (towards the bottom) and our pantry will show. After registering on the app, you will receive a QR code - **BRING the QR code with you to your appointment.** Arrive within 5 minutes of your scheduled appointment and present your QR code for scanning.

**If you do not have a QR code, you will not receive pantry.** Note: Missed appointments can be rescheduled to a later open slot or the following Tuesday. If you have any questions call 347-497-9718 and ask for Teresa.

**Community Meal: We will continue to hand out bags of food on Saturdays beginning around 11:30am.** Guests may arrive earlier to get a place in line; we have chalk marks on the sidewalk at 6-foot intervals to indicate where people should stand at a safe distance.

### **THE RED DOOR PLACE – NEEDS MONEY FOR FOOD!**

**IF YOU WANT TO HELP**, ask your employer, your family, your friends to GIVE! Put out an appeal on your Facebook page. Email people you think would be able to donate.

**TO MAKE A DONATION**, you can donate online using [VANCO](#)'s simple online payment processing services and giving app. Or send checks made payable to Church of the Village and write The Red Door Place (TRDP) in the memo line. Mail to: Church of the Village, PO Box 167, New York, NY 10113.

### **GIVE TO THE CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE ON VANCO**

The Church of the Village is now accessible via Vanco. [VANCO](#)'s simple online payment processing services and giving app make it easy to give when and where you want. Visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQX3>.

### **BECOME A CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE PRAYER PARTNER**

Each week, we receive many prayers through our website, the Red Door Place empowerment ministry, on prayer cards during worship, and from our Ministers of Care team. These prayers are distributed via email to our large team of **Prayer Partners** who lift them up to God. If you would like to pray for others, please email Deaconess Sarah Capers ([smcapers99@gmail.com](mailto:smcapers99@gmail.com)) with your interest. You can submit a prayer online at [ChurchoftheVillage.org/prayer](http://ChurchoftheVillage.org/prayer).

### **COTV WORSHIP VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK**

It is always a deeper experience to be present with the worshipping community, but when you can't join us for Sunday worship, you can view the worship recording anytime at [Facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage/videos](https://www.facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage/videos).

### **SERMON ARCHIVE**

If you missed worship or want to read the sermon again, we post many of our past Sunday sermon manuscripts and worship bulletins on our website at [ChurchoftheVillage.org/sermons](http://ChurchoftheVillage.org/sermons). We encourage you to read and share them with others.

## CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE COVID-19 PROTECTION POLICY

Updated September 23, 2022



From the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, The Church of the Village has been diligent about protecting everyone connected to our church community. We have followed guidelines offered by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the City and State of New York, as well as those shared by the NY Conference of the United Methodist Church. Our leadership has stayed on top of new developments and adjusted our policies periodically to fit evolving conditions.

We recognize that for our members, supporters, visitors, and staff who are in proximity to New York City or visit our building, the status of the pandemic has shifted dramatically. The rates of infection, hospitalizations, and especially deaths have fallen to very low levels. This does not mean they cannot go back up and we will continue to monitor the situation. In addition, mask requirements have been lifted for most public spaces, including public transportation in NYC.

Therefore, we have decided to lift our own mask requirement for entry to our church building. This applies to staff as well as members and to groups that rent or use space in our building.

We continue to strongly recommend that everyone be vaccinated and boosted to the highest extent for which you are eligible. The most recent bivalent booster is available to anyone age 12 or older (Pfizer) or 18 and older (Moderna). The bivalent boosters protect against the original Covid-19 virus strain and provide stronger protection against Omicron, which is the most widespread and transmissible variant. To find a location and schedule your vaccination or booster anywhere in the United States, [click here](#)! This is not for your protection only, but for the well-being of our community, our city, and the country.

Also, we strongly encourage those persons at higher risk for infection or hospitalization – especially those with underlying health conditions – to continue to take all appropriate safety measures like masking and social distancing. All of us need to self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance about self-isolation and testing (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).



## How to Contact Key COTV Leaders

During the Coronavirus outbreak and beyond, we want to make sure our members and supporters know how to reach key staff and leaders in the Church of the Village.

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