

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... *“The soul in the attitude of prayer is like the flower turned upwards towards the sky and opening for the reception of the life-giving rain. What is prayer but an adoring appearing before God with a confession of our need and helplessness and a petition for His strength and blessing?”* **B. B. Warfield**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM SUNDAY is next Sunday, March 24th. Our Preschool children will be singing during the 10:00am worship service. Also, this is Pastor Tony and Stephanie’s last Sunday with us. We will honor him during the 10:00am service followed by cake in the Fireside Room. Join us for the celebration.

DEACON MEETING today following the 10:00am worship service.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY: Pastor Jeff invites you to join him at Burnt Cedar Beach for a sunrise service at 7:15am. Also, we will gather at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. There is no 8:00am service. Join us in celebration of our Risen Savior.

ALPHA COURSE & DINNER is starting April 17th at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room. These free events are designed for everyone of all faith levels and none. Please invite your friends and neighbors who might be interested in learning about the basics of the Christian faith in a non-threatening, friendly atmosphere

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

- 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; Sunrise Service 7:15am at Burnt Cedar Beach; 10:00am Service in the Sanctuary; Easter Brunch

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5th Sunday in Lent
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
March 17, 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 63

Millie Clarke

SONGS OF WORSHIP

**Open The Eyes Of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Repeat

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Lord, pour out Your power and love;
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Repeat

You are high and lifted up
You are shining in the light of Your glory.
Lord, pour out Your power and love;
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.
Repeat

****Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)***

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry 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;
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it - mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.

Chorus How Your kindness yet pursues me;
How Your mercy never fails me;
'Til the day that death shall loose me;
I will sing, oh I will sing.

Oh to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it - seal it for Thy courts above.

Chorus How Your kindness yet pursues me; how Your mercy never fails me;
Til the day that death shall loose me; I will sing, oh I will sing
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Ending Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above;
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Don Ferrell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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: "Prayer and Discipleship"

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

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WORSHIP SONG

****Battle Belongs***

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory.
When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear, now, for I am safe with You.

Chorus So, when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high.
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet,
I'll sing through the night.
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

And if You are for me, who can be against me?
For Jesus there's nothing impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty;
When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb.

Chorus

Bridge Almighty Fortress, You go before us;
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle;
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
Repeat

Ending So, when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high.
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet,
I'll sing through the night.
Oh God, the battle belongs to You;
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

***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.