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Church
of
the Village**



A progressive, radically inclusive, anti-racist community

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June 18, 2023 • 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

**Celebrating Pride Month / Black Lives Matter
Welcome the Stranger, including Migrants and Refugees
Stop Hate Against Muslims, Jews, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**



Early leaders of PFLAG in NYC gay liberation march, circa 1976.
From left: Suzanne Manford, her daughter Avril, Sarah Montgomery, Dick Ashworth
and wife Amy just behind Suzanne, Jeanne and Jules Manford.

**Happy 50th Anniversary! –
Celebrating Rev. Ed Egan
and the Founding of PFLAG**

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.”

A JUNETEENTH COMMITMENT

Journey Isn't Over

**From Seneca Falls,
from Selma, to Stonewall,
we've come a long way,
we've come a long way...**

**From Seneca Falls,
from Selma, to Stonewall,
we've come a long way,
but the journey isn't over...**

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 32-34, 36-40 (Inclusive Bible)

Faith is the reality of all that is hoped for; faith is the proof of all that is unseen. Because of faith, our ancestors were approved by God. By faith, we understand that the world was created by the word from God, and that what is visible came into being through the invisible.

What more can I say? There is no time for me to give an account of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, or David, Samuel, and the prophets. These were those who through faith conquered nations, did what was just and earned the promises. They shut the jaws of lions, put out raging fires and emerged unscathed from battle. They were weak people who were given strength, became brave in battle and put foreign invaders to flight.

Some submitted to torture, refusing release so that they could rise again to a better life. Still others endured mockery, scourgings – even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in half, even beheaded. They were homeless, dressed in the skins of sheep and goats; they were penniless and given nothing but ill treatment – the world wasn't worthy of them! – and they wandered in deserts and slept on mountains and in caves and ravines. These are all heroes of our faith, but none of them received what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, so that they would not be made perfect apart from us.

MESSAGE

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Pastor Jeff Wells
Lead Pastor, Church of the Village

WE RESPOND

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE

For Everyone Born

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread;
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.**

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

**For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for trans and for cis, the chalice of grace.**

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.**

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)

**Le-lo Le-lo Lai-lo (3x)
Lo-le Lo-le Lo-lai.
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

A TIME OF OFFERING

LEADING WITH LOVE — The Witness of PFLAG

Melissa D'Andrea
Executive Director, PFLAG NYC

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

OFFERTORY

What Does the Lord Require of You?

**What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?**

**Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.**

**To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.**

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Take My Hands

**Take these gifts, oh, take these gifts. (2x)
Let them be tokens of your love.
Take these gifts, O God.**

**Take my hands, oh, take my hands. (2x)
Let them bless; let them open wide.
take my hands, O God.**

**Bless this world, oh, bless this world (2x)
may it heal, may it be made whole,
bless this world, O God.**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

God Is Building a New Way

**God is building a new way, (3x)
sending love and pow'r our way;
God is building a new way.**

**We are building a new way, (3x)
feeling stronger ev'ry day;
we are building a new way.**

**Love and justice is our cry, (3x)
holy wisdom, holy fire;
love and justice is our cry.**

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.

Join Village Preservation and Church of the Village in Celebrating PFLAG and Join Church of the Village on Pride Sunday, June 25

Every year, COTV opens its doors to Pride Parade marchers and attendees immediately after worship so folks can use the restroom, cool off in the A/C, and grab some water. We need volunteers to help make this possible! [Email pastoralexis@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:pastoralexis@churchofthevillage.org) for more info or to sign up. Additionally, we will be joining our siblings at St. Paul and St. Andrew UMC to march in the Queer Liberation March. We'll meet at the church at 1, to step-off from Foley Square at 2 p.m.

WORSHIP HOSTS

Worship Design: Pastor Jeff Wells, Pastor Alexis Lillie, Jorge Lockward, Alfida Figueroa, Katie Reimer, Rev. Jim Norton, Dwight Campbell, Melissa D'Andrea

Worship Leaders: Dwight Campbell, Alfida Figueroa, and Becca Love

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Call to Offering: Pastor Jeff Wells

Altar Design: Martha Chapman

Visuals Design: Katie Reimer & Bailey Roach

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

Sax: Matthew Willis

Organ: Michael Johnson

Keyboard: Jorge Lockward

Drums & Percussion: Juan Felipe Mayorga

Ushers: Maurice White & Sam Winfrey

Ministers of Care: Sam Winfrey (onsite) & Monica Quintero (online)

Zoom Host: Sarah Witman

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Sanctus (le lo le lo lai lo)

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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

June 18 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Community Closet
June 20 – Tuesday	2:00pm – 5:00pm	TRDP: Food Pantry
June 21 – Wednesday	9:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Together in Prayer (via Zoom) Bible Study Choir Rehearsal
June 22 – Thursday	6:00pm – 7:15pm	Village Preservation PFLAG celebration
June 24 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
June 25 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Community Closet

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

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!*

COMMUNITY CLOSET

Sundays, Noon to 1pm.



Spread the word! Church of the Village's Community Closet will be available every Sunday for 1 hour after service in the narthex. All are welcome to browse the racks and shop for free! If you know of someone who may be desiring a new style or a wardrobe change, please invite them to check us out! We have a variety of styles and sizes but are especially looking for donations of womenswear in sizes 10 and above as well as menswear in good condition. Interested in hosting the Community Closet after service one Sunday? Sign up here or e-mail Beccalove123@gmail.com for more info!

DANCE PRAYER

Every third Thursday of the month, 6:30pm-7:30pm



Join us in the sanctuary every third Thursday of the month for Dance Prayer! We will come together with an opening prayer and moment of reflection and then spend 45 minutes moving our bodies and dancing together to a diverse playlist. There will be no designated choreography and no final performance, just a joyful space to connect with your own rhythm while rejoicing in the gift of dance and community. Each gathering will then close with a moment of prayer and reflection before we part ways

HEALING CONVERSATIONS

(Every 4th Sunday of the month); 12:30pm; **WE WILL NOT MEET PRIDE SUNDAY, JUNE 25th.**

Healing Conversations is a place to share your feelings about the losses in your life in a safe, supportive, and friendly atmosphere. Your feelings of loss may be caused by events that are recent or in the distant past. You are invited to join our small group on site or online via Zoom (**Meeting ID:** 838 5366 1938 **Passcode:** 690827).

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.

COTV CHOIR REHEARSAL

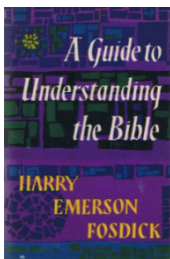
Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 7:45pm ET

Choir
Rehearsal

Open call to make a joyful noise! New singers are always welcome. Rehearsals are currently Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45pm. If you love to sing or play an instrument, contact our Choir Coordinator Paul Pillitteri or Jorge Lockward, our Minister of Worship Arts.

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

Wednesdays; 6:30pm



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) 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.

Join Village Preservation and Church of the Village in Celebrating PFLAG

50 Years of Creating a Caring, Just, and Affirming World for LGBTQ+ People and Those Who Love Them

Thursday, June 22, 2023

6:00pm - 7:15 pm; in-Person

Free - Pre-registration required

**Location: The Church of the Village,
201 W 13th St, New York, NY 10011**



The Church of the Village is honored to join with Village Preservation and PFLAG NYC to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of PFLAG. This is a free community event at the location where this happened. Join us for a conversation about the history, impact, and legacy of this trailblazing organization. Our panel of speakers includes Rev. Jeff Wells of the Church of the Village and Clark Wolff Hamel, PFLAG NYC's Manager of Educational Programs.

Founded in Greenwich Village in 1973, PFLAG (formerly Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) calls itself “the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.”

In June 1972, Jeanne Manford marched in the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade (the forerunner of today's annual LGBTQ+ Pride March) with her son, gay activist, Morty Manford, holding a sign which said “Parents of Gays: Unite in Support of Our Children.” She received an immediate positive response from the crowd.

According to Rev. Ed Egan, then the pastor of Metropolitan Duane United Methodist Church (MDUMC), the idea for what was initially called “Parents of Gays” arose in a discussion after a symposium sponsored by the “Homosexual Community Counseling Center” on January 22, 1973. After the symposium, Jeanne and Morty Manford, Roy Byrd (pseudonym of a young Gay mental health counselor), his parents, and Rev. Edward Egan gathered for an informal conversation. As Ed Egan wrote later, “We sensed the need for an ongoing work with, by and for parents of Gays. We agreed to meet at MDUMC (now The Church of the Village) on Sunday afternoon, March 31, 1973, open as to where we would go from there.”

The power of PFLAG was born from the love of Jeanne Manford for her Gay son, along with Rev. Egan and a small group of committed parents. A unified front of LGBTQ+ people, parents, families, and non-family allies continues to fuel PFLAG's mission 50 years later. Come and hear more about the history and the current work of PFLAG.



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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