

**SAVE THE DATE!**

January 8<sup>th</sup>: Grief Share starts back up tomorrow night  
January 16<sup>th</sup>: Annual Reports due  
January 21<sup>st</sup>: Ordination & Installation of Church Officers  
February 4<sup>th</sup>: The Lord's Supper  
February 11<sup>th</sup>: Potluck Lunch and Annual Congregational Meeting

**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NO POTLUCK TODAY.** Our next potluck will be on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP.** Please join us in the Fireside Room following our 10:00am worship service for treats and coffee.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Tuesday, January 16<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).

**HOSPITALITY REQUEST:** During the winter months we have less people on our hospitality teams that provide treats for Sundays. Please email [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org) if you would like to get on a list to help with the shortfall during the winter months. We will have a signup sheet where you can pick the Sunday you would like to help out.

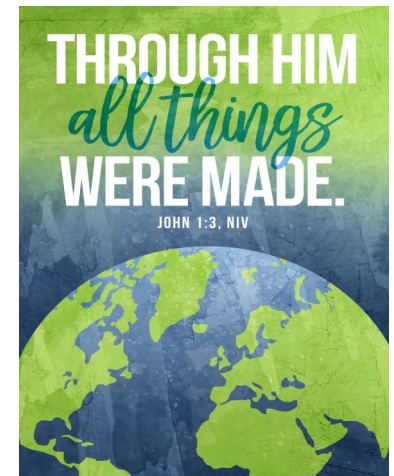
**GRIEF SHARE GROUP** meets Mondays at 5:00pm and will be starting back up tomorrow night, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Tony leads this group.

**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.



**VIRTUAL CONNECTION CARD**

Need to update or add your information to our Church Directory? Just scan this QR code to enter your information. The Village Church is in the process of updating our directory with an improved interface for our friends and members.



**CELEBRATION  
OF  
WORSHIP  
The Lord's Supper  
January 7, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

**~WE WORSHIP THE LORD~**

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor Tony Conragan

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. Just scan the QR code on the card or on the back of the bulletin. Or, fill out the card and drop it into the offering box.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 90*

Ed Windham

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*\*Yes I Will*

I count on one thing - the same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now, You won't fail me now.  
In the waiting, the same God who's never late  
Is working all things out, You're working all things out.

*Chorus* Yes I will - lift You high in the lowest valley;  
Yes I will - bless Your name;  
Yes I will - sing for joy when my heart is heavy  
All my days, yes I will.

I count on one thing - the same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now, You won't fail me now.  
In the waiting, the same God who's never late  
Is working all things out, You're working all things out.

*Chorus*

*Bridge* I choose to praise, to glorify, glorify  
The name of all names that nothing can stand against.  
*Repeat*

*End* Yes I will - lift You high in the lowest valley;  
Yes I will - bless Your name;  
Yes I will - sing for joy when my heart is heavy,  
All my days, yes I will. For all my days, yes I will.  
For all my days, yes I will.

***\*Who You Say I Am***

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me;  
I was lost but He brought me in - oh, His love for me;  
Oh, His love for me.

*Chorus 1* Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed;  
I'm a child of God - yes I am.

Free at last - He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep;  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me;  
Yes, He died for me.

*Chorus 2* Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed;  
I'm a child of God - yes I am.  
In my Father's house, there's a place for me;  
I'm a child of God - yes, I am.

*Bridge* I am chosen, not forsaken—I am who You say I am;  
You are for me, not against me—I am who You say I am  
I am chosen, not forsaken—I am who You say I am;  
You are for me, not against me -I am who You say I am;  
I am who You say I am.

*Ending* Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed;  
I'm a child of God - yes I am.  
In my Father's house, there's a place for me;  
I'm a child of God - yes, I am.  
In my Father's house, there's a place for me;  
I'm a child of God - yes, I am;

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Tony Conragan

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live in faith as your people, claimed in the waters of promise. 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: "365 Days of Christmas"***

Pastor Tony Conragan

***Scripture: John 1:1-14***

Pages: 1645 - 1646

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

**INVITATION**

**SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**WORSHIP SONG**

***\*Come to the Table***

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in,  
This is where grace begins. We were hungry, we were thirsty,  
With nothing left to give, oh, the shape that we were in.

*Pre-Chorus* Just when all hope seemed lost,  
Love opened the door for us.

*Chorus* He said: Come to the table.  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.  
Take your place beside the Savior.  
Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.

Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves.  
There's no one unwelcome here.  
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you,  
You can leave it at the door and let mercy draw you near.

*Chorus*

*Bridge* To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,  
To the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older,  
All who hunger all who thirst, all the last and all the first;  
All the paupers and the princes, all who've failed you've been forgiven,  
All who dream and all who suffer, all who've loved and lost another;  
All the chained and all the free, All who follow all who lead,  
Anyone who's been let down, All the lost you have been found;  
All who've been labeled right or wrong, to ev'ryone who hears this song.

End He said: Come to the table.  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.  
Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free.  
Come to the table; come to the table; come to the table.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "I am resolved to do anything  
which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life."***

***Jonathan Edwards***