

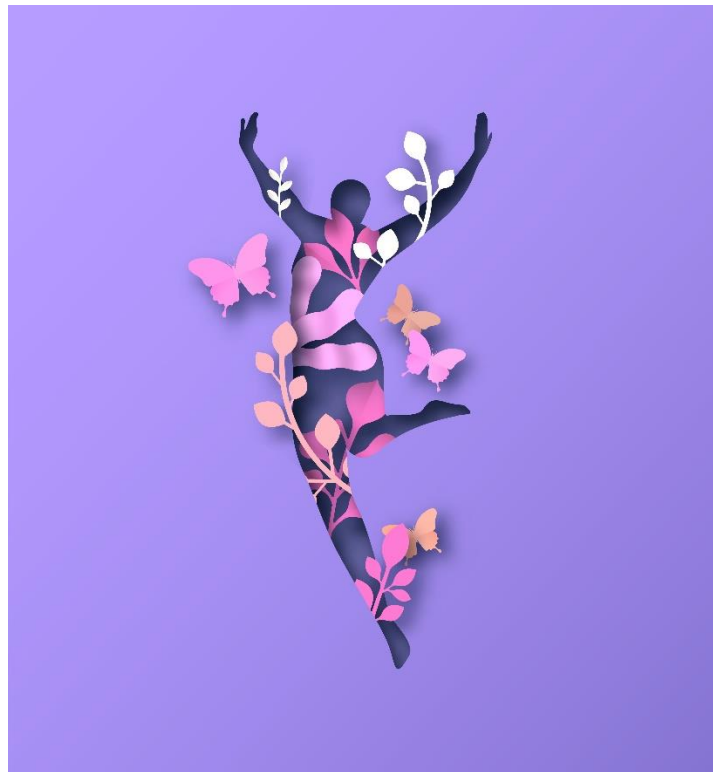


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**Black Lives Matter / Welcome the Stranger, including Migrants and Refugees
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**Coming Home:
Places of Solidity in
the Midst of Wandering**

WE GATHER

“The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Lenne-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 Lenne-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 Lenne-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

**Somos el cuerpo de Cristo / We are the body of Christ*

**Somos el cuerpo de Cristo,
we are the body of Christ,
somos el cuerpo de Cristo,
we are the body, the body of Christ.**

Dios viene al mundo a través de nosotros.

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

God is revealed when we love one another.

We are the body of Christ,

Al mundo a cumplir la misión de la iglesia;

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

bringing the light of God’s mercy to others.

We are the body of Christ.

Cada persona es parte del reino;

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

putting a stop to all discrimination.

We are the body of Christ.

Todas la razas que habitan la tierra,

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

all are invited to feast in the banquet.

We are the body of Christ.

English translation of stanzas:

God comes into the world through us. God is revealed when we love one another.
We go into the world to fulfill the Church’s Mission; bringing the light of God’s mercy to others.

Every person is a part of the kin-dom, putting a stop to all discrimination.

All the races that inhabit the earth; all are invited to feast in the banquet.

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We Sing in Praise of God's Love

**We sing in praise of God's love, who sent you to us
as a witness for justice and peace.
May God's embrace be your shield as you boldly share
who you are, what you've learned, what you bring.**

**God's blessing in your coming in,
God's blessing in your going out.
May God's love bless and increase the fruit of all your labor,
in your life, your loves, your service,
may God's love bless and increase.**

WE PROCLAIM

CALL TO LISTEN

Tu Palabra / As We Listen

The musical notation is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first staff has lyrics: 'Tu pa - la - bra me lle - na, me lle - na, Se - ñor. As we lis - ten to your Word, God, fill our lives with your grace.' The second staff has lyrics: 'Tu pa - la - bra me a - li - men - ta, me a - li - men - ta, Se - ñor. As we lis - ten to your Word, God, feed our souls, quench our thirst.' The third staff has lyrics: 'Tu pa - la - bra a - li - men - ta mi es - pí - ri - tu. May your Liv - ing Word sa - tis - fy our souls, and light the way.' The fourth staff has lyrics: 'Tu pa - la - bra me lle - na de glo - ria. May your Lov - ing Word, o - ver - flow our lives with your glo - ry.'

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 15:19-22 (The Inclusive Bible)

When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, God brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing unto God, for God has triumphed gloriously;
and has thrown horse and rider into the sea.”

Then Moses ordered Israel to set out from the Red Sea,
and they went into the wilderness of Shur.

The Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Coming Home: Places of Solidity in the Midst of Wandering

Rev. Alexis Lillie

Minister for Leadership and Congregational Development,
Church of the Village

WE RESPOND

A TIME OF HEALING

O God, Hear My Prayer

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

when I call ans - wer me. O God, hear my prayer, O

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

God, hear my prayer, come and list - en to me.

The third system of musical notation, which concludes the hymn. It features a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of both staves. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Da Pacem Cordium

1

Da pa-cem cor-di - um. Da pa-cem cor-di - um.

The first line of music is in G minor (one flat) and 2/2 time. It consists of two measures of music, each with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, and another dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. The lyrics are 'Da pa-cem cor-di - um. Da pa-cem cor-di - um.'

2

Da pa - - - - - cem.

The second line of music is in G minor and 2/2 time. It consists of two measures of music, each with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, and another dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. The lyrics are 'Da pa - - - - - cem.'

3

Da pa - - - - - cem.

The third line of music is in G minor and 2/2 time. It consists of two measures of music, each with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, and another dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. The lyrics are 'Da pa - - - - - cem.'

God, My Strength

God, my strength, God, my rock and re - fuge you're my

The first system of music is in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'God, my strength, God, my rock and re - fuge you're my'.

deep, sus-tain-ing song. You're my shield, re - dee-mer and

The second system of music is in G minor and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'deep, sus-tain-ing song. You're my shield, re - dee-mer and'. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff for the word 're-dee-mer'.

hope I wait up - on you, in you I

The third system of music is in G minor and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'hope I wait up - on you, in you I'.



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
OR call the church office: 212-243-5470

OFFERTORY

What Does the Lord Require of You?
COTV Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
God has told you, O mortal, what is good.

What does the Lord require of you?
I want to know.
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Everyday Is a Day of Thanksgiving

Everyday is a day of thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Everyday you're blessing me.
Everyday is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my God, today!

You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
you opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.
And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
I will glorify you, O my God, today!

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

When You Wonder, When You Wander

**When you wonder, when you wander,
seeking anything, everything,
in the searching, in the longing,
God is holding you still.**

**In your caution, in your questions,
asking honestly, fervently,
in your wrestling, in your straining,
God is holding you still.**

*And anywhere you may go, God will go with you.
And anywhere you may go, you are God's child.*

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.

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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

Sept. 24 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm 12:30pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Community Closet Healing Conversations (after worship)
Sept. 26 – Tuesday	2:00pm – 5:00pm	TRDP: Food Pantry
Sept. 27 – Wednesday	9:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Together in Prayer (via Zoom) Bible Study Choir Rehearsal
Sept. 30 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
Oct. 1 – 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!*

COMING HOME a new worship series



The Fall season offers a time of homecoming and re-set, as many of us get back into schedules and routines after the busy-ness of Summer. For the month of September, we'll ponder various types of homecomings and what it means to "return" to important places: to God, ourselves, our community, the earth. Join us September 10 - October 1 as we come home together.

MATCHING GRANT



Our Stewardship Committee and a member of our church are together offering a Matching Grant Fund! Their collective donation to our church is \$7500. Your gift can help our community gain a total donation of \$15,000! Scan the code for more info and to donate.



THE ALLIANCE: A YOUNG ADULT GROUP

1st Sundays after worship



The Alliance will meet the first Sunday of the month, starting October 1 after worship. Outings will include sharing meals together, exploring the city, museum visits, and more. Open to anyone who is young adult(ish), college age - mid-thirties. Bring a dish to share.

COMMUNITY CLOSET

Sundays, Noon to 1pm.

Community Closet is seeking donations!



Ready to let go of some of your gently used clothing and accessories? Make space in your closet by helping to stock our free, inclusive, and identity-affirming community closet. Contributions can be brought to COTV on Sundays or email Pastor Alexis to arrange a possible pick-up!

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).

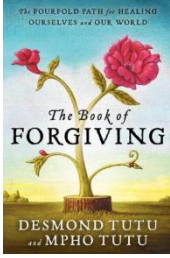
TOGETHER IN PRAYER

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: *THE BOOK OF FORGIVING*

Wednesdays; 6:30pm



There have been times when each and every one of us has needed to forgive. There have also been times when each and every one of us needed to be forgiven. And there will be many more times again. Out of brokenness we hurt others, and forgiveness is the journey we take towards healing the broken parts. It is how we become whole again.

Join us as we study “The Fourfold Path to Healing” outlined in “The Book of Forgiving” written by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. We would be delighted to have you join us. **Everyone is Welcome.** 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) 687-5321 or visit www.thereddoorplace.org.

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 worshiping 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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