

SAVE THE DATE!

September 4th: Church & Preschool – Closed; Pastor Jeff on Sabbatical
September 6th: Great News Club Volunteer Meeting 2:30pm at IES
September 9th: Church Hike
September 10th: Deacons Meeting – 11:30am at the House Annex
September 12th: Nominating Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
September 16th: Pray & Go Ministry
September 18th: Grief Share Group starts back up
September 23rd: Church Hike – Mt. Rose Hike
September 24th: Minute for Mission OCC; Preschool Children Singing
September 26th: Women's Ministry Board Meeting
September 30th: Fall Church Workday

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

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED in helping take down our worship service in our Chapel in the Pines. Thank you.

FRIED CHICKEN POTLUCK - TODAY! We will gather in the Fireside Room and Patio following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for a potluck lunch that includes fried chicken, ice cream, and other goodies. Please join us.

SPECIAL DEACON FUND OFFERINGS are received each Sunday when we share in our Lord's Supper. Funds received are used to assist members of The Village Church family and others in times of serious need and to purchase the food for the food boxes we give out.

PASTOR JEFF TAKING SABBATICAL. He will be gone from September 4th through November 6th. Pastor Tony Conragan will be covering all of the pastoral duties at our church while Pastor Jeff is away.

2ND ANNUAL TAHOE MEN'S RETREAT: Join us for our 2nd annual Tahoe Men's Retreat! Hosted by Mountain Metro's Anchor Point Lodge in Tahoe City, CA. Date: Friday, September 22nd - Sunday, September 24th 2023 Location: 855 W Lake Blvd, Tahoe City, CA 96145. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/jBEw3cQ5uvMrozz8>.

OFFERING BOXES are located on both of the tables as you enter the Outdoor Chapel.



The Lord's Supper **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP** September 3, 2023 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 You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates.

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 20

Linda Robins

SONGS OF WORSHIP

**O Praise The Name (Anastasis)*

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me;
I see His wounds His hands His feet;
My Saviour on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears;
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb;
The entrance sealed by heavy stone;
Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus O praise the Name of the Lord our God;
O praise His Name forevermore;
For endless days we will sing Your praise;
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn;
The Son of heaven rose again;
O trampled death - where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King!

Chorus

He shall return in robes of white;
The blazing sun shall pierce the night;
And I will rise among the saints;
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

Chorus x2

I Will Rise

There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say it is well

Pre-Chorus Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won - He is risen from the dead

Chorus I will rise when He calls my name no more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees and rise; I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge 2 And I hear the voice of many angels sing: worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart: worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the voice of many angels sing: worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb

Chorus

Ending I will rise; I will rise

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Snavelly

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison Reading*)

O Risen Lord, you are majestic in holiness and glorious in triumph. Yet, like the first disciples, too often we do not see your victorious presence in our lives. We boast of our achievements but fail to acknowledge your part in them. We struggle with our difficulties but fail to rely on your Spirit's resources. We let human pride and earthly pressures rob us of the power and joy of your resurrection. We have overlooked opportunities to show your grace to others. Forgive us, Lord. Open our lives to the glories of your living presence. In your strong name we pray. 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.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "Our death is already behind us, and our resurrection before us."— Ephrem of Edessa

~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~

Message: "Ezekiel and the Bones"

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pages: 1345-46

~SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER~

INVITATION

SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

WORSHIP SONG

****The Commission***

See my hands and look at my feet.
It's okay if it's hard to believe.
I have faith you will do greater things.
It's my time to go, but before I leave.

Chorus Go tell the world about me. I was dead, but now I live.
I've gotta go now for a little while, But goodbye is not the end.

Don't forget the things that I taught you.
I conquered death and I hold the keys.
Where I go, you will go too, someday.
But there's much to do here before you leave, so

Chorus

End of the journey, the end of the road.
My spirit is with you wherever you go.
You have a purpose and I have a plan.
I'll make you this promise,
I'll come back again, but until then:

Chorus

Ending Go tell them about me. (Go tell the world) I've gotta go,
(Go tell the world) for a little while, But goodbye is not the end.

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*



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