



**the
Church
of
the Village**



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**



***Maundy Thursday
April 14, 2022
6pm ET***

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.”

PREPARING

Long Before the Night (Carolyn McDade)



Long — be-fore the night — was — born — from dark - ness —
 Long — be-fore the grass — spot - ted green — the bare hill - side —
 Long — be-fore a chain — was — forged — from the hill - side —
 Long — be-fore the name — of — God — was — spo - ken —
 Wake - ful are our nights — and — slum - bers our morn - ing —



Long — be-fore the dawn — rolled un - stead - y from fire —
 Long — be-fore a wing — un - fold - ed to wind —
 Long — be-fore a voice — ut - tered free - dom's cry —
 Long — be-fore a cross — was — nailed from a tree —
 Stub - born is the grass — sow - ing green woun - ded hills —



Long — be-fore she wrapped her scar - let arms — a - round the hills —
 Long — be-fore she wrapped her long blue arm — a - round the sea —
 Long — be-fore she wrapped her bleed - ing arms — a - round a child —
 Long — be-fore she laid her arms of col - ours 'cross the sky —
 As — we wrap our heal - ing arms to hold — what her arms held —



— there was a love — this an - cient love — was born —
 — there was a love — this an - cient love — was born —
 — there was a love — this an - cient love — was born —
 — there was a love — this an - cient love — was born —
 — this an - cient love — this ach - ing love — rolls on —

The disciples asked Jesus where they would be celebrating the Passover.

Jesus answered:

“As soon as you enter Jerusalem, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him.

At the house he enters, say to the owner, ‘The Teacher asks:
Where is the guest room where can I eat the Passover meal with my disciples?’

He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up.
That is where you should prepare our meal.”

STORIES OF TENDERNESS

Riot Mueller

Sarah Capers (video)

RECEIVING THE GIFT

TELLING THE STORY

After sharing life for three years, Jesus looked into the faces of each person at the table.

He saw people who had become chosen family.

People he had wept with.

People he had laughed with.

People he had shared life with.

Jesus knew that he didn't have much time left, and he wanted to give them one last gift.

A gift that would help them bear the terrible things they would experience in the coming days.

A gift that would give them the courage and strength to go on.

A gift they could share with the whole world.

The first thing Jesus did was get down on his hands and knees to wash the feet of his disciples.

Jesus knew that washing their feet would help them relax. He knew that this act of tenderness would prepare them to receive the depth of divine love.

And so, Jesus took warm water....

And took their dusty, tired feet, into his hands.

And he washed them.

The Washing of the Feet



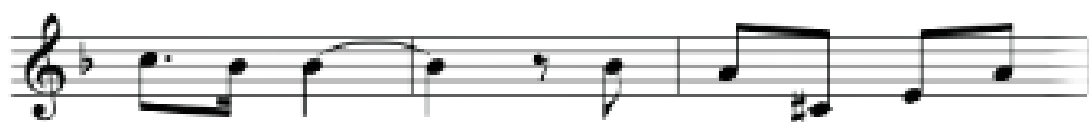
1. Dear Je - sus, when you gath - ered all your friends to eat.
2. You will not let us hide with - in a ho - ly place.
3. As on the dus - ty road of life we walk with you,
4. Come, Je - sus, wash our hearts and give us, deep with - in,



— and kneel-ing like a ser-vant, washed their dir-ty feet. —
 — but send us out to de-mons-trate your heal-ing grace. —
 — come, wash our ach-ing feet a-gain, and give a-new —
 — the joy of hope re-born, and of for-gi-ven sin, —



— you sent them to a world that would not
 — to fol-low your ex-am-ple and to
 — the joy-ful love that, in a world so
 — as with the danc-ing feet of heav-en's



un-der-stand, — through dan-ger as your
 wash the feet — of tra-vel-ers and
 pi-ti-less, — can bind the wounds of
 mes-sen-gers — we speak a-bout your



mes-sen-gers to ev-ery land. —
 suf-fe-rers we chance to meet. —
 wea-ri-ness and deep dis-tress. —
 love, and sing your pro-mi-ses. —

Lavapé (El lavado de los pies)

Marcha Rancho ♩ = 76



S: 1. Je - sus, tu re - u - nis-te, es teus a - mi - gos. —
 P: 1. Je - sús, tú re - u - nis-te, a tus a - mi - gos: —
 E: 1. Dear Je - sus, when you gath-ered all your friends to eat



e - lles la - vas - te os pés, hu - mil - de - men - te,
 sus - pis a - lí - la - vas - te hu - mil - de - men - te.
 and kneel - ing like a ser - vant, washed their dir - ty feet,

When Jesus had finished, he went on to say:
 “Now that I have washed your feet, you should go and wash one another’s feet.
 I have given you an example. You should do as I have done for you.

Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than their master.
 No messenger is greater than the one who sent them.

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

This is a Gift of Tenderness.
Thanks be to God.

THE GIFT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God, of our God.

WORSHIP HOSTS

Worship Design Team: Pastor Jeff Wells, Pastor Alexis Lillie, Jorge Lockward, Alfida Figueroa, Riot Mueller, Katie Reimer

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Ministers of Care:

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Saxophone & Flute: Matthew Willis

Keyboard: Danielle Haupt

Drums & Percussion: Juan Felipe Mayorga

Ushers: Maurice White & Sam Winfrey

Zoom Host:

Chat Host:

Sound Engineer: Inti Maldonado

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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

April 14 – Maundy Thursday	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday worship
April 15 – Good Friday	9:00am – 10:00am 6:00pm	Together in Prayer (via Zoom) Good Friday worship
April 16 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
April 17 – Easter Sunday	10:10am 10:30am	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live)
April 19 – Tuesday	10:30am 3:30pm – 5:30pm	COTV Online Fitness (via Zoom) TRDP: Food Pantry
April 20 – Wednesday	6:00pm	Bible Study (via Zoom)
April 21 – Thursday	6:30pm – 7:45pm 8:30pm	Choir rehearsal L.O.V.E. (via Zoom)

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!*

HOLY WEEK 2022



Join us this Holy Week in person at 201 West 13th Street (7th Ave and 13th St.) in NYC or online at facebook.com/churchofthevillage

Maundy Thursday, 4/14, 6pm

Good Friday, 4/15, 6pm

Easter Sunday, 4/17, 10:30am

UMCOR: UKRAINE



United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Visit <https://umcmission.org/umcor/ukraine/> for more information.

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.

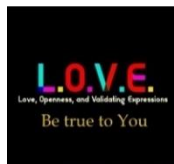
COTV CHOIR

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

1st & 3rd Thursdays; 8:30pm ET



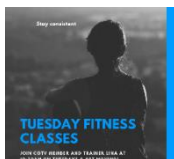
Our LGBTQA+ group is re-imagined as L.O.V.E (love, openness, and validating expressions!) will meet every Thursday via this [link](#) to discuss a variety of topics, grow friendships, and gather support from one another.

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

Tuesdays, 10:30 am ET



COTV Online Fitness with Lina returns Tuesdays at 10:30 am ET.

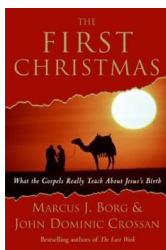
Join us via [Zoom!](#)

Meeting ID: 878 7016 4212

Passcode: fitness

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: *THE FIRST CHRISTMAS*

Wednesdays; 6:00pm



Our current study, *The First Christmas* by Marcus Borg, examines the Advent and post-Advent stories all the way through Easter that are recorded in the gospels. We are looking at the similarities and differences of each story in the various Gospels. Everyone is invited to join us.

The group meets Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to join. 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 from 3:30 – 5:30pm. No early line up permitted before 3pm.

Lineup will begin behind the rope at 3pm on the corner of 7th Avenue and 13th Street.

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!

The huge increase in unemployment and homelessness means that The Red Door Place has gone from providing food for 1,700 persons before the pandemic, to 2,500 in April, to now more than *4,000 persons every week*. TRDP has plenty of volunteers. **What we need is money.** We are desperately trying to keep enough food coming in to give out to every guest. TRDP is one of only a few emergency food programs in Manhattan still giving out a significant amount of food to each guest at the pantry on Tuesdays and still offering a hot meal on Saturdays.

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) 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.

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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