



the  
**Church**  
of  
the **Village**



A progressive, radically inclusive, anti-racist community

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**April 6, 2023 • Maundy Thursday**

**Celebrating Earth Month and Arab American Heritage Month  
Black Lives Matter / Welcome the Stranger, including Migrants and Refugees  
Stop Hate Against Muslims, Jews, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**



***Serve***

# 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.”*

## PRELUDE

*Lavapé (The Washing of the Feet)*

## WELCOME

## FIRST READING

*John 13:1-6*

It was before the Feast of Passover, and Jesus realized that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to Abba God. Jesus had always loved his own in this world, but now he showed how perfect this love was.

Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, was already set on betraying Jesus. So during supper, Jesus – knowing that God had put all things into his own hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God – rose from the table, took off his clothes and wrapped a towel around his waist.

Jesus then poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and dry them with the towel that was around his waist. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said, “Rabbi, you’re not going to wash my feet, are you?”

## OPENING WORDS

*Jesu, Jesu*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away.

These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love,  
all these are neighbors to us and you.

*John 13:7-9*

Jesus answered Peter saying, “You don’t realize what I am doing right now, but later you’ll understand.” Peter replied, “You’ll never wash my feet!” Jesus answered, “If I don’t wash you, you have no part with me.”

Peter said to Jesus, “Then, Rabbi, Teacher, not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!”

**SUNG RESPONSE**

*Serve Each One*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Serve each one who comes to you. Give love and care as Christ taught us to do." The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

**Serve each one who comes to you.  
Give love and care as Christ taught us to do.**

**THIRD READING**

*John 13:10-17; 34-35*

After washing their feet, Jesus put his clothes back on and returned to the table.

Jesus said to them, “Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me “Teacher,” and “Sovereign” – and rightly, for so I am. If I, then – your Teacher and Sovereign – have washed your feet, you should wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

“The truth of the matter is, no subordinate is greater than the superior; no messenger outranks the sender. Once you know all these things, you’ll be blessed if you put them into practice.

[...]

I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you’re to love one another the way I have loved you. This is how all will know that you’re my disciples: that you truly love one another.”

**WITNESSES**

*Calvin Miller, Sarah Capers, Sam Winfrey & Maura Burns*

## ANTHEM

### *Ceaseless Praise COTV Choir*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated unto thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

*Now I give my life to Thee  
thine forevermore to be.*

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

## SERVING THE TABLE OF GRACE

*Come to the Table of Grace*

**Come to the table of Grace. //**  
**This is God's table;**  
**it's both yours and mine.**  
**Come to the table of Grace.**

**Come to the table of Love...**

**Come to the table of Peace...**

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Come to the ta - ble of grace.

Come to the ta - ble of grace. —

This is God's ta - ble; it's both yours and mine.

Come to the ta - ble of grace.

## BENEDICTION

## WORSHIP HOSTS

**Worship Design:** Pastor Jeff Wells, Pastor Alexis Lillie, Jorge Lockward, Alfida Figueroa, Katie Reimer, Rev. Jim Norton

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**Altar Design:** Martha Chapman

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**Clarinet:** Matthew Willis

**Organ:** Michael Johnson

**Keyboard:** Jorge Lockward

**Zoom Host:** Sarah Witman

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*Lavapés (The Washing of the Feet)*

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**Serve Each One**

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*Come to the Table of Grace*

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*Come Let Us Worship God (Come to the Table)*

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*Ceaseless Praise*

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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>April 6 – Maundy Thursday</b>	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday worship
<b>April 7 – Good Friday</b>	6:00pm	Good Friday worship
<b>April 8 – Saturday</b>	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
<b>April 9 – Easter Sunday</b>	10:10am 10:30am	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live)

## A HEART AND SPIRIT JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Please join with the Church of the Village on Good Friday to remember Love, and on Easter Sunday to gather in Possibility. On Holy Saturday, watch for an email meditation on Waiting. Let's continue to walk through this Holy Week in community, exploring new experiences together as we look with fresh eyes.

Join us Maundy Thursday at 6pm ET  
Holy Friday at 6pm ET  
and Easter Sunday at 10:30am ET

Our building is open for in-person worship. Or you can join on Zoom. You can find the link on our website, Facebook page, or email newsletter.

## FOR THE SAKE OF LIFE

### Our New Worship Series; Sundays, April 16 – May 21, 10:30am ET



One of the blessings of community is to grow together. We do not walk through life unchanged, and being held, supported, challenged, and loved through our journeys is a crucial part of living well. In this season, we will explore the many ways we are called into abundant life. Even as we face much discouragement and despair in the world around us, there are moments the Spirit reminds us, it is good to be alive! Join us as we gather in the energy of spring to see what new life and possibilities are available to us.

## COMMUNITY CLOSET

### Sundays starting 4/16, Noon to 1pm.



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](mailto:Beccalove123@gmail.com) for more info!

## DANCE PRAYER

### Thursdays starting 4/20, 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.

## ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE CONVERSATIONS



### ANTI-RACISM - FROM INTENTION TO ACTION

Thursday, April 13, 7pm ET

Presenter: Erich Dietrich

Clinical Professor of Higher Education  
and International Education, NYU



### (WHITE) CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Sunday, May 21, 12:45pm ET

Presenter: John Kleinig

Emeritus Professor of Criminal Justice/Philosophy  
John Jay College/Graduate Center  
CUNY

Join the Anti-racism Task Force Conversations via Zoom: Meeting ID: 867 6866 3955 Passcode: 029447

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

## COTV ONLINE FITNESS

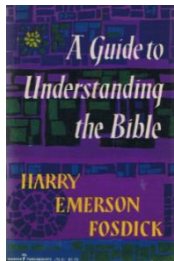


### Tuesdays, 10:00 am ET

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 6:30 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.

**THE RED DOOR PLACE 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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