Good, Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like, But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night; You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone;

Chorus You're a Good, Good Father -

It's who You are; it's who You are; it's who You are;

And I'm loved by You -

It's who I am; it's who I am; it's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide, But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide. Because You know just what we need before we say a word.

Chorus x2

Bridge You are perfect in all of Your ways;
You are perfect in all of Your ways;
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.
(Repeat)

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still into love, love

Chorus x2

O Sing a Song Hymn #208

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there, And of the news that came to them from angels in the air. The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today; Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of His dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill, Of Him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still. For though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll, When faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay, Of Him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away. For He who died on Calvary is risen from the grave, And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Don Ferrell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patti Boxeth

Holy God, in your presence you tolerate nothing sinful, yet through the blood of Jesus you make it possible to cleanse ourselves of sin and share the joy of your household. We come to you now in search of the mercy won for us on the cross. We have failed to love you with all our hearts, all our souls, all our minds, all our strength. It is clear, even to us, that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In the silent chambers of our hearts, we confess those sins that trouble us most: (At this time, take a moment for silent confession.) For Jesus' sake, grant us pardon, and release us from our bondage to sin. Grant us time for amendment of life; and the testimony of a conscience free from guilt. As we receive forgiveness from you, make us quick to reconcile with those who ask forgiveness from us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Prayer Offering Offertory

~~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD ~~

Message: "Invitation to a Party" Pastor Jeff Ogden
Scripture: Luke 14:12-24 Pew Bible Pages 1622-1623

Hymn #318

WORSHIP SONG

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;

Mount of Thy redeeming love.

This my glad commemoration
That 'til now I've safely come:

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee; Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love: Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

*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.

*Those who are able will please stand.

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USHERS WORSHIP ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Paul & Vickie Twichell
Patti Boxeth
Don Ferrell

In Our Prayers: Nancy Irwin - health issues; Rob Robins - still in lots of pain; Tom Donat - continued healing from pneumonia and knee surgery; Pastor Tony Conragan - healing from knee surgery; safe travels; loss of loved ones; the homeless; Veterans; those serving our nation and their families; the New Year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVERED DISH POTLUCK LUNCH - TODAY. We will gather for a potluck with a "comfort food" theme today after the 10:00 a.m. service. Folks have brought their favorite casserole, crockpot dish and etc. Join us for good food and fellowship.

DEACON'S MEETING - TODAY Deacons will be meeting in Room A following the potluck.

ANNUAL REPORTS from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Tuesday, January 10th. Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to Pastor Jeff or to Annie Payne at apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING. The Women's Ministries Board will be meeting on Tuesday, January $10^{\rm th}$ at 9:00 a.m. in Fireside Room.

SESSION MEETING Wednesday, January 11th. Our Session will be meeting Wednesday, January 11th at 2:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.

VISION COMMITTEE MEETING will be on Thursday, January 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.

2017 FLOWER CALENDAR is on the bulletin board in the church lobby. Remember and honor a loved one or special event in your life by providing flowers for worship. Ann or another volunteer in the church will purchase your flowers, arrange them and deliver them to the church for only \$25. Sign up early and often!

MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. As you look forward to 2017, prayerfully consider joining one of our mission trips. We will be joining with YouthCompass again to send a mission crew to Slovakia from April 7th to April 15th. There will also be a dental and construction mission trip to Belize from May 19th to May 27th. Both trips are open to all - a heart to serve the Lord is the only requirement. If you have questions or are interested in signing up please speak with Jane Dykstra.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PRESENT..."Jesus, unlike the founder of any other major faith, holds out hope for ordinary human life. Our future is not an ethereal, impersonal form of consciousness. We will not float through the air, but rather will eat, embrace, sing, laugh, and dance in the kingdom of God, in degrees of power, glory, and joy that we can't at the present imagine." Timothy Keller



ECO NATIONAL CONFERENCE January 24th-26th in Greenville, South Carolina. Please be in prayer as those from our church will be travelling to attend the conference

2016 ANNUAL REPORT. A draft of our 2016 Annual Report will be available for your review on February 5th. A finalized version will be presented at the congregational annual meeting on February 12th.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. We will hold our Annual Meeting on February 12th following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Various ministries and committees of our church will be sharing and the 2017 budget will be presented along with Pastor Jeff's terms of call.

SERMON NOTES



The Village Church is affiliated with ECO:
A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.
For more information, see our website:
www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or www.eco-pres.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

- January 10th: Annual Reports Due; Women's Ministry Board Meeting
- January 11th: Session Meeting
- January 12th: Vision Committee Meeting
- January 22nd Installation and Ordination of Church Officers
- January 24th 26th: ECO National Gathering
- February 5th: Lord's Supper
- February 12th: Chili Cook-off Youth Fundraiser; Congregational Meeting

The Village Church Vision

We're growing closer to Christ, one step at a time, as we increase our participation in the congregation, community and beyond.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

January 8, 2017 - January 15, 2017 **TODAY** 8 & 10 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary No Choir Practice 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Covered Dish Potluck Lunch - Fireside Room 11:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m Deacon's Meeting - Room A 12:00 p.m. Special Ops Outreach **MONDAY** Office Closed Swipe Youth Bible Study - Starbucks $5:00 \ p.m.$ **TUESDAY** 9:00 a.m. Women's Ministry Board Meeting - Fireside Room 2:37 p.m. Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study Men's Study - Fireside Room 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Incline Small Group - Jim and Jane Dykstra's Home

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>

6:30 a.m. Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Fireside Room

10:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer - Pastor's Study 2:00 p.m. Session Meeting - Pastor's Study

6 to 8:00 p.m. Upper Room Group - Middle School and High School - Y/R

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Vision Committee Meeting - Pastor's Study

7:00 p.m. AL-ANON Meeting - Room A 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Fireside Room

SUNDAY

Pastor Jeff Ogden Preaching

Message: "The Cost of Discipleship"

Scripture: Luke 14:25-35 Worship Service - Sanctuary

8 & 10 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary 8:15 a.m. Choir Practice - Fireside Room

10:15 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Special Ops Outreach

Nancy Irwin - Preschool Staff

Jalvne Leonhart - Women's Ministries Moderator

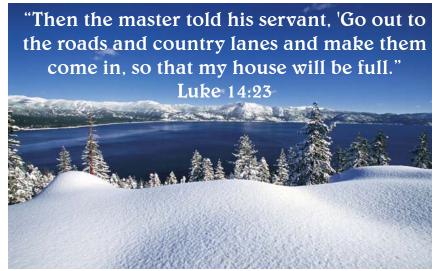
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Church Leadership:

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director Lili Arpino - Deacon Ted Bandaruk - Deacon Ann O'Keefe - Deacon Patti Boxeth - Deacon Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor Gary Boxeth - Elder Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff Annie Payne - Office Manager Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor Tom Payne - Deacon Chuck Dowd - Elder Chris Peterson - Elder Jane Dykstra - Elder Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff Jon Fay - Choir Director Ann Schofield - Financial Admin. & Clerk of Session Kristen Ferrall - Deacon Don Ferrell - Elder Karen Schumann - Elder Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Roland Schumann - Elder Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director Jason Stanton - Accompanist Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager Tim Gilbert - Custodian Janet Howell - Preschool Staff Debby Wiens - Pianist Samantha Woodman - Preschool Staff Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff

Michele Young - Elder





CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP January 8, 2017 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 fill out the blue Connection Card in the pew rack in front of you and either place it in the offering plate or leave it on your seat. You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates. We are glad you are here with us today!

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Famous One

Chorus You are the Lord,

The famous One, famous One, Great is Your name in all the earth!

The heavens declare You're glorious glorious;

Great is Your fame beyond the earth!

And for all You've done and yet to do With ev'ry breath I'm praising You; Desire of nations and ev'ry heart: You alone are God.

Chorus

The Morning Star is shining through And ev'ry eye is watching You; Revealed by nature and miracles, You are beautiful.

You alone are God.

You alone are God.

Chorus