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Honor the Earth / Remember George Floyd / Black Lives Matter

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

Stop Hate Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders



***"Palo dado ni Dios lo quita":
My Mother the Process Theologian***

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

CENTERING AND OPENING PRAYER

Bring Many Names

**Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!**

Surah Ad-Duha 1-11, The Holy Quran



By the morning brightness
And by the night when it covers the darkness,
Your God has not taken leave of you,
nor has God detested you
And the hereafter is better for you than the first life.

And your God is going to give you, and you will be satisfied.

Did God not find you an orphan and give you refuge?
And God found you lost and guided you.
And God found you poor and made you self-sufficient.

So as for the orphan, do not oppress.
And as for the petitioner, do not repel.
But as for the favor of your God, report it.

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Child of God

**No matter what people say, say or think about you,
you are a Child, you are a Child of God.**

**No matter what the world says, says or thinks about you,
you are a Child, you are a Child of God.**

**And there is no thing or no one who can separate,
they can't separate you from the truth that you're someone,
You are family, you are meant to be, a Child, a Child of God!**

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Hosea 11:1-4 & Matthew 7:7-11 (adapted from the Inclusive Bible)

Hosea 11:1-4

“When Israel was a youth, I loved it dearly, and out of Egypt I called my child.

But the more I called them, the further they turned from me, making sacrifices to the Ba’als
and burning incense to carved images.

I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arm — but they don’t acknowledge that I was the one who made
them whole. I led them on a leash of human kindness— with bonds of caring.
I removed the yoke from their necks and stooped to feed them.

Matthew 7:7-11

“Ask and keep asking, and you will receive. Seek and keep seeking, and you will find. Knock and keep
knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who keeps asking, receives. The one who keeps
seeking, finds. And the one who keeps knocking, enters. “Is there any among you who would hand your
daughter a stone when she asked for bread? Would one of you hand your son a snake when he asked for a
fish? If you, with all your faults, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will your
Abba God in heaven give good things to those who ask!

These are Words of Life and Goodness.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

**“Palo dado ni Dios lo quita”:
My Mother the Process Theologian**

Rev. Dr. Ignacio Castuera

Elder, California-Pacific Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church

WE RESPOND

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE

Let Us Be Bread

**Let us be bread, blessed by God's love.
Broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in God's love.**

I am the bread of life, broken for all.
Eat now and hunger no more.

See how my people have nothing to eat.
Give them the bread that is you.

As God has loved me so I have loved you.
Go and live on in my love.

INVITATION

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts.
We lift them to you, Healing Spirit.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Friends, these are gifts of God for you and for all.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome, there is healing, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior, there is heal-ing in God's love.**

TIME OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

One of Us

If God had a name what would it be?
And would you call it to his face?
If you were faced with God in all God's glory
What would you ask if you had just one question?

And yeah, yeah, God is great
Yeah, yeah, God is good
And yeah, yeah, yeah-yeah-yeah
What if God was one of us?
Just a slob like one of us
Just a stranger on the bus
Tryin' to make his way home?

If God had a face what would it look like?
And would you want to see if,
seeing meant that you would have to believe
in things like heaven
And in Jesus and the saints, and all the prophets?

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Draw the Circle Wide

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide**

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still!
Let this be our song: no one stands alone!
Standing side by side
draw the circle, draw the circle wide**

To join conversation with Rev. Ignacio Castuera
type the word "PREACHER" in capital letters into the chat.

If you'd like to connect to the Welcome Team,
type "WELCOME" in capital letters in the chat.

For those who want to talk or pray with a Minister of Care, you can be in a breakout Room
one-on-one with Virginia Riker by typing "CARE" in capital letters in the chat.
(Please be aware that you may have to wait a couple minutes if someone is "in line" ahead of you.)

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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

August 1 – Sunday	10:30am 12:15pm	Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Ministers of Care (via Zoom)
August 3 – Tuesday	3:30pm – 5:30pm 6:00pm	TRDP (HNN): Food Pantry Process Theology: A Basic Introduction (via Zoom)
August 4 – Wednesday	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Bible Study (via Zoom)
August 5 – Thursday	8:00pm	L.O.V.E. (via Zoom)
August 6 – Friday	9:30am – 10:15am	Together in Prayer conference call dial:(559) 546-1200 Code: 533-689-191
August 7 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP (HNN): Community Meal
August 8 – Sunday	10:30am 12:15pm – 2:00pm	Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) United Methodist Women (via Zoom)



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:

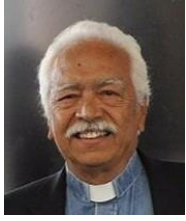
- **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER/DIRECT PAYMENT** from your bank account to COTV. This option includes no fees for the giver or the church. You can set this up directly through your bank for one-time gifts/payments or recurring gifts/payments to COTV. For assistance with this process, please contact giving@churchofthevillage.org.
- **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!

To make your pledge to this year's campaign please visit: <https://forms.gle/ApxV5fSkVBCT3Qfz7>

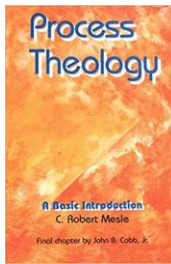
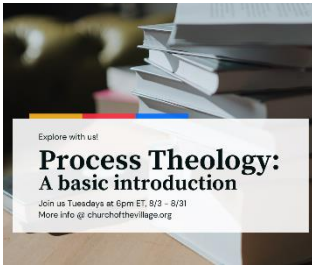
OUR GUEST PREACHER: REV. DR. IGNACIO CASTUERA



The Rev. Dr. Ignacio Castuera is originally from Mexico. He has served in many capacities and settings during his half century of Ministry. He has preached at COTV previously and loves to be identified as a team member in our mission.

PROCESS THEOLOGY: A Basic Introduction

Small Group - Tuesdays, 6pm ET, 8/3 – 8/31



Textbook available via [Amazon](#).

Join us via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81782257298?pwd=c3pwK1pXRXBhT2Q2UkpsQ09UYTBhQT09>

GOD: A JOURNEY OF BECOMING

A New Worship Series



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All of us have been given visions and definitions of who God is and how God works - even if you don't believe in god, you have an idea of what you don't believe in. In many ways, the "god question" is always before us.

Some ways of understanding God prove helpful in certain periods of our lives, and less helpful in others. Some conceptualizations of God are just plain toxic! As we grow and change, exploring this ever-evolving vision of God is integral to our journey of life.

Join us as we seek an image of the divine, that actually fits with our lived experience, that leads to life, and that resonates with scripture. Join us Online: Every Sunday in August at 10:30am ET / 9:30am CT / 7:30am PT

TUESDAY FITNESS CLASS

Tuesday mornings

COTV Online Fitness is on hiatus for the summer. For more information please contact COTV Member Lina.

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Friday mornings; 9:30am

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 by conference call Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15am. For more information, contact Deaconess Sarah Capers at smcapers99@gmail.com.

DECOMPRESS AND SHARE CALL

Is on summer hiatus. We will return this fall. For more information please contact PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org.

AGAPE SANGHA MEDITATION GROUP

Is on summer hiatus.

For more information about Agape Sangha Meditation please contact Joy Sanjek at joyfulwork47@gmail.com.

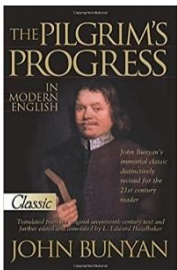
L.O.V.E. (LGBTQA+ group)

First Thursday of the month, (June – August) at 8:00pm

Our LGBTQIA+ group is re-imagined as L.O.V.E (love, openness, and validating expressions)! **Summer schedule:** We will meet the first Thursday of each month (August) at 8pm ET 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: *THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS*



Wednesdays; 6:30pm beginning August 11

No Bible Study 8/4

The Pilgrim's Progress has been called "the greatest allegory ever written, now translated into modern English and edited by L. Edward Hazelbaker. We will follow Pilgrim as he makes a journey to the "Celestial City". Each week we will experience with Pilgrim the challenges and joys that encounters along the way. We will compare and discuss our own Christian journeys with those of Pilgrim's.

The group meets Wednesdays at 6:30 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 (HOPE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED)



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 join the Prayer Partners team, 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



On Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 – for the first time since the pandemic shutdown in March 2020 – a group of leaders and artists led portions of worship from the church building in Manhattan (New York City). On April 25, a larger group gathered onsite to celebrate the Baptism of Robert Jairo Morant. On May 23, 2021, a small cohort of members of Church of the Village came to the building to participate in worship. These developments are very exciting and meaningful for those who had been away from this beloved space for more than a year. They were also meaningful for those online who have never and may not ever step foot in the building. Our hope is that by early September, we will be able to open the Sanctuary to all members and supporters who wish to attend and to the public.

As a faith community, the Church of the Village is no longer tied to a building. This is only the beginning and is part of a much bigger vision for our community.

We are not “re-opening” because the Church of the Village never closed – we only shifted our ministry to be completely online for a year. As the world slowly emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic, there’s been no thought among the Church of the Village leadership of “going back” to the way of “doing church” before the pandemic. Our reality and 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. **We are on a journey and living into becoming a fully online and onsite community.**

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. So we are committed to building an online and onsite community to reach as widely as possible. With this vision for online and onsite community, 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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