

Village Bulletin

April 11, 2021

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Announcements

From Online Services to In-Person Services

This week we began gathering in-person Sunday mornings! If you choose to join us in-person, the sermon will be preached live, but the entire service will have the same content as our online service. This way, our entire community can participate, whether from home or in-person! Our community's health and safety is a priority, so please **RSVP here for April 18** and stay home if you are unwell.

Partner With Us!

After talking to all our ministries earlier this year and praying over the opportunities, in early March our staff presented several key ways to be involved. If you consider Village your home church, we'd ask you to consider participating in one or more. Please consider how a gift of your time, gently used items, or finances will have eternal impact as we help those less fortunate, use our campus wisely for a variety of ministry, and prepare to reopen. No gift is too small! Check out our current progress towards our goals. **Questions? All Details Here!**

Join The Team!

Village Church is seeking qualified applicants to join its team! We're looking for a part time Barista for the Village Cafe & Workspace, two positions in our Facilities team, and a Pastor of Worship and the Arts. **Click here for more information or to apply.**

Uncommon Ground Study Group

You are invited to the Uncommon Ground Study Group. Over a six-week period, we will read and discuss the book **Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference**. This book is co-edited by Tim Keller (Senior Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City) and John Inazu (law professor at Washington University School of Law). The book features chapters by 12 Christian leaders including Shirley Hoogstra, President of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities; Tom Lin, President of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship; and Claude Alexander, Senior Pastor of The Park Church in North Carolina. This book expands on Village's vision to grow deeper as a multicultural and reconciling church. We will meet over Zoom for six consecutive Sunday evenings beginning on April 11 and concluding on May 16. Questions about this group? Contact **Rudy Carrasco**, lead facilitator for the Uncommon Ground study group. **Register Here**

Dig Deeper

Mark 1:15

Lead Pastor Paul Choi

Sharing and Listening Guide

Take some time alone or with a small group to discuss the following questions based on today's sermon:

- At the start of the message, Pastor Paul asks what we have believed to be the central message of the Bible. Share what you have believed to be the central message, and if you can, where that idea/teaching came from. Was it a parent? A memorable Sunday School lesson? Don't remember but it just is?
- Read aloud Mark 1:15, Matthew 4:17, and Luke 4:21. Thinking about our sermon teaching today, what new insight have you gained towards these verses? What questions do they raise for you?
- Pastor Paul taught us about our self centeredness as the root of sin, and God's wrath to leave us as we are (Romans 1)—take a moment to consider our atonement, our salvation in Christ. “The judge, who came to judge the sins of the world, chooses to take the sins unto His shoulders, and pay the penalty of the sins by Himself at the shameful Cross.” Share your response to this in loving witness with one another. If you are not with a group, take a moment to journal your response.
- The disciples went on to share the message of the Kingdom of God; how can you live your life this day, this week, as a follower of Jesus the resurrected? How do you face the challenge of the dual reality of living in our present reality and the Kingdom of God?

Responsive Worship

Worship is often described as ‘response to the Word.’ We have inquired how we as a community can best worship in this time of COVID, where we, instead of watching, can participate in our services, with as much engagement as possible. Our worship response is both personal and corporate–communal. Our online services have aimed to share the hearts of our Villagers, especially while we are physically distanced.

*The following are in response to last week’s sermon: **The Resurrection of Jesus***

“Dear Lord, Thank you for asking me to go back to my Galilee today. I is a sweet reminder of your relentless and unconditional pursuit of me right from the beginning and throughout the years I have walked with you, through rough and sweet times. Thank you also for relieving me of the burden and responsibility to “roll the stone away” because you have taken care of that. Thank you for the gift of resting in your love and the reminder and assurance of your love and faithfulness to me, even when I am so undeserving. I love you, Jesus”

“Dear Lord, I don’t want to be like the women at the tomb – afraid and trembling and silent about you. I want to go back to my first love – “my galilee” – you Lord Jesus. Make me into what you want me to be. Thank you for the mighty power of your resurrection that can make it so!”

“Going back to Galilee... It is where I loved those around me with deep appreciation and trust... Lord, Meet me at Galilee.”

Please consider participating in Responsive Worship this week, in response to this week’s sermon: Gospel of the Kingdom

Take a moment to share your response from this Sunday’s sermon; it can be a few thoughts of reflection addressed to God, a paragraph, a prayer inspired by the teaching. Please consider this as an act of worship, in response to His Word. We will share your reflections anonymously by adding them to our following week’s service, as our community grows together in Responsive Worship. *Due to service time limitations, we may not be able to share all submissions.

Participate in Responsive Worship now.