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April 3, 2022 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

Honor the Earth / Black Lives Matter

No Human Being Is "Illegal" / No Muslim Ban Ever

Stop Hate Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders



***Worship and Theology
Intertwined***

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 Renape 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.”

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF MARCH BIRTHDAYS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

When God’s People

**When God’s people lift their song
and from their hearts sing praise to God,
suceden cosas, suceden cosas maravillosas*. (2x)**

**All hearts are healed, all fears released,
we feel God’s holy presence as we sing. (2x)**

**suceden cosas maravillosas= amazing things happen*

CENTERING AND OPENING PRAYER

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy God everlasting
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy. holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity**

Santo, Santo, Santo

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora,
mi corazón te sabe decir:
Santo eres, Dios.

**Holy, holy, holy my heart, my heart adores you
My heart knows how to say to you:
Holy are you, God**

Sanctus (from the Salvadoran Popular Mass)

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,
God of earth and God of heaven,
holy, holy, holy is our God,**

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,
God of all, and God of history.
Holy, holy is our God.**

Que acompaña a nuestro pueblo, que vive nuestras luchas
del universo entero el único Señor.

Benditos los que en tu nombre el evangelio anuncian –
la buena y gran noticia de la liberación.

**Who accompanies our people, who lives within our struggles,
of all the earth and heaven the one and only God.
Blessed are those who in your good name announce the holy Gospel,
proclaiming forth the good news: our liberation comes.**

Holy, holy, holy...

Holy, Holiness

**All around, everywhere,
all around, everywhere
holy, holiness.**

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 1-5, 9-10 (The Inclusive Bible).

Sisters and brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Don't conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you can judge what God's will is – what is good, pleasing and perfect. In light of the grace I have from God, I urge each of you not to exaggerate your own importance. Each of you must judge yourself soberly by the standard of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members – and these members don't have the same function – so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body. And as members of that one body, we belong to each other....

Your love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of sisters and brothers. Try to outdo one another in showing respect.

Galatians 3:25-28 (The Inclusive Bible)

Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or citizen, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus.

MESSAGE

Worship and Theology Intertwined

Pastor Jeff Wells
Lead Pastor, Church of the Village

WE RESPOND

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

INVITATION

Here Is Bread for the Hungry Heart

Here is bread for the hungry heart,
here is drink for the thirsty soul,
here is forgiveness full and free –
here, at this table set by love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

We come before God as beloved children.
Would you join me as we tell the truth about our lives.

**O Holy One, you are boundless in love. Yet there are times when we fail to reflect this to the world,
when we cling to resentment, or shame, or fear, or doubt.**

**Divine Spirit, free us from these constraints. Forgive us of all that keeps us from love. Remind us again of
your holy presence that we may choose your will and reflect your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Amen

Friends, God's love has been poured into our hearts.
Believe this good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

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.

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

Friends, this is the bread of life, given for you and for all.
And this is the cup of salvation, poured out for you and for all.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: God in your mercy
Hear our prayer

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
 - 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
OR call the church office: 212-243-5470

OFFERTORY

You Are Holy, You Are Whole
COTV Choir

You are holy, you are whole,
You are always evermore than we ever understand,
you are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near,
blessed are you coming here;
meeting us within the storm,
showing us the way of peace.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present,
in the pow'r of perfect love
We, your people, sing your praises, want to know you
seek to follow your way.

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 so God can use me,
anywhere and anytime (2x)**

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

*Stay online after service for five-minute breakout rooms.
Afterwards, you may continue fellowship in the main Zoom room,
or join breakouts for a discussion with the Preacher or to speak with a Minister of Care.*

To join conversation with Pastor Jeff Wells
type the word “**PREACHER**” in capital letters into the chat.
For those on-site, please go to the Chapel of the Beloved Community,
one floor down by the stairs or elevator.

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 Team: Pastor Jeff Wells, Pastor Alexis Lillie, Jorge Lockward, Alfida Figueroa, Katie Reimer

Worship Leader: Sarah Capers

Call to Offering: Joy Sanjek

Dance Ministry: Martha Chapman, Megan Haungs

Ministers of Care: Virginia Riker, Sam Winfrey

Altar Design: Suzie Wilder

Vocalists: Katie Braden, Alfida Figueroa, Reyno Francisco, Riot Mueller, Paul Pillitteri, Katie Reimer, Suzie Wilder, Natasha Wright

Saxophone & Flute: Matthew Willis

Keyboard: Jorge Lockward

Drums & Percussion: Juan Felipe Mayorga

Ushers: Maurice White & Sam Winfrey

Zoom Host: Gabriel Borges

Chat Host: Paul Pillitteri

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CREDITS

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Scripture Lessons:

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible*. Sheed & Ward.

When God's People

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M: Hispanic Caribbean Worship Chorus, transcribed by Jorge Lockward.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

W: Reginald Heber

M: NICAEA

Santo, santo, santo

W & M: Pentecostal Worship Chorus, Argentina

Sanctus (from "La Misa Popular Salvadoreña")

W & M: Guillermo Cuéllar. Eng. trans. Linda McCrae, alt.

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Holy, Holiness

W & M: Ellen Allard

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Here is Bread

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You Are Holy, You Are Whole

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I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 3 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm 12:15pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Exploring Faith MOC (via Zoom)
April 5 – Tuesday	10:30am 3:30pm – 5:30pm	COTV Online Fitness (via Zoom) TRDP: Food Pantry
April 6 – Wednesday	6:00pm 7:45pm	Bible Study (via Zoom) Roots
April 7 – Thursday	6:30pm – 7:45pm 8:30pm	Choir rehearsal L.O.V.E. (via Zoom)
April 8 – Friday	9:00am – 10:00am	Together in Prayer (via Zoom)
April 9 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
April 10 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:15pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) UMW (via Zoom)

WE ARE FAMILY

Together in Commitment, Strength, and Mission
Stewardship Campaign

Families give support, and families need support. Here at The Church of the Village, we choose to be family for one another, and we each strive to do our part. Every member of The Church of the Village family has gifts to bring.

The practice of regular giving in any amount recognizes God's abundance and strengthens our family. It builds our relationships with one another and expresses our trust in God's love. It does not matter how large or small the contribution, each donation adds to the flourishing of the family! What's important is that we do this together, with each family member doing their part as they are able. As we hear in 2 Corinthians 8:12:

*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has,
not according to what one does not have.*

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.
- **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. *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!*

EXPLORING FAITH

Sunday, April 3, immediately following worship



Do you want to learn more about the Church of the Village? Are you feeling called to belong to this amazing community? Please join us on Zoom after worship Sunday, April 3. This will be a great opportunity to learn more and get to know others who are new to the Church of the Village. Contact Pastor Alexis Lillie or Pastor Jeff Wells for more information. Join us via Zoom!

UMCOR: UKRAINE



United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Visit <https://umcmission.org/umcor/ukraine/> for more information.

WADE IN THE WATER: THE BEAUTY, MYSTERY, AND POWER OF WORSHIP

Our New Worship Series

Sundays, February 27 – April 4, 2022



*“It is not the voice but the choice, not the clarity but the charity,
not the harp but the heart that makes music in the ear of God.”*

– from inscription in a choir stall at the Church of St. Damien, Assisi, Italy

Candles, Prayers, Ancient Texts, Songs, Bread, Grape Juice – these are but a few of the things we engage every Sunday as we gather for worship. What is the story behind them? How do they shape our lives and the life of the world? How do we engage them in ways that speak to progressive values and lead to the realization of God’s Dream? These are some of the questions we will explore in this Season.

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Friday 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.

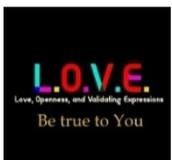
COTV CHOIR

Join us Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm onsite: 201 West 13th St, NY, NY 10011)

and online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86979925984> as we prepare to lead worship in song on Sunday. All voices welcome!

L.O.V.E. (LGBTQA+ group)

1st & 3rd Thursdays; 8:30pm ET



Our LGBTQA+ group is re-imagined as L.O.V.E (love, openness, and validating expressions!) will meet every Thursday via this [link](#) to discuss a variety of topics, grow friendships, and gather support from one another.

All are welcome as we create a safe space to bring our whole selves, learn from each other, and walk our journeys together. For more information please email PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org.

Join Us via [Zoom](#).

COTV ONLINE FITNESS

Tuesdays, 10:30 am ET



COTV Online Fitness with Lina returns Tuesdays at 10:30 am ET.

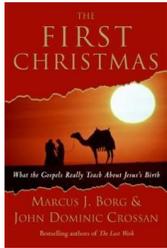
Join us via [Zoom!](#)

Meeting ID: 878 7016 4212

Passcode: fitness

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: *THE FIRST CHRISTMAS*

Wednesdays; 6:00pm



Our current study, *The First Christmas* by Marcus Borg, examines the Advent and post-Advent stories all the way through Easter that are recorded in the gospels. We are looking at the similarities and differences of each story in the various Gospels. Everyone is invited to join us.

The group meets Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to join. 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 from 3:30 – 5:30pm. No early line up permitted before 3pm.

Lineup will begin behind the rope at 3pm on the corner of 7th Avenue and 13th Street.

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!

The huge increase in unemployment and homelessness means that The Red Door Place has gone from providing food for 1,700 persons before the pandemic, to 2,500 in April, to now more than *4,000 persons every week*. TRDP has plenty of volunteers. **What we need is money.** We are desperately trying to keep enough food coming in to give out to every guest. TRDP is one of only a few emergency food programs in Manhattan still giving out a significant amount of food to each guest at the pantry on Tuesdays and still offering a hot meal on Saturdays.

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-YOX3>.

BECOME A CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE PRAYER PARTNER

Each week, we receive many prayers through our website, the Hope for Our Neighbors in Need food 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) with your interest. You can submit a prayer online at 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.

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. We encourage you to read and share them with others.

OUR ADVENTURE IN ONLINE-ONSITE COMMUNITY



The Church of the Village never “closed” during the Covid-19 pandemic because we shifted our entire ministry to be online in March 2020. Then, as the world began slowly to emerge in the summer of 2021 from the worst of the pandemic, there was no thought among the Church of the Village leadership of “going back” to the way of “doing church” before the pandemic.

Our reality and our reach have changed dramatically in a year. We continue to attract worshippers and receive new members from across the U.S. and beyond its borders, as well as from the New York City area. As a faith community, the Church of the Village is no longer tied to a building. We opened to all of our vaccinated members in September 2021 and have expanded vision and our capacities since then to become a fully online and onsite community. We are actively evaluating when to open fully to the vaccinated public.

People are attracted to the Church of the Village because of our progressive theology, radical inclusivity, extravagant welcome, and focus on social, economic, and climate justice. Many who worship with us or decide to join cannot find this sort of faith community where they live.

We believe it is God’s desire that each of us have the chance to have as full a life as possible by seeking the common good in healthy community together. We are committed to building an online and onsite community to reach as widely as possible. With this dream becoming reality, we can re-imagine John Wesley’s vision and say that the whole world, literally, can be our parish.

We encourage you to participate in as many online and onsite opportunities in the Church of the Village community as possible. Consider how you can contribute to the thriving of our lives together. If you want more information on how to connect with Church of the Village, contact [Pastor Jeff Wells](#) or [Pastor Alexis Lillie](#).



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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Palm Sunday
April 10th
10:30am ET
in-person or online
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HOLY WEEK
& EASTER SERVICES

THURS 4/14 @ 6PM ET; FRI 4/15 @ 6PM ET
SUNDAY 4/17 @ 10:30AM ET

in-person and online
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JOIN US SUNDAY, 4/17, AT 10:30AM ET

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH COTV

IN-PERSON OR ONLINE
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