



**the
Church
of
the Village**



A progressive, radically inclusive, anti-racist community

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**Celebrating Black History Month / Honor the Earth / Black Lives Matter
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Stop Hate Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**



The Gift and Possibility of Church

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 Renape 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

Welcome

**Let’s walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace.**

*Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You’re invited to come and know God’s grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
’cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.*

**Let’s talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray.**

**Let’s dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem.
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice!**

WELCOME

WE PROCLAIM

LESSONS

Colossians 3:12-17 (The Inclusive Bible)

Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another—forgive in the same way God has forgiven you. Above all else, put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Let Christ’s peace reign in your hearts since, as members of one body, you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. Instruct and admonish one another wisely. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and songs of the Spirit. And whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of Jesus our Savior, giving thanks to God through Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-14 (The Inclusive Bible)

Now dear sisters and brothers, I want to instruct you on the matter of spiritual gifts. Remember how, when you were still nonbelievers, you were drawn to mute idols and led astray by them? It is for this reason that I want you to understand that no one can be speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say, “Curse Jesus;” by the same token, no one can say, “Jesus Christ reigns supreme,” unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One. There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit. Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; and still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues. But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them as she wills. The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts – many though they are – comprise a single body. And so it is with Christ. It was by one Spirit that all of us, whether we are Jews or Greeks, slaves or citizens, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.

And that Body is not one part; it is many.

The Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

CONVERSATION

The Gift and Possibility of Church

A conversation with Dwight Campbell, Alfida Figueroa, and Becca Love
Curated by Pastor Jeff Wells

WE RESPOND

A TIME OF SHARING

What We Need Is Here

What we need is here.

The first system of musical notation is for the song 'What We Need Is Here'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/2. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting on a whole note chord (C4, E-flat4, G4) and moving to a half note (A4), then a quarter note (B4), and a quarter note (C5) with a slur over the last two. The bass line starts with a whole note chord (C4, E-flat4, G4) and moves to a half note (C4), then a quarter note (E-flat4), and a quarter note (G4) with a slur over the last two. The lyrics 'What we need is here.' are written below the treble staff.

What we need is here.

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, showing the continuation of the melody and bass line for the song 'What We Need Is Here'. It also consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the same key signature (three flats) and time signature (3/2). The lyrics 'What we need is here.' are written below the treble staff.

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE

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

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.

(call and echo)

**Holy, holy, holy, God of loving pow'r
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God's love.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

The bread which we break together, is a sharing in the body of Christ;
the beloved community that we call "church."
And this cup, over which we give thanks, is a sharing in the life of Christ.

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

Que esta iglesia sea un árbol

Que esta iglesia sea un árbol en el fondo de tu casa,
que haya fiesta y alegría y oración bajo sus ramas.
Con raíces bien profundas y sus brazos hacia el cielo,
que esta iglesia sea fecunda dando frutos de consuelo.

**Árbol plantado junto a las aguas
de vida eterna de nuestro Dios.**

May this church be a like tree in your home's backyard,
let there be celebration and joy and prayer under its branches.
With deep roots and with arms lifted up to the sky,
may this church flourish bearing fruits of consolation.

**A tree planted by the waters
of eternal life flowing from God.**

Que esta iglesia también sea como un árbol de la plaza,
nido de pájaros libres y refugio del que pasa,
y que sea como el árbol de la esquina de mi casa,
que me ve llegar de lejos e imagino que me abraza.

May this church also be like a tree in the city square,
a nest of free birds and a refuge from passers-by,
and may it be like the tree in the corner of my house,
that sees me coming from afar and (I imagine) hugs me tight.

Que esta iglesia sea un árbol, oh buen Dios, en donde
quieras, pero siempre apuntalado por tu amor y a tu manera,
para dar frutos y sombra o entregar nuestra madera;
que esta iglesia que te nombra árbol de la vida sea.

May this church be a tree, oh good God, wherever you want,
but always propped up by your love and in your ways,
to bear fruit and shade or to sacrificially offer our wood;
may this church that names you, be the tree of life.

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de vi - da e - ter - na de nues - tro Dios. Dios.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

God Is Building a New Way

**God is building a new way, (3x)
sending love and pow'r our way;
God is building a new way.**

**We are building a new way, (3x)
feeling stronger ev'ry day;
we are building a new way.**

**Love and justice is our cry, (3x)
holy wisdom, holy fire;
love and justice is our cry.**

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

Dance Ministry: Jeanna Mussachio

Worship Leader: Laura Tenzel

Call to Offering: Katie Reimer

Altar Design: Martha Chapman

Visuals Design: Katie Reimer

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Saxophone & Flute: Matthew Willis

Keyboard: Jorge Lockward

Drums & Percussion: Juan Felipe Mayorga

Ministers of Care: Sam Winfrey (on-site) & Rhonda Wade (online)

Usher: Sam Winfrey

Zoom Host: Martha Chapman

Zoom Chat: Sarah Witman

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Welcome

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What We Need Is Here

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Sanctus (le lo le lo lai lo)

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Que esta iglesia sea un árbol

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Building a New Way

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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

February 12 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Exploring Faith
February 14 – Tuesday	10:00am 2:00pm – 5:00pm	COTV Fitness with Lina TRDP: Food Pantry
February 15 – Wednesday	9:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Together in Prayer (via Zoom) Bible Study (via Zoom) Choir Rehearsal
February 18 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
February 19 – Sunday	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

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!*

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.

ROOTS (LENT 2023)



We are all born with a longing for connection and belonging. We can only blossom and flourish, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually, when we make conscious efforts to be curious about each other. This small group will foster deeper roots in our community by bringing people together to learn each other's names, life stories, histories, traditions, emotions, personalities, struggles and dreams. Those who engage with this group are asked to make a commitment for six weeks.

This group begins February 22, after which this group will be closed. For more information, contact Pastor Alexis and Alfida Figueroa. Register today at <https://forms.gle/A9NELraegkeqWdFN7>.

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

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.

COTV ONLINE FITNESS

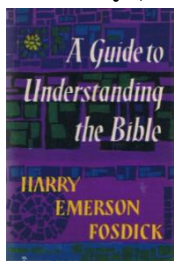
Tuesdays, 10:00 am ET



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) 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.

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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