

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUE TO WEATHER, we have postponed the Congregational Annual Meeting to today. We will gather in the Fireside Room following the 10:00am worship service to hear from various ministries of our Church. Annual Reports with 2024 budget information are available now.

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. Lenten devotionals are available on the counters in the Narthex. Pick one up today.

NEW MEMBER RETREAT. Are you interested in what it means to be a Covenant Partner of The Village Church? You are encouraged to attend a new member retreat on March 15th and 16th. We will gather for dinner and study on Friday night, March 15th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. On Saturday, March 16th, we will meet from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday. Please RSVP to the Church office if you are interested.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING PASTOR TONY'S many years of service to our Church with a "Summer Picnic" theme potluck on March 3rd. The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a picnic-type side. Pastor Tony's last day with us will be March 24th. Join us for another celebration with cake!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is off this week.

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

GRIEF SHARE GROUP meets Mondays at 5:00pm. Pastor Tony leads this group.

HOSPITALITY REQUEST: During the winter months we have less people on our hospitality teams that provide treats for Sundays. Please email Annie at apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org if you would like to get on a list to help with the shortfall during the winter months.

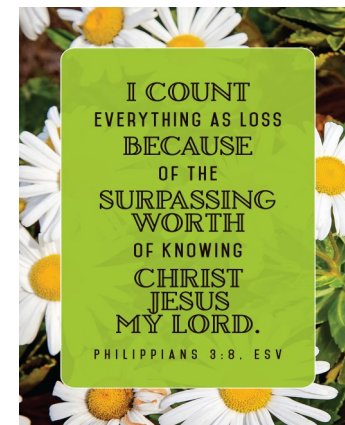
AV VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – If you are interested in helping out with running the slides for the computer or would like to help out with the soundboard for Sunday mornings please contact Annie Payne.

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.

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SAVE THE DATE!

- February 19th: Presidents Day – Preschool and Church Office closed
- March 3rd: "Summer Picnic" Potluck for Pastor Tony
- March 10th: Deacons Meeting
- March 15th and 16th: New Covenant Partner (Member) Retreat
- March 24th: Palm Sunday; Pastor Tony's last day
- March 28th: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- March 29th: Good Friday Service 7:00pm at Cornerstone Church
- March 31st: Easter Sunday; Easter Brunch



1st Sunday in Lent
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
February 18, 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. 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 103

Don Ferrell

SONGS OF WORSHIP

**Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies)*

You hear me when I call. You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night, It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear; You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield, Though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus I know Who goes before me, I know Who stands behind;
The God of angel armies is always by my side!
The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side!

My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save.
You will deliver me. Yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

Chorus

Bridge And nothing formed against me shall stand!
You hold the whole world in Your hands.
I'm holding on to Your promises;
You are faithful, You are faithful.

Repeat

Chorus x2

Ending The God of angel armies is always by my side!

~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~

Message Title: *“Pressing On”*

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Text: *Philippians 3:1-21*

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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*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, inclined toward comfort, self-interest, and pride. How hard it is for us to concede that your plan for us, though more rigorous and costly, surpasses our own: that pain and inconvenience, disappointment and denial, can pave the way for deeper joys in you; that the way of the Cross alone leads on to life. Forgive us, Father, for our shortsightedness and sin. Enable us, O Christ, by the power and encouragement of your Holy Spirit, to be drawn into the fellowship of your suffering. Help us to serve others in your name and witness to your truth. In your name, Jesus, we ask. 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.

WORSHIP SONG

****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.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Linka Parlee - healing from a skull fracture; Tiffany and Rob Kenyon -the birth of baby Caleb; Keelan McNulty - healing from back surgery; friends and family with cancer; missionaries throughout the world; those who need the saving grace of Jesus; youth in our community - for protection and wise decision-making.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... “The fact that Jesus Christ died is more important than the fact that I shall die, and the fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead is the sole ground of my hope that I, too, shall be raised on the Last Day. Our salvation is "external to us." I find no salvation in my life history, but only in the history of Jesus Christ.”
Dietrich Bonhoeffer