IN OUR PRAYERS: Tony Conragan - success with his job search in Idaho; Joe Farrell - healing; Linka Parlee - healing from a skull fracture; 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ALPHA COURSE & DINNER is meeting Wednesday evenings 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-threating, friendly atmosphere.

MAY POTLUCK will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00am worship service. In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, the church will provide yummy burritos. Please bring a side or topping for burritos or dessert. Join us for good food and fellowship.

TOWNHALL MEETING on May 5th. Following our potluck, the Church Renovation/Remodel committee will present their decisions regarding the "refresh" of the Sanctuary. This presentation will include the timeline, projected cost and their decisions on paint, flooring, etc. We encourage all to attend. A straw poll will be taken. The vote will be thumbs up or thumbs down to continue forward with the "refresh."

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED. DO you have a heart to teach children about Jesus? Please talk with Debra Ornelas about volunteering to teach Sunday School. All lesson plans and crafts will be provided. Even if your availability is only occasional, we could use you.

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

INCLINE SMALL GROUP meets in the Church House at 6:30pm.

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@thevillagechurchhnv.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 very appreciative of your financial support of this church.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

- April 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #2 "Who is Jesus?"
- May 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #3 "Why Did Jesus Die?"
- May 5<sup>th</sup>: The Lord's Supper; Potluck Lunch; Townhall Meeting
- May 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #4 "How Can I Have Faith?"
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day
- May 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #5 "Why and How Do I Pray?"
- May 19<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday: Alpha Session #6 "Why and How Should I Read the Bible?"
- May 26<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Sunday; Memorial Day Weekend



**CELEBRATION O**F **WORSHIP** April 21, 2024 10:00 A.M.



# ~~WE WORSHIP THE LORD ~~

Pastor Jeff Ogden

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH** 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 131

#### SONGS OF WORSHIP

#### \*I Believe

I believe there is one salvation, one doorway that leads to life. One redemption, one confession, I believe in the name of Jesus Christ.

I believe in the crucifixion. by His blood I have been set free. I believe in the resurrection. Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat.

*Chorus* All praise to God, the Father, all praise to Christ, the Son. All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome. The King who was and is and evermore will be. In Jesus' mighty name, I believe.

I believe in the hope of heaven, He's preparing a place for me. Far beyond what hearts imagine, ears have heard or eyes have seen.

I believe that day is coming, He's returning to claim His bride. Light the altar, keep it burning, see the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion.

#### Chorus

*Bridge* No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life? No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life?

### Chorus

End All praise to God, our Father, all praise to Christ, the Son. All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome. The King who was and is and evermore will be. In Jesus' mighty name, I believe. In Jesus' mighty name I believe.

### ---WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD---

# \*Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship To sing the song of ages to the Lamb, And all who've gone before us and all who will believe Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

- Pre-Chorus Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest, Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.
- *Chorus* And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy." You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed, Sing the song forever to the Lamb. If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name, Sing the song forever to the Lamb. We'll sing the song forever and amen.

### Pre-Chorus

*End* And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy." You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever. Hear Your people sing, "Holy." to the King of Kings, Holy. You will always be Holy, Holy forever. You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

# TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of grace, throughout your earthly life you refused to ignore those whom it is all too easy for us to ignore: the destitute, the sick, the ignorant, the young. Even when it would have eased your life to ignore them, you continued to heal and to teach those who pleaded for your help. When we compare our behavior with your example, we are ashamed. We confess that we have been self-centered and proud. We confess we have put our demands above the needs of others and behaved as if we were masters and not the servants of all you command us to be. Soften our stony hearts until we can no longer tolerate any suffering that is within our power to ease. Correct our selfish attitude toward others. Increase our respect for the dignity of all human life, for the sake of Jesus, who served and suffered for us. 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.

# Message Title: Childlike not Childish

#### Scripture: Matthew 18:1-5

### SONG OF WORSHIP

- \*Hallelujah For The Cross Up to the hill of Calvary, My Savior went courageously And there He bled and died for me. Hallelujah for the cross. And on that day the world was changed, A final perfect lamb was slain. Let earth and heaven now proclaim, "Hallelujah for the cross."
- Chorus Hallelujah for the war He fought, Love has won, death has lost. Hallelujah for the souls He bought. Hallelujah for the cross.

What good I've done could never save, My debt too great for deeds to pay, But God, my Savior made a way. Hallelujah for the cross. A slave to sin my life was bound, but all my chains fell to the ground When Jesus' blood came flowing down. Hallelujah for the cross.

### Chorus

And when I breathe my final breath, I'll have no need to fear that rest. This hope will guide me into death: Hallelujah for the cross.

Chorus x2

*Ending* Hallelujah for the cross, Hallelujah for the cross.

### **\*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.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "The Kingdom is given to the poor, not the rich; the feeble, not the mighty; to little children humble enough to accept it, not to soldiers who boast that they can obtain it by their own prowess." John R. W. Stott

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