

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Tony Conragan - success with his job search in Idaho; Joe Farrell - praise for successful heart surgery and a speedy recovery; Linka Parlee - healing from a skull fracture; Village Christian Academy - for guidance and clarity through next steps; friends and family with cancer; missionaries throughout the world; those who need the saving grace of Jesus.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALPHA COURSE & DINNER** is meeting Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room. These free events are designed for everyone of all faith levels and none. Please invite your friends and neighbors who might be interested in learning about the basics of the Christian faith in a non-threatening, friendly atmosphere.

**MAY POTLUCK** will next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00am worship service. In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, the church will provide yummy burritos. Please bring a side or topping for burritos or dessert. Join us for good food and fellowship.

**TOWNHALL MEETING** next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Following our potluck, the Church Renovation/Remodel committee will present their decisions regarding the “refresh” of the Sanctuary. This presentation will include the timeline, projected cost and their decisions on paint, flooring, etc. We encourage all to attend. A straw poll will be taken. The vote will be thumbs up or thumbs down to continue forward with the “refresh.”

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED.** Do you have a heart to teach children about Jesus? Please talk with Debra Ornelas about volunteering to teach Sunday School. All lesson plans and crafts will be provided. Even if your availability is only occasional, we could use you.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets Mondays at 6:00pm at the Church House.

**INCLINE SMALL GROUP** meets in the Ferrell’s House at 6:30pm.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets Wednesday mornings at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

**OFFERING BOXES** are located on the rail of the sound booth as you enter the Sanctuary and in the front pews. Just drop your offering in the boxes. We are very appreciative of your financial support of this church.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- May 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #3 “Why Did Jesus Die?”
- May 5<sup>th</sup>: The Lord’s Supper; Potluck Lunch; Townhall Meeting
- May 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #4 “How Can I Have Faith?”
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: Mother’s Day
- May 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #5 “Why and How Do I Pray?”
- May 19<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #6 “Why and How Should I Read the Bible?”
- May 26<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Sunday; Memorial Day Weekend
- May 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #7 “How Does God Guide Us?”
- June 8<sup>th</sup>: Michael McNulty Memorial 2:00pm
- June 15<sup>th</sup>: Church Workday
- June 29<sup>th</sup>: Church Workday
- June 30<sup>th</sup>: First Outdoor Worship of the Season



**CELEBRATION  
OF  
WORSHIP  
April 28, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

**~WE WORSHIP THE LORD~**

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH** Pastor Jeff Ogden  
Welcome to the Village Church! If you have a prayer request for the prayer team or would like more information about life here at The Village Church please use the blue Connect Card in the pew racks.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 145* *Millie Clarke*

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

**\*House Of The Lord**

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.  
We worship the God who evermore will be.  
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.  
My God, He holds the victory, yeah.

*Chorus* There’s joy in the house of the Lord.  
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today.  
And we won’t be quiet. We shout out Your praise.  
There’s joy in the house of the Lord.  
Our God is surely in this place. And we won’t be quiet.  
We shout out Your praise. Oh, oh, oh,  
We shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.  
We sing to the God who always makes a way.  
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave.  
My God’s still rolling stones away.

*Chorus*

*Bridge* We were the beggars, now we’re royalty.  
We were the prisoners, now we’re running free.  
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.  
'Cause We were the beggars, now we’re royalty.  
We were the prisoners, now we’re running free.  
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

*Chorus x 2*

***\*Here I Am To Worship***

Light of the world, You stepped out into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Chorus* So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

*Chorus*

*Bridge* I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

*Chorus x2*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Pastor Jeff Ogden

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has worked in us your holy will. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**~WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD~**

**PASTORAL PRAYERS, SILENT PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER**

***The Lord's Prayer***

Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
And the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

**~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~**

**Message Title: *Gentle and Lowly***

Pastor Jeff Ogden

**Scripture: *Matthew 11:28-30***

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**SONG OF WORSHIP**

***\*His Mercy Is More***

*Chorus* Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient all knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

*Chorus* Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us?  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

*Chorus* Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.  
*Repeat*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***\*May the Lord, Mighty God***

May the Lord, mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace,  
Courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes, and see His face,  
And His grace forever.  
May the Lord mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever.

***A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "Our Lord Jesus is ever giving and does not for a solitary instant withdraw his hand. As long as there is a vessel of grace not yet full to the brim, the oil shall not be stayed. He is a sun ever-shining; he is manna always falling round the camp; the rain of his grace is always dropping; the river of his bounty is ever-flowing, and the well-spring of his love is constantly overflowing."***

***Charles Spurgeon***