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## June 12, 2022 • First Sunday after Pentecost • Trinity Sunday

Celebrate PRIDE / Honor the Earth / Black Lives Matter  
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Stop Hate Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders



***Dreaming of Worlds to Come***

# 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

## SHARING GOD’S PEACE

### *Child of God*

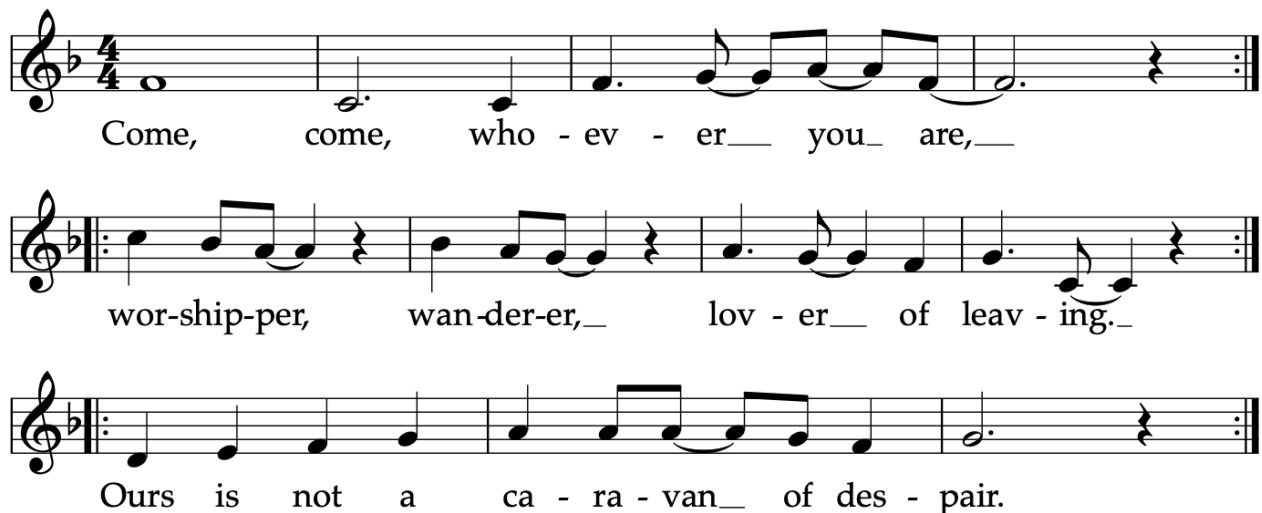
**No matter what people say, say or think about you,  
you are a Child, you are a Child of God.**

**No matter what you may say, say or think 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!**

## CENTERING & OPENING PRAYER

### *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*



Come, come, who - ev - er\_ you\_ are,\_

wor-ship-per, wan-der-er,\_ lov - er\_ of leav - ing.\_

Ours is not a ca - ra - van\_ of des - pair.

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Though you have brok-en your vows\_\_ a thou - sand times,  
 Come, come a - gain come!

**Come, come, whoever you are,  
 worshiper, wanderer, lover of leaving.  
 Ours is not a caravan of despair.  
 Though you have broken your vows  
 a thousand times.  
 Come, come again, come.**

## **WE PROCLAIM**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Lamentations 3:19-24 (The Inclusive Bible)*

I remember my woes and wanderings – the wormwood and the gall.  
 Those memories are so clear to me, and they fill me with despair.

Yet it is because I remember all this that I have hope.  
 God’s favor is not exhausted, nor has God’s compassion failed.  
 They rise up anew each morning, so great is God’s faithfulness.

“God is all I have,” I cry.  
 “So I will wait in patience.”

The Word of Hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **MESSAGE**

*Dreaming of Worlds to Come*

Rev. Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes, guest preacher  
 Associate Professor of Worship,  
 Union Theological Seminary

## **WE RESPOND**

*I Want to Bee*

**I wanna to bee like  
A bee, a bee in a beehive  
Flying around the flowers  
Pollinating the fields**

**I wanna to bee like  
A honey honeybee like  
Being sweetness to the world  
Offering kindness and love**

**I wanna to bee strong  
I wanna to bee true  
I wanna to bee loving  
I want to bee kind**

**I wanna to bee like  
A thunder in the sky  
Like the flying of a butterfly  
Like a bee in a beehive**

## **WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE**

### **INVITATION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

**Earth-Loving God,**

**Forgive us for the ways we have contributed to the pollution of air and water, the degradation and erosion of soil, and the extinction of many species. We dream of a world where we will live in harmonious community with soil, air, and water, and all living beings.**

**Amen.**

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**

This is rich soil and clean water that allow us to grow wheat and grapes,  
which make it possible to produce bread and grape juice.

The bread of life is broken and given for you and for all.

The cup of salvation is poured out for you and for all.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Merciful Spirit,  
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](mailto:giving@churchofthevillage.org)  
OR call the church office: 212-243-5470

## OFFERTORY

*Canción de Caminantes*  
COTV Choir & Martha Chapman, Sacred Dancer

Porque el camino es árido y desalienta.  
Porque tenemos miedo de andar a tientas  
Porque esperando a solas poco se alcanza  
Valen mas dos temores que una esperanza  
**Dame la mano y vamos ya,  
dame la mano y vamos ya.**

Si por delicadeza perdí mi vida  
Quiero ganar la tuya por decidida.  
Porque el silencio es cruel peligroso el viaje  
Yo te doy mi canción tu me das coraje.  
**Dame la mano y vamos ya,  
dame la mano y vamos ya.**

Ánimo nos daremos a cada paso  
Ánimo compartiendo la sed y el vaso  
Ánimo que aunque hayamos envejecido  
Siempre el dolor parece recién nacido.  
**Dame la mano y vamos ya,  
dame la mano y vamos ya.**

Because the road is rough and discouraging,  
because we are afraid of feeling  
our way in the darkness,  
because by waiting alone, one gains very little –  
(Two fears coming together have more power than  
one hope held in isolation) –  
Give me your hand and let's start right now

If I lost my life by playing it safe,  
I now want to gain yours by being brave.  
Because silence is cruel and the journey is dangerous  
I will give you my song and you'll give me courage –  
Give me your hand and let's start right now

With each step, we will encourage each other,  
encourage each other as we share both thirst and drink,  
encourage each other because, as we get older  
pain feels just as fresh as it did when we were  
younger –  
Give me your hand and let's start right now

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### BLESSING

### CLOSING SONG

*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**

*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 Rev. Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes  
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:** Diane Barclay

**Dance Ministry:** Martha Chapman, Megan Haungs, Elizabeth Levy, Martine Mallary

**Prayers of the People:** Lina Nilsen

**Call to Offering:** Jorge Lockward

**Ministers of Care:** Monica Quintero (on-site) & Virginia Riker (online)

**Altar Design:** Suzie Wilder

**Vocalists:** Maura Burns, Katie Braden, Alfida Figueroa, Reyno Francisco, Karen Hackett, Michelle Morris, 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:** Becca Love

**Chat Host:** Paul Pillitteri

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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](mailto: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](http://churchofthevillage.org).

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>June 12 – Sunday</b>	10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) United Methodist Women
<b>June 14 – Tuesday</b>	10:30am 2:00pm – 5:00pm	COTV Online Fitness (via Zoom) TRDP: Food Pantry
<b>June 15 – Wednesday</b>	6:00pm	Bible Study (via Zoom)
<b>June 16 – Thursday</b>	6:30pm – 7:45pm	Choir rehearsal
<b>June 17 – Friday</b>	9:00am – 10:00am	Together in Prayer (via Zoom)
<b>June 18 – Saturday</b>	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
<b>June 19 – Sunday</b>	10:10am 10:30am	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!*



## OUR GUEST PREACHER: REV. DR. CLÁUDIO CARVALHAES



Cláudio Carvalhaes is Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Originally from Brazil, he is the father of Libby, Cici, Ike and Amora and partner of Katie.

## PLAY, CREATE, CONNECT: A Summer of fun and friendship

### *Our Next Worship Series, July 3 – Sept. 4*

Join COTV for a summer of holy fun! We will engage worship in playful, lighthearted ways that allow us to get to know one another better and deepen the roots of our relationships. Our services will have two components: We'll start with music, preaching, and prayer for about 45 minutes, then continue into fun community-building activities like sing-alongs, yoga classes, dance instruction, meals, games, and more!

## 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](mailto:smcapers99@gmail.com).

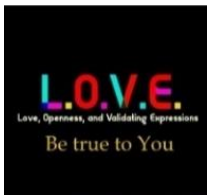
## COTV CHOIR

Join us Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm onsite: 201 West 13<sup>th</sup> 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)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays; 12:00pm ET following worship



Our LGBTQIA+ group is re-imagined as L.O.V.E (love, openness, and validating expressions!) We will meet on the 1st Sunday of each month (June, July, and August) after worship for in-person lunch 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](mailto: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.

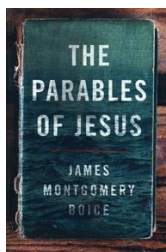
Join us via [Zoom](#)!

**Meeting ID:** 878 7016 4212

**Passcode:** fitness

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: *THE PARABLES OF JESUS*

### Wednesdays; 6:00pm



A new Bible Study, *The Parables of Jesus* by James Montgomery Boice, begins Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

*"Some sections of the Bible give us grand theology. Some move us to grateful responses to God. But the parables break through mere words and make us ask whether there has indeed been any real difference in our lives." - James Montgomery Boice*

Boice brings Jesus' words to bear on life today. Through his careful study and clear explanation of each parable he helps us understand just what Jesus meant, and how our hearts and lives ought to respond.

This author shares the meaning that is in scripture and adds some historical facts of the culture and other background

information that will help everyone understand the meaning of each parable. He also shares different viewpoints and shares the viewpoints of Bible commentators of the past. If you enjoy the parables and want to understand them better, this is the Bible Study to help you. Jesus' parables are memorable for a reason. Discover their power for yourself. We would be delighted to have you join us. *Everyone is Welcome.*

The group meets Wednesdays at 6:00 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 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](mailto:smcapers99@gmail.com)) with your interest. You can submit a prayer online at [ChurchoftheVillage.org/prayer](http://ChurchoftheVillage.org/prayer).

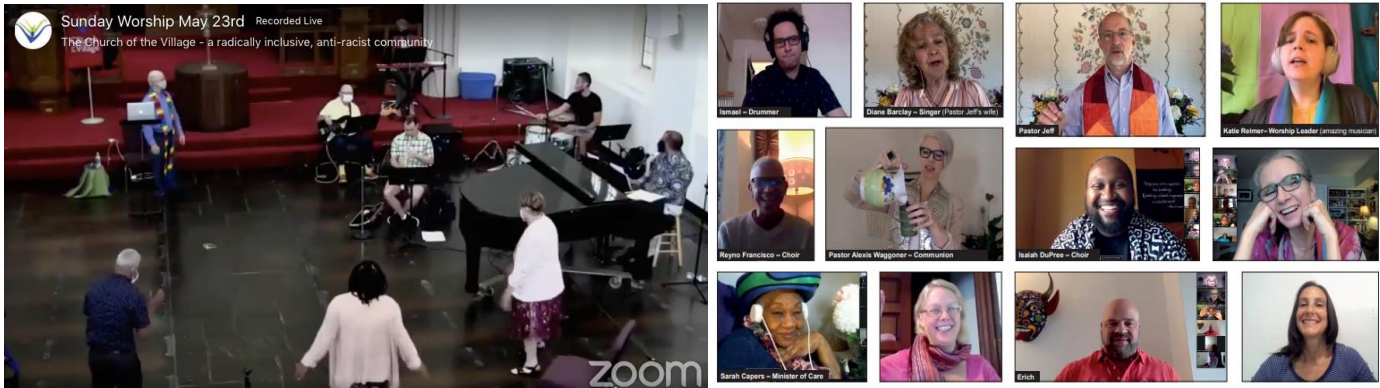
## COTV WORSHIP VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK

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](https://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](http://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 to the public in December 2021. Currently, we are still practicing masking and social distancing but not requiring proof of vaccination to enter the building.

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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