



A progressive, radically inclusive, anti-racist community

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Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

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



Embracing Solidarity, Resisting Neutrality

WE GATHER

“The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Leni-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 Leni-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 Leni-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

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

WE PROCLAIM

CALL TO LISTEN

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Come, come, who - ev - er__ you_ are,__

wor-ship-per, wan-der-er,__ lov - er__ of leav - ing._

Ours is not a ca - ra - van__ of des - pair.

Though you have brok-en your vows__ a thou - sand times,

— Come, come a - gain come!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (Adapted from the New Revised Standard Version)

The word of God that came to Zephaniah,
son of Cushi, son of Gedaliah, son of Amariah, son of Hezekiah,
in the days of King Josiah, son of Amon of Judah.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
“God will not do good,
nor will God do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of God is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of God’s day is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against God,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the God’s wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
God will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Embracing Solidarity, Resisting Neutrality

Pastor Alexis Lillie

Minister for Leadership and Congregational Development, Church of the Village

WE RESPOND

A TIME OF SHARING

- Where can we interrupt "self-reinforcing" solidarity?

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE

We Resist

We resist, we refuse to let hatred in!

We rise up, we won't back down!

We're in this 'til the end.

Pray for your enemies! Welcome the stranger!

Show love to your neighbor! We're in this 'til the end.

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: **Our hearts are lifted!**

One: Let us give thanks to God!

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

(call and echo)

Le-lo Le-lo Lai-lo (3x)

Lo-le Lo-le Lo-lai.

Holy, holy, holy,

God of loving pow'r.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God's love.

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray

Upon the mountain my God spoke
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
Till I asked my God if all was mine.

Jordan river, is chilly and cold
It chills the body but not the soul
There ain't but one train, upon this track
It runs to heaven, and right back.

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Everyday Is a Day of Thanksgiving

**Everyday is a day of thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Everyday you're blessing me.
Everyday is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my God, today!**

**You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
you opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.
And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
I will glorify you, O my God, today!**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

Draw the Circle Wide

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide**

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still!
Let this be our song: no one stands alone!
Standing side by side
draw the circle, draw the circle wide**

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
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Keyboard: Jorge Lockward
Sax/Clarinet/Flute/Bass: Matthew Willis
Drums & Percussion: Juan Felipe Mayorga
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Zoom Host: Martha Chapman
Zoom Chat: Sarah Witman

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The Jesus in Me (When the Spirit in Me)

W & M: Author Unknown

Alternate lyrics by Jorge Lockward

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

W: attr. Jalal ad-Din Rumi, 1207-1273, tr. unknown

M: Jorge Lockward

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We Resist

W & M: Mark A. Miller

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Sanctus (le lo le lo lai lo)

Spanish Villancico adapted by William Loperena O.P.

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Every Time I Feel the Spirit

W & M: African American Spiritual

arr. William L. Dawson

Everyday is a Day of Thanksgiving

W & M: Leonard Burks

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Draw the Circle Wide

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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

November 19 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm 12:00pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Community Closet Pageant Rehearsal
November 20 – Monday	6:30pm	Cantico Nuevo Choir rehearsal
November 21 – Tuesday	2:00pm – 5:00pm 7:00pm	TRDP: Food Pantry Roots (via Zoom)
November 22 – Wednesday	9:00am 6:30pm	Together in Prayer (via Zoom) Choir Rehearsal
November 25 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
November 26 – Sunday	9:30am 10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm 12:30pm	Choir rehearsal Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Community Closet Healing Conversations

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!*

UBUNTU: THE ART OF LIVING TOGETHER

a new worship series



"Ubuntu" is a South African term often translated as, "I am because we are." It connotes an interdependence on one another, an existence that is made possible by others in the community. In this worship series, we'll explore how our lives can be enriched in a loving, Christ-centered community where we are seen, cherished, called, and challenged.

Join us this Fall as we grow toward a deeper sense of knowing and belonging to God and each other. For this series, we're bringing back topical conversations after the Sunday service! Join us in-person or online to discuss the theme of each week's worship and preaching.

SHARING SYMBOLS OF GOD'S ABUNDANCE FOR THE ALTAR

Many thanks to all who have contributed symbols of God's abundance for use in the church altar this season. We have had items brought from all regions and mostly from nature.

As we approach Thanksgiving later this month, there is still a chance to bring symbols. Please contact John C. Flake (johncflake@gmail.com) / (347) 462-5892 who coordinates Altar Design for Church of the Village.

COTV CHRISTMAS MARKET



December 9 (10a-6pm) & December 10 (1pm-6pm)

Come to COTV's Christmas Market to shop handmade gifts, jewelry, ornaments, knitting, sewing, oils, woodworking, holiday cards, pottery, etc. from local artists. Enjoy a festive atmosphere and sip hot apple cider, coffee and cookies provided by COTV.

We are also looking for vendors interested in selling their products. To sign up, fill out this form - forms.gle/JLAdy5UrorKXgRsF8. To ask questions, write to office@churchofthevillage.org.



COTV CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 17, 10 AM

We are looking for folks to get involved in our Christmas Pageant at Church of the Village! Actors, tech crew, stagehands, etc. please reach out to Martha Chapman (marthachapman62@gmail.com) to find out more.

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

HEALING CONVERSATIONS

(Every 4th Sunday of the month); 12:30pm

Healing Conversations is a place to share your feelings about the losses in your life in a safe, supportive, and friendly atmosphere. Your feelings of loss may be caused by events that are recent or in the distant past. You are invited to join our small group on site or online via Zoom (**Meeting ID:** 838 5366 1938 **Passcode:** 690827).

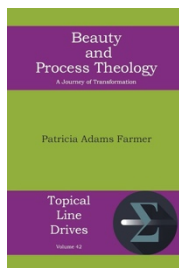
TOGETHER IN PRAYER

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: *BEAUTY AND PROCESS THEOLOGY*

Wednesdays; 6:30pm



In this book, theologian and pastor Patricia Adams Farmer invites us to move beyond limiting ways we have of speaking of God. She sees God as both beautiful and the ongoing author of beauty. God invites us in living a vision, and that vision is not just “good” in some abstract sense. It is attractive. It draws us in. It is active. It challenges us.

Learn to think about and experience God in a new way as you bring process and beauty together. The journey is worth it! We would be delighted to have you join us. **Everyone is Welcome.** 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) 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, 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.



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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