

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR LORD'S SUPPER this morning. Membership is not a requirement to share in communion with us. All those who repent and profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and baptized children being raised in the faith are invited to participate in this Sacrament. If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

*A PRAYER OF PERSONS SEARCHING FOR TRUTH:* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*A PRAYER OF BELIEF:* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

### SAVE THE DATE!

January 9<sup>th</sup>: Adult Sunday School Class - Growing in Christ  
January 10<sup>th</sup>: Reno Small Group Meet & Greet  
January 12<sup>th</sup>: Annual Reports Due to Church Office  
January 13<sup>th</sup>: Women's Ministries Board Meeting  
January 19<sup>th</sup>: Session Meeting  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Ordination and Installation of Church Officers  
February 9<sup>th</sup>: Alpha Course and Dinner Begins

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POINSETTIAS.** If you would like to enjoy the beauty of a poinsettia this winter, please take one home today. The poinsettias remaining in the sanctuary need a home.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND GREETERS.** We are in need of folks willing to serve as worship assistant and greeters. Church membership is not required nor do you need to be an elder to serve as worship assistant. Contact Anne in the church office if you are interested.

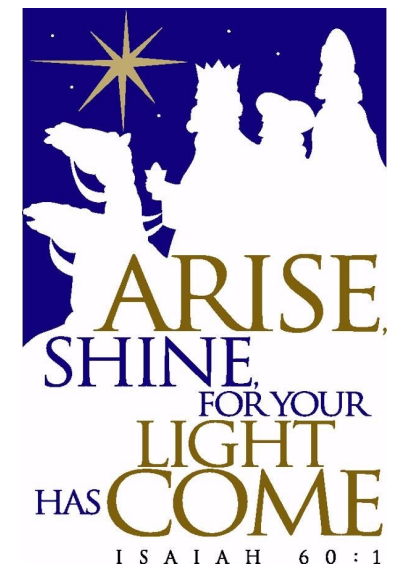
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - GROWING IN CHRIST** will begin on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:10am in the Fireside Room. This class will be led by Elder Darlene Johnson.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to the church office at [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org).

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING.** The Women's Ministries Board will be meeting on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom and in person in the Fireside Room.

**SESSION** will meet Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person.

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP:** Mondays at 5:00pm. Pastor Tony is leading this group.



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
*The Lord's Supper*  
January 2, 2022  
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 email the Church at [info@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:info@thevillagechurchnv.org) You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Don Ferrell

#### **SONGS OF WORSHIP**

##### *\*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  
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*Chorus x2*

### ***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world, by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death - this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home - here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

### **TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Great God our Father: you have given us Jesus, light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to sins that hide the brightness of your love. We are frightened disciples who are slow to speak your Good News. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with the Holy Spirit, so that forgiven and renewed, we may preach your word to the nations, and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. 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: "A Light to the Gentiles"**

**Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12**

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Pages 1497-1498

### **~SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER~**

#### **INVITATION**

#### **SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

#### **WORSHIP SONG**

##### ***\*As With Gladness Men Of Old***

Hymn #202

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward beaming bright,  
So most gracious Lord may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

##### **\*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*

**OUR PRAYERS:** Steve Jensen - healing; Karen Pennacchio - comfort & peace;  
Michael (Friend of Tom Payne) - healing from motorcycle crash; Church  
Visioning; Everyone with cancer; Everyone grieving the loss of a loved one.

**A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST...** "Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die." *Peter Chrysologus*



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