



A progressive, radically inclusive, anti-racist community

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Honor the Earth / Black Lives Matter

No Human Being Is “Illegal” / No Muslim Ban Ever

Stop Hate Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders



Cherish the Gift of Friendship

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.”

GATHERING SONG

In preparation for Communion, we encourage those online to prepare elements for participation, such as bread or cracker and juice or another beverage.

When the Spirit in Me

**When the spirit in me sees the spirit in you (2x)
It's so easy, so easy, so easy, so easy to love**

WELCOME

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 17:55-18:3

As Saul watched David going out to meet the Philistine, he asked Abner, the commander of the army, “Abner, whose child is that lad?” Abner replied, “I don’t know. But I will find out.” Saul said, “Find out whose child this boy is.” As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him to Saul, with David still carrying the Philistine’s head. “Whose child are you?” Saul asked. David said, “I am the child of your servant, Jesse of Bethlehem.”

Once David finished speaking with Saul, the souls of Jonathan and David became intertwined, and Jonathan loved David with all his heart and soul. Seeing this, Saul took David in, and wouldn’t allow him to return home. And Jonathan and David made a solemn covenant with one another, for they loved each other as much as they loved themselves.

Friends, this is the Word of Joy and Forgiveness.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Cherish the Gift of Friendship

Pastor Jeff Wells
Lead Pastor, Church of the Village

WE RESPOND

A TIME OF SHARING

In your small group, please share with one another a significant friendship in your life and why that friendship has been important to you.

For the Beauty of the Earth

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
God of love, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
God of love, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For yourself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
God of love, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

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.

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power in love
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

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 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

You've Got a Friend in Me

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

This Summer, stick around after worship for opportunities for play and fellowship!
If you're onsite, we will transition to activities together in the sanctuary.
Pastor Alexis will lead the online-after worship conversation on practices of letting go.

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, Rev. Althea Spencer-Miller

Worship Leader: Erich Dietrich

Prayers of the People: Olive Beltrán

Dance Ministry: Martine Mallary

Call to Offering: Monica Quintero

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

Visuals Host: TBD

CREDITS

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When the Spirit in Me (The Jesus in Me)

W & M: Anonymous.

Lyric adaptation by Jorge Lockward

For the Beauty of the Earth

W: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint

M: DIX Conrad Kocher

You've Got a Friend in Me

W & M: Randy Newman

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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 21 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live)
August 23 – Tuesday	10:30am 2:00pm – 5:00pm	COTV Online Fitness (via Zoom) TRDP Food Pantry
August 24 – Wednesday	10:30am 6:00pm	COTV Fitness with Lina (via Zoom) Bible Study (via Zoom)
August 25 – Thursday	4:00pm	LEM: Jesus Teach Us on our Wounded Planet
August 26 – Friday	9:00am – 10:00am	Together in Prayer (via Zoom)
August 27 – Saturday	9:00am – 12:00pm 11:30am – 2:00pm	Funeral for Enid Fyle-Taylor TRDP: Community Meal
August 28 – Sunday	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.
- **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!*

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

Our New 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.

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

1st Sundays; 12:00pm ET following worship

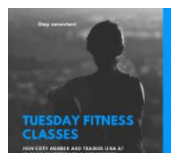


Our LGBTQIA+ group is re-imagined as L.O.V.E (love, openness, and validating expressions!) We will meet on the 1st Sunday of each month (July and August) after worship for in-person lunch to discuss a variety of topics, grow friendships, and gather support from one another.

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. Join Us via [Zoom](#).

COTV ONLINE FITNESS

Wednesdays, 10:30 am ET



COTV Online Fitness with Lina now on Wednesdays at 10:30 am ET.

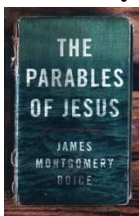
Join us via [Zoom!](#)

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 someone 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) 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.

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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THE LIVING EARTH MOVEMENT
presents

Jesus Teach Us on our Wounded Planet!

August 25, 1pm PDT / 4pm EDT



Featured Speakers: Dr. John Cobb and Rev. Bonnie Tarwater

Dr. John Cobb and Rev. Bonnie Tarwater will present about a new curriculum they are creating together using the teachings of Jesus as a path for us to walk together during our planetary crisis. They will share more about this project and it's value as a learning tool for congregations. Use the Zoom connection information below for this and all of our monthly public meetings on the fourth Thursday each month:

TIME: Thursday, August 25, 2022, 1 pm PT / 3pm CT / 4 pm ET

LINK: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86928723601>

ID: 869 2872 3601

PASSCODE: 394741

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PHONE (US): 669-900-6833

This new curriculum hopefully be ready for other churches and groups to use this fall in October. Dr. Cobb and Rev. Bonnie are exploring this new curriculum during weekly worship services for the next few months, on Sundays at 4pm PST and everyone is invited. The Zoom link to join is on the [church website](#) along with links to the weekly reading assignments and the draft curriculum.

Church for Our Common Home was founded by Rev. Bonnie and has a 12-step program for Ecological Civilization. It is an untraditional church dedicated to the Earth. Please contact Rev. Bonnie with any questions at (858) 248-5123 or revtarwater@yahoo.com.