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May 19, 2024 • Pentecost Sunday
Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Black Lives Matter / Welcome the Stranger, including Migrants and Refugees
Stop Hate Against Muslims, Jews, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders



God Enliven(s) Us!

WE GATHER

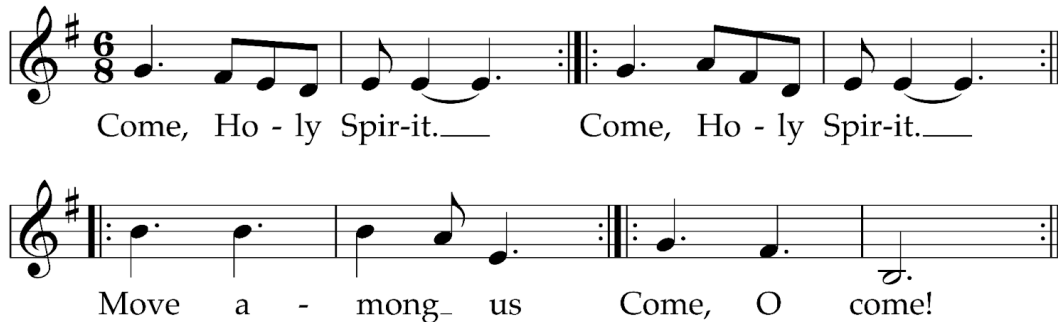
“The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Lenni-Lenape, called ‘Lenapehoking.’ The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some also remain among the continuing historical tribal communities of the region: The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation; the Ramapough Lenape Nation; and the Powhatan Lenape 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 & SHARING GOD’S PEACE

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 & OPENING PRAYER



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff has two measures: 'Come, Ho - ly Spir-it.____' and 'Come, Ho - ly Spir-it.____'. The second staff has two measures: 'Move a - mong_ us' and 'Come, O come!'. Both staves include repeat signs at the end of each measure.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

The hand of YHWH was upon me, and it carried me away by the Spirit of YHWH and set me down in a valley—a valley full of bones. God made me walk up and down among them. And I saw that there was a vast number of bones lying there in the valley, and they were very dry.

God asked me, “Mere mortal, can these bones live?”

I answered, “Only you know that, Sovereign YHWH.”

And God said, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them:

‘Dry bones, hear the word of YHWH!

Sovereign YHWH says to these bones: I am going to breathe life into you.

I will fasten sinews on you, clothe you with flesh, cover you with skin, and give you breath. And you will live; and you will know that I am Sovereign YHWH.’ ”

So I prophesied as I was commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and all the bones came together, bone to matching bone. As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh clothed them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

Then God said to me, “Prophesy to the wind; prophesy, mere mortal, and say to it: ‘Thus says Sovereign YHWH: Approach from the four winds, Breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’ ”

I prophesied as I was commanded, and breath came into them; they came alive, and stood up on their feet—a vast multitude.

Then God said to me, “Mere mortal, these bones are the whole House of Israel. The people keep saying, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is gone, and we are doomed.’ Prophesy, therefore, and say to them, ‘Thus says Sovereign YHWH: I am going to open your graves and raise you up from the dead, my people. I will return you to the land of Israel. When I open your graves and raise you up, you, my people, will know that I am YHWH. Then I will put my Spirit into you and you will return to life, and I will settle you back on your own land. Then you will know that I, YHWH, have spoken and made all this happen, says Sovereign YHWH.’ ”

The Word of Life and Salvation.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Have You Met Jesus?
Pastor Jeff Wells
Lead Pastor, Church of the Village

WE RESPOND

A TIME OF SHARING

**In your own life or what you experience in the world,
where do you see God at work reviving “dry bones”
and promoting thriving and new life?**

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE

Spirit of God

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

**Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
blow as you always do; create us anew.**

**Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.**

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

**Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
*Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!***

**Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
*Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!***

INVITATION & RELEASE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

All: **Our hearts are lifted!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God!

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(call and echo)

Holy, holy, holy

God of Loving Power

Heaven and Earth are full to the brim

Are full of your glory

Blessed is the One who comes

In the name of Love

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

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

Revival in the Land

In the last days proclaimed by the prophet Joel
God's gonna pour the Spirit upon all flesh
The old will dream, the young shall see
Everyone will be made free
There's gonna be a revival in the land.

There's gonna be a revival in the land
There's gonna be a revival in the land (in the land)
From the north, the south, the east and the west
There's gonna be a revival in the land

Whosoever will that calls on the name of Jesus,
whoever shall call on his name shall be saved.
Abuse will cease. There shall be peace.
And joy will overflow to the streets.
There's gonna be a revival in the land.

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

For the Harvest of the Spirit



WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

I'm Gonna Sing

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says: "Sing" ///
I will sing with the Spirit of Love.

I'm gonna dance...

I'm gonna shout...

WORSHIP HOSTS

Worship Design: Pastor Jeff Wells, Pastor Alexis Lillie, Jorge Lockward,
Alfida Figueroa & Katie Reimer

Lector/Reader: Sarah Capers

Onsite Communion Assistant: Franco Rolon

Online Communion: Jim Norton

Dance Ministry: Martine Mallary, Ted Warner, Aza Prem Charu & Megan Haungs

Call to Offering: John Wesley Heaton

Altar Design: John C. Flake & Scarlett Begonia

Visuals Design: Bailey Roach & Katie Reimer

Organ: Michael Johnson

Keyboard: Jorge Lockward

Sax/Clarinet/Flute/Bass: Matthew Willis

Drums & Percussion: Juan Felipe Mayorga

Zoom Host: Gabriel Borges

Sound Engineer: Maya Maldonado

Ministers of Care: TBD (onsite) & Jim Norton (online)

Communion Prayer: Rev. M Jade Kaiser, enflashed

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The Jesus in Me (When the Spirit in Me)

W & M: Anonymous

Alternate lyrics by Jorge Lockward

Come, Holy Spirit

W & M: John Bell

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Spirit of God

W & M: Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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Sanctus (ST BRIDE)

W: Liturgical text

M: ST BRIDE

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Revival in the Land

W & M: Renee Morris, arr. Don Hart

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For the Fruits of All Creation

(3rd. stz. For the Harvests of the Spirit)

W: Fred Pratt Green

M: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh melody

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I'm Gonna Sing

W & M: African American Spiritua

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

May 19 – Sunday	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm	Choir Rehearsal Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Community Closet
May 21 – Tuesday	2:00pm – 5:00pm	The Red Door Place: Food Pantry
May 22 – Wednesday	6:30pm-7:30pm 6:30pm	Bible Study: Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time Choir Rehearsal
May 25 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	The Red Door Place: Community Meal
May 26 – Sunday	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm	Choir Rehearsal Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Community Closet

2024 Stewardship Campaign

Community, Commitment, and Courage

I give because I need to support the people and places that give me life.

I give because I gotta put my money where my mouth is...

I give because this community looks like God's Kin-dom in action to me.

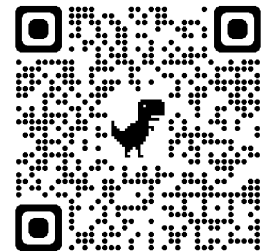
I give because this is the place in my life where I encounter the biggest variety of God's Children, and I love it!

We, the Stewardship Team, are grateful for the many ways your commitment to our community expresses itself. In particular, we are grateful that you see financial giving as one of the ways in which you covenant with other members of this community and with the God whose love draws us together and outward to the world in which our lives are lived. As you give prayerful discernment to your gifting for 2024 – your expression of solidarity with fellow journeyers in faith – please consider the many individuals, initiatives, and hopes that reside in our congregation and give as generously as you are able.

You can express your commitment via: <https://www.churchofthevillage.org/2024-stewardship-campaign>. Or, if you have questions, via: Email giving@churchofthevillage.org.

As we work together to foster, support and grow, we have tried to make it easy to give. Apart from our weekly collection basket for those on site, we offer the following:

- **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER/DIRECT PAYMENT**
- **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!



Jason Brubaker



John Kleinig



Jorge Lockward



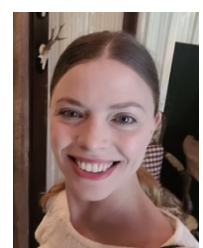
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QUEER VOICES IN PRIDE-FULL CELEBRATION

A new worship series: Sunday May 26 – Sunday June 30

The month of June always brings a spirit of celebration to Church of the Village as we commemorate years of struggle for civil rights and the ongoing pursuit of equal justice under the law for LGBTQIA+ persons. This year we are especially joyful in light of the recent decision in the United Methodist Church to excise harmful language and fully include those in the LGBTQIA+ community. After much struggle, the door has been pushed open and we must now walk through it and fully claim and insist on change! Join us this Pride month as we center queer voices and learn from queer experience. It's important now more than ever!

COMMUNITY CLOSET

Sundays, Noon to 1pm.



Community Closet is seeking donations!

Ready to let go of some of your gently used clothing and accessories? Make space in your closet by helping to stock our free, inclusive, and identity-affirming community closet. Contributions can be brought to COTV on Sundays or email Pastor Alexis to arrange a possible pick-up!

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 for more info!

DANCE PRAYER

Every third Thursday of the month, 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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time

Wednesdays at 6:30pm



Please join us as we read, discuss, and expand our understanding of the life and times of Jesus through the book "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" written by Marcus J Borg. In this study, Marcus Borg addresses the yearnings of those who want a fully contemporary faith that welcomes rather than oppresses our critical intelligence and openness to the best of historical scholarship. Borg shows how a rigorous examination of historical findings can lead to a new faith in Christ, one that is critical and, at the same time, sustaining.

We would be delighted to have you join us. Everyone is Welcome. Facilitated by Sarah Capers, Deaconess.

Join us via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/713063594>

Join us 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) 687-5321 or visit www.thereddoorplace.org.

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 TO THE RED DOOR PLACE, 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

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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.



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