

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TACO POTLUCK TODAY. We will be celebrating Tony's many years of service to our Church with a taco theme potluck. The church is providing all the taco makings plus rice and beans. Join us for food and fellowship. Pastor Tony's last day with us will be March 24th. Join us for another celebration with cake.

DEACON MEETING next Sunday, March 17th following the 10:00am worship service.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS. We decorate the Sanctuary for Easter with beautiful blooming spring plants. If you would like to assist by purchasing a plant, the forms are on the counters in the Narthex. Your dedication to a loved one or special event in your life will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE March 28th. Join your church family for Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE on March 29th. Cornerstone Church will be hosting a community Good Friday service at 7:00pm.

EASTER SUNDAY IS MARCH 31ST. We will be hosting an Easter brunch following the 10:00am worship service. It takes a Village to make this happen! Please put your name down on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex to bring something for the brunch - an egg dish, sweet rolls, fresh fruit, etc.

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

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

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

CHURCH NAME TAGS. Need a name tag? Email Annie Payne at apayne@thevillagechurchhvnv.org if you would like one. Please include the spelling of how you want your name to appear on the tag.

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

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... *"It is possible to learn all about the mysteries of the Bible and never be affected by it in one's soul. Great knowledge is not enough."*
John Bunyan

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4th Sunday in Lent
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
March 10, 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 135

Ann Schofield

SONGS OF WORSHIP

**Your Love Defends Me*

You are my joy, You are my song;
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from.
You are my refuge my whole life long;
Where else would I go?

Chorus Surely my God is the strength of my soul;
Your love defends me, Your love defends me;
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me.

Day after day, night after night
I will remember - You're with me in this fight.
Although the battle, it rages on,
The war's already won. I know the war is already won.

Chorus

Bridge We sing hallelujah;
You're my portion, my salvation. Hallelujah.

Chorus x2

Ending We sing hallelujah - You're my portion my salvation;
Hallelujah - You're my portion my salvation.
Hallelujah - You're my portion my salvation.

****Before The Throne of God Above***

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable "I Am," the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

End One with Himself I cannot die,
 My soul is purchased with His blood;
 My life is hid with Christ on high,
 With Christ my Savior and my God,
 With Christ my Savior and my God,
 With Christ my Savior and my God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: "True Worship"

Scripture: Matthew 4:8-11, John 4:21-24

Pastor Jeff Ogden

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WORSHIP SONG

****Trust In God***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood,
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough.

Chorus I trust in God, My Savior
 The One who will never fail; He will never fail.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps.
So this is my story, and this is my song;
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long.

Bridge I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered;
 I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered;
 I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered;
 That's why I trust Him; That's why I trust Him.

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered;
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered;
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered;
That's why I trust Him,

End That's why I trust in God, My Savior
 The One who will never fail; He will never fail.
 I trust in God, My Savior
 The One who will never fail; He will never fail.

***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: Joe Farrell - diagnosis and healing; Linka Parlee - healing from a skull fracture; Village Christian Preschool - for the staff; 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; youth in our community - for protection and wise decision-making.

SAVE THE DATE!

- **March 15th and 16th: New Covenant Partner (Member) Retreat**
- **March 17th: Deacons Meeting**
- **March 21st: Session Meeting**
- **March 24th: Palm Sunday; Pastor Tony's last day; Preschool Kids Singing**
- **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**