



## GATHERING

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### WORSHIP

[Praise to The Lord, Almighty](#)

[God With Us](#)

### THE EXODUS

Our new sermon series begins this Sunday, focusing on Exodus for at least 8 weeks. Pastor Ken starts us off with a sermon titled "Seeing God's Faithfulness in the Biblical Story of Deliverance." [Online Services](#)

### PASTOR KEN INTRODUCES A NEW SERIES

The Exodus is, in many respects, the spiritual narrative for all of God's people. It tells the history of God rescuing the Hebrews out of Egypt and leading them into the desert. The story of God revealing himself to them on Mt. Sanai and calling them unto himself as his people. The story of God's law and his promises. The story of God forming the identity of his people, demonstrating his daily faithfulness, and calling them to a future hope and a future rest. These movements have formed the metaphor for God's people ever since—being fulfilled and re-patterned both in the life of the spiritual community and the individual life of believers. Scripture even sees in the person of Jesus a model for the fulfillment of God bringing his son out of Egypt.



Throughout the church era, whenever believers have found themselves in an unfamiliar place, dealing with uncertainty, and seeking to know both their identity as God's people and his promises as the God who is with us, the Exodus has served as a foundation for seeking understanding.

I am praying for God's peace and comfort for you as we start this new series and are introduced to the God who rests and who calls us into his rest.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Ken.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS**

As a result of COVID shutdowns, several donation sites for the Red Cross have been closed. To help maintain the supply needed, Village is partnering with the Red Cross by making our facility available for community blood drives. Currently, we have a team of six Village volunteers who will assist the Red Cross one day a month, but we could use a few more available volunteers over the summer months.

To become a blood donor, visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org). The blood drive dates are **May 20th**, June 10th, July 1st, and August 13th. [Questions](#)

### **INDIA HINDUSTAN BIBLE INSTITUTE - \$4000 GOAL MET!**

Thank you for your generosity to support our partners, Bobby and Linnet Gupta, to care for people impacted by the shut-down in India! Check out [this video update](#).

To continue supporting this effort, please donate to our Disaster Relief fund. [Pushpay](#)



## **CORONA CONVERSATION**

“A cheerful heart is good medicine” (Proverbs 17:22; Prov. 14:13).

Share with us what is helping you at this time, or an anecdote or two that we may laugh together. Join counselors Tracy Lewis and Hannah Haskell on Sunday at 1pm. [Zoom](#)

## **PRAYER GROUPS**

“To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees.” – Billy Graham

An online prayer group will meet via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 11am for 30 minutes, led by Mikel & Karen Neumann.

To join click on link below, fill out a short form and instructions on how to connect online will be sent to you. [Sign Up](#)

## **OUR COMMUNITY**

John and Nell Zweggart's Life Group is hosting a drive-by at Village from 12:45-1:30pm on Saturday, May 16th. They are moving to Arizona later this month. Nell arrived at Village in 1974, John arrived in 1984, they married here in 1985, and raised two sons in our community. Nell has served in the choir, worship, women's, and children's ministries. John taught adults and mentored many men. Both helped on short term mission teams to India, Lebanon, and Klemtu.

Thank you, Village, for donating your time and supplies to the Beaverton Distribution Center! 35 Villagers have volunteered, processing over 3000 items. Meals on Wheels and HomePlate Youth Services are two of several non-profits benefiting from your donations. Please keep your donations coming. The center is open for donations Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:00. The full list of items needed, including drop off details, can be found [here](#).



## STAY CONNECTED

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## CONFESSION

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### GREETING TIME

We miss being and worshiping together. Please take this time to text, call, facetime, skype, beep, send a pigeon to your friends, family, and Villagers during this time. And please enjoy the greetings submitted by our Villagers!

### OFFERING

We practice worship through giving. Please continue to partner with us to meet our monthly budgeted needs, to zero out our deficit every quarter and to increase our Cash Reserve Fund. As we grapple with increasing effects of the COVID-19 virus on our Sunday worship service attendance, we humbly ask that you continue to give as though you attend Sunday worship services. 70% of our congregation currently gives in person in a Sunday service. You are welcome to mail in your offering, drop it off at the locked box outside our Front Office, or utilize [Pushpay](#).

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for people to find peace in Christ during the shutdowns globally
- Pray for individuals and communities who are hurting, afraid, on the margins, or are experiencing injustice.
- Pray that followers of Christ to be courageous in living the gospel.



- Praise God for his provision of 35 Villagers who have volunteer in the City Distribution Center and for increased response of donors. Approximately 3000 items were donated the first week.
- Praise God our Red Cross blood drive for May 20th is almost full. Praise Him for the six Villagers who have volunteered to help out.
- Pray for Gideon and Sharmila Peter in India, who are under extreme lock-down conditions with even the grocery stores being closed. Pray for churches to be able to love those who have persecuted them
- Pray for Village ministry staff whose responsibilities have changed due to COVID. Many have paused things they used to do in the past and have embraced new responsibilities.
- Pray for all the challenges of working from home and making decision about community what God is saying and doing across our community.

## LISTENING

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Lead Pastor – Ken Wytsma

*Seeing God's Faithfulness in the Biblical Story of Deliverance*

Exodus 1:16, 2:23, 3:7-9

## COMMUNION

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As you feel comfortable, we encourage you to partake in communion with your family, friends, neighbors as we remember the sacrifice Christ made on the cross.



## SENDING

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ken talked about the Exodus as a metaphor for explaining our relationship with God moving forward. Have you thought much about the Exodus story as being connected to your own spiritual journey? If so, what parts of Exodus connect with you most?
2. Exodus 2:23 and 3:7-9 talk about God hearing the cry of the people. In the sermon we talked about how prevalent this language is in the Psalms--our prayer book for talking to God. Try doing a search for "cry" on [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com) and try to find one or two that give voice to your heart. Why do these particular Psalms resonate with you and your experience right now?
3. Ken talked about the Exodus story giving a narrative arc--a sense of journey for God's people--that speaks to a destination and future hope. How might seeing our story in the Exodus story give us greater endurance and perseverance?
4. Jesus talked to a man who said, "I believe, help my unbelief." Can you think of naming to God the things you need help believing in this season? Do we trust that through the Holy Spirit he can strengthen us? As an exercise, can you think of one other person you might be able to encourage in their journey this week and schedule a time to reach out to them?

