



**the  
Church  
of the  
Village**



A progressive, radically inclusive, anti-racist community

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**January 29, 2023 • Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Honor the Earth / Black Lives Matter  
No Human Being Is "Illegal" / No Muslim Ban Ever  
Stop Hate Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**



***What Do I Want to Be  
When I Grow Up?***

## **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**

*Uyai Mose (Come, All You People)*

**Uyai mose tinamate mwari. (3x)  
Uyai mose svino.**

**Come, all you, people, come and praise your Maker. (3x)  
Come, let us worship our God.**

## **WELCOME**

## **CELEBRATION OF JANUARY 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

*Listen*

**Listen to the song of the wind. (3x)  
Listen, God is singing, God is singing.**

**Listen to the cries in the night...**

**Listen to the hope of the poor...**

**Listen to the sigh of the soul...**

**Listen to the cry to be whole...**

**Listen to the drum of the earth...**

**Listen, silence speaks in the heart...**

## LESSON

Micah 6:6-8 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

“What shall I bring when I come before YHWH, and bow down before God on high?” you ask.  
“Am I to come before God with burnt offerings? With year-old calves?”

Will YHWH be placated by thousands of rams or ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Should I offer my firstborn for my wrongdoings – the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what “good” is, and what YHWH needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.

The Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

*What Do I Want to Be When I Grow Up?*

Rev. Alexis Lillie  
Minister for Leadership and Congregational Development,  
*Church of the Village*

## WE RESPOND

### A TIME OF PERSONAL REFLECTION

**Within the way you currently spend your time, where are there opportunities to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly?**

**What would that look like in your day-to-day routine?**

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?

**Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.**

**To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God.**

# BLESSING AND CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH LEADERS

*We give thanks for those community members who have served, faithfully and effectively, in positions of great responsibility, and are now ending their terms:*

**Martha Chapman** Chair of Vision and Ministry Council  
**John Kleinig** Chair of Personnel  
**Paul Pillitteri** Welcome Team Leader

*We give thanks for those community members who are continuing or assuming new positions of leadership for 2023:*

**Dwight Campbell** Chair, Vision & Ministry Council  
**Sarah Capers** Lay Leader (*mentoring Becca Love*)  
**Monica Quintero** Coordinator, Ministers of Care  
**Katie Reimer & Sarah Alphin** Lay Member (delegate) to Annual Conference  
**Alfida Figueroa** Chair, Worship Committee and  
Lay Member (delegate) to Annual Conference  
**Erich Deitrich** Incoming Chair, Personnel Committee  
**John Kleinig** Coordinator, Stewardship Committee  
**Sarah Witman** Incoming Financial Secretary  
**Amar Rajwani** Chair, Finance Committee  
**Sam Winfrey** Chair, Board of Trustees  
**Becca Love & Jim Norton** At-Large Members of the Vision & Ministry Council

*Finally, we give thanks for those community members who will serve this year as members of committees and ministry areas:*

**Alan Baxter, Olive Beltran, Katie Braden, Maura Burns, Martha Chapman, Emilee Davis, Karen Hackett, Megan Huangs, Shelby Hall-Denney, Cassie Hinnen-Neals, Becca Love, Michelle Morris, Virginia Riker, Valerie Roa, Wesley Sun, Rhonda Wade**

## VOWS OF LEADERSHIP

- Do you, this day, acknowledge yourself to be a faithful follower of Jesus?  
**I do.**
- Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?  
**I will.**
- Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love, justice, inclusivity, and peace?  
**I will.**
- Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?  
**I will.**

## CONGREGATIONAL VOW

**With God's help, we will do all we can to assist and encourage these servants in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them our cooperation, our counsel, and our prayers.**

## CONSECRATION OF LEADERS

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

## OFFERTORY

*You'll Never Walk Alone*

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

## BLESSING

## CLOSING SONG

*When You Wonder, When You Wander*

**When you wonder, when you wander,  
seeking anything, ev'rything,  
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.*

**In the changes, in surprises  
when you can't let go – it's hard to shift,  
In restraining and releasing  
God is holding you still.**

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, Rev. Jim Norton

**Worship Leader:**

**Dance Ministry:** Megan Haungs

**Prayers of the People:** John Kleinig

**Call to Offering:** Jorge Lockward

**Altar Design:** Martha Chapman

**Visuals Design:** Katie Reimer

**Vocalists:** Maura Burns, Katie Braden, Jackie Stzendera, Alfida Figueroa, Reyno Francisco, Karen Hackett, Michelle Morris, Paul Pillitteri, Katie Reimer, Suzie Wilder

**Saxophone & Flute:** Matthew Willis

**Keyboard:** Jorge Lockward

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**Ushers:** Maurice White & Sam Winfrey

**Zoom Host:** Martha Chapman & Calvin Miller

**Zoom Chat:** Maya Carter

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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>January 29 – Sunday</b>	10:10am 10:30am	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live)
<b>January 31 – Tuesday</b>	10:00am 2:00pm – 5:00pm	COTV Fitness with Lina TRDP: Food Pantry
<b>February 1 – Wednesday</b>	9:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Together in Prayer (via Zoom) Bible Study (via Zoom) Choir Rehearsal
<b>February 4 – Saturday</b>	10:00am – 12:00pm 11:30am – 2:00pm	NYAC Laity Convocation (via Zoom) TRDP: Community Meal
<b>February 5 – Sunday</b>	10:10am 10:30am	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live)

# 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](mailto: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](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!*



## 2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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## 2023 NYAC LAITY CONVOCATION

**Saturday, February 4th from 10am-2pm** (via Zoom)



The NYAC laity comes together for a time of fellowship, re-connection, and learning. It's an exciting time for laity as we've been called to lean into our unique gifts and graces for the future of our church. [Register today](#). Registration closes **January 31**.

## EXPLORING FAITH

**After worship, Sunday, February 12, 2023**



Following worship on Sunday, Feb. 12, we will host a gathering that we call Exploring Faith. It's a time for relative newcomers to learn more about Church of the Village, hear from some of our leaders, and get to know one another better. It's also a first step toward membership if you're interested in further commitment to COTV. Please consider joining us via [Zoom](#). If you'd like more information, email me: [pastoralexis@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:pastoralexis@churchofthevillage.org).

## A WORK IN PROGRESS

**A new worship series; Sundays, January 8 – February 19, 2023**



Last Fall we went “Back to Basics” and talked about some of the elements at the core of our communal spiritual journey. This Winter we're creating space for each community member to develop their own “basics.” Each Sunday, we'll ask questions like, “Who am I?” “What values are important to me?” “How do I live intentionally in the world?” There are no right or wrong answers! We'll take time together to reflect on the concepts raised, as we deepen our personal and communal spiritual lives.

## TOGETHER IN PRAYER

**Resumes on WEDNESDAY mornings; 9:00am beginning February 1.**

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 ONLINE FITNESS

**Tuesdays, 10:00 am ET**



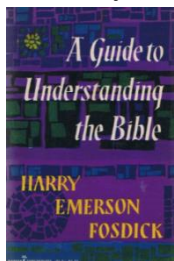
COTV Online Fitness with Lina now on Tuesdays at 10:00 am ET.

Join us via [Zoom!](#)

**Meeting ID:** 878 7016 4212 **Passcode:** fitness

## 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 6:00 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 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](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.

## CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE COVID-19 PROTECTION POLICY

Updated September 23, 2022



From the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, The Church of the Village has been diligent about protecting everyone connected to our church community. We have followed guidelines offered by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the City and State of New York, as well as those shared by the NY Conference of the United Methodist Church. Our leadership has stayed on top of new developments and adjusted our policies periodically to fit evolving conditions.

We recognize that for our members, supporters, visitors, and staff who are in proximity to New York City or visit our building, the status of the pandemic has shifted dramatically. The rates of infection, hospitalizations, and especially deaths have fallen to very low levels. This does not mean they cannot go back up and we will continue to monitor the situation. In addition, mask requirements have been lifted for most public spaces, including public transportation in NYC.

Therefore, we have decided to lift our own mask requirement for entry to our church building. This applies to staff as well as members and to groups that rent or use space in our building.

We continue to strongly recommend that everyone be vaccinated and boosted to the highest extent for which you are eligible. The most recent bivalent booster is available to anyone age 12 or older (Pfizer) or 18 and older (Moderna). The bivalent boosters protect against the original Covid-19 virus strain and provide stronger protection against Omicron, which is the most widespread and transmissible variant. To find a location and schedule your vaccination or booster anywhere in the United States, [click here](#)! This is not for your protection only, but for the well-being of our community, our city, and the country.

Also, we strongly encourage those persons at higher risk for infection or hospitalization – especially those with underlying health conditions – to continue to take all appropriate safety measures like masking and social distancing. All of us need to self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance about self-isolation and testing (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).



## 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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