



A progressive, radically inclusive, anti-racist community

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



**Spirit Journeys:
Break the Pot**

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

De mañana (In the Morning)

De mañana te buscaré, Señor //

**De mañana te buscaré,
oraré y cantaré
De mañana te buscaré, Señor//**

In the morning I’ll seek your face, O God //

**// In the morning I’ll seek your face,
I will sing and I will praise
In the morning I’ll seek your face, O God //**

In the evening...

In my troubles...

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

RECEIVING AND CELEBRATING NEW MEMBERS

CALL OF NEW MEMBERS

*Scarlet Begonia
Michael Johnson
Ted Warner*

THE VOWS OF MEMBERSHIP

Pastor: On behalf of the Church of the Village community, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness and reject the evil powers of this world?
New members: **I do.**

Pastor: Will you resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

New members: **I will.**

Pastor: Will you strive to love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and your neighbor as yourself?

New members: **I will.**

Pastor: Will you follow Jesus' example of practicing liberating love and radical inclusion, extending welcome toward people in their full expression of humanity?

New members: **I will.**

Pastor: Will you join your journey to ours, seeking to strengthen this community through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, witness, radical inclusivity, and work for justice?

New members: **I will.**

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS

One: Now, it's time for our community as a whole to make our collective commitments to these wonderful people. I invite everyone to respond. Will you receive them into this community, committing to journey with them as chosen family?

ALL: **We joyfully welcome you!**

One: Will you surround them with a spirit of courage, so they feel free to live into their highest potential and calling?

ALL: **We will**

One: Will you extend grace to them, enabling them to try new things, shift perspective, and grow in their relationship with the divine?

ALL: **We will**

PRAYER

PRESENTATION

*Fanga Alafia**
(*call and response*)

Fanga alafia: **Ashe! Ashe!**

Fanga alafia: **Ashe! Ashe!**

Welcome into our heart: **Ashe! Ashe!**
We'll never be apart: **Ashe! Ashe!**

Gladness will be our song: **Ashe! Ashe!**
Justice will be our dance: **Ashe! Ashe!**

*Fanga: A traditional Yoruba dance of welcome.

Alafia: A greeting wishing the wellbeing of the person being greeted.

Ashe: Yoruba word that speaks of the force of life that flows from the Creator and joins all things.

WE PROCLAIM CALL TO LISTEN

Open My Heart

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 4:6-10 (Inclusive Bible)

If you will explain these instructions to the sisters and brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and on the sound teachings you have followed.

Have nothing to do with godless myths and empty old fables. Train yourself for godliness. “Physical exercises have limited use, but spiritual exercises have unlimited value – they’re a benefit both here and now and for all eternity.” There’s another saying that can be trusted and is worthy of your complete acceptance! The focus of all our efforts is the trust we put in the living God, the Savior of the whole human race – particularly of those who believe.

2 Samuel 6:14-22 (The Inclusive Bible)

David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before YHWH with all his might, while he and his whole house of Israel brought up the Ark of YHWH with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

As the Ark entered the City of David, Saul’s daughter Michal looked down through the window and saw David leaping and dancing before YHWH, and his display disgusted her.

The Ark of the Covenant was brought in and set in its place within the tent David had set up for it. Then David made burnt offerings and peace offerings before YHWH. Finishing the burnt offerings and peace offerings, the ruler blessed the people in the name of YHWH. Then he distributed among the people of Israel present – to each woman and man – a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins.

And all the people returned to their homes.

When David returned home to greet his household, Michal met him and said, “Well, didn’t the ruler of Israel put on a show of dignity today – exposing himself in front of his servants’ handmaids, as any vulgar clown might expose himself!”

David replied, “But it was done in the presence of YHWH, who chose me instead of your father and your family by appointing me ruler over Israel, the people of YHWH. Yes, I will dance for joy before YHWH. And I’m sure I will earn even more disgrace and demean myself further in your eyes. But those handmaids of whom you speak – they will honor me for it.” Michal bat-Saul was childless to her dying day.

MESSAGE

Spirit Journeys: Break the Pot

Alfida Figueroa, Guest Preacher

WE RESPOND

A TIME OF SHARING

- **What pots do you need to break?**

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE

Eat this Bread

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

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

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

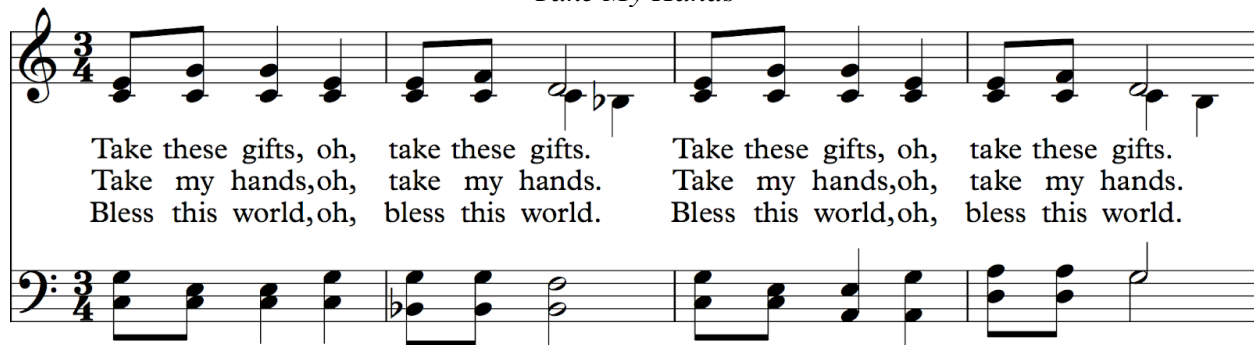
Fanfare for the Common Man

by Aaron Copland

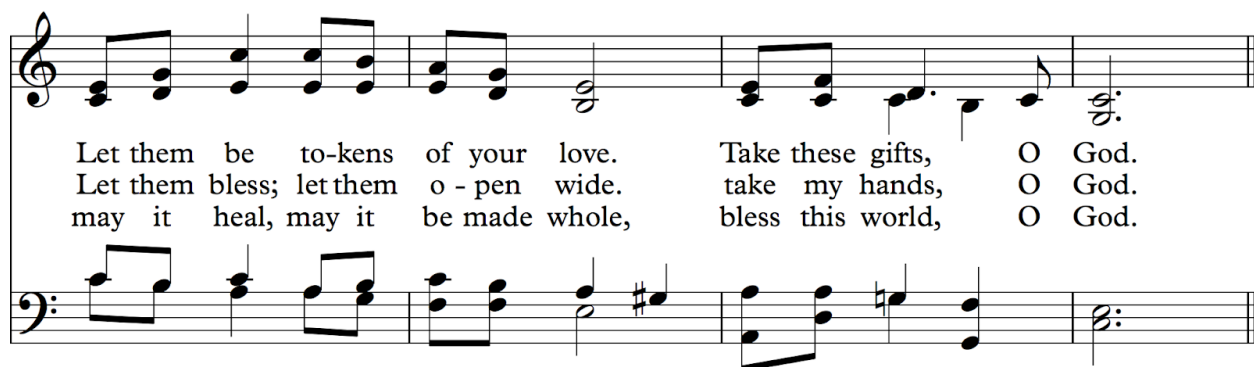
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GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Take My Hands



Take these gifts, oh, take these gifts. Take these gifts, oh, take these gifts.
Take my hands, oh, take my hands. Take my hands, oh, take my hands.
Bless this world, oh, bless this world. Bless this world, oh, bless this world.



Let them be to-kens of your love. Take these gifts, O God.
Let them bless; let them o - pen wide. take my hands, O God.
may it heal, may it be made whole, bless this world, O God.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

Walk Together (The Journey is Long)

Walk together, the journey is long

Dance together...

Cry together...

Dream together...

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

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Call to Offering: Jim Norton

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Sax/Clarinet/Flute: Matthew Willis

Organ: Michael Johnson

Keyboard: Jorge Lockward

Drums & Percussion: Juan Felipe Mayorga

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Ministers of Care: Sam Winfrey (on-site) & Monica Quintero (online)

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Chat Host: Natasha Wright

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Open My Heart

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Sanctus (le lo le lo lai lo)

W: Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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Walk Together (The Journey Is Long)

W & M: South African Freedom Song

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

July 9 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Community Closet
July 11 – Tuesday	2:00pm – 5:00pm	TRDP: Food Pantry
July 12 – Wednesday	9:00am 6:30pm	Together in Prayer (via Zoom) Bible Study
July 15 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
July 16 – 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

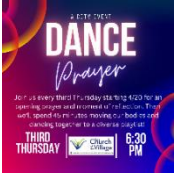
Sundays, Noon to 1pm.



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

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).

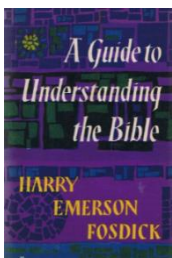
TOGETHER IN PRAYER

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.

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.



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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