

# GATHERING

#### WORSHIP

Joyful, Joyful We Are Thee

God With Us

God Is Not Abusive

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### THIS WEEEKEND'S SERVICE AND COMMUNION

Please join us at 10am for the livestream of our service. The video of will be available shortly afterwards on **YouTube**. This weekend, Pastor Ken Wytsma speaks to us in a sermon on Exodus 15:1-21, titled Miriam's Song: The Story of Celebrating God's Faithfulness. Korean subtitles available.

After God delivers the Israelites from the Egyptian Army and Pharaoh, the tired but relieved people of God take to celebration. It is a declaration of their excitement that the world-order has changed—they are no longer under the old rule, but under God's leadership. It is the voice of hope—that they are no longer under the demands of ceaseless production, but under the God of rest. It is a song of praise to the one who promised he would deliver them and did. It is a whole bodied act of worship by women leading and demonstrating how Israel will thereafter



fully express the joy of the Lord. Finally, it is not only a moment in history, but a sacred song that becomes the patterning of the discipline of joy for all God's people—that joy comes in the experience of God as well as in singing the songs and the remembrance of his faithfulness.

We are continuing to take communion from our own homes this week. Please prepare your own elements with whatever you might have available to you and we'll take communion together during our online service! Online Services.

## **3 MINUTE SHORT SURVEY**

Your pastors and church leaders are committed to keeping our Village community healthy, but know there are many opinions on what is best as our state reopens. Please answer the 15 questions in this survey to let us know your thoughts. We want to hear from you, and your responses will help us plan and prepare!

Take the English Survey here. <u>여기에 설문 조사를.</u> Haz la encuesta aquí.

### FAMILY CAMP UPDATE

It is with sad hearts that the decision has been made to cancel Family Camp this year. The health & safety guidelines increased by the COVID-19 pandemic would have directly affected our Family Camp traditions, activities, and lifestyle.

Instead, we will be creating some alternate Village programming to take place the same weekend, open to all! More information with plans to come soon. Please email us with any questions. Thank you for your patience and understanding! <u>Questions</u>



## **CELEBRATE YOUR GENEROSITY**

We're grateful for the gifts of hundreds of Villagers during this unusual season! We've received almost \$145,000 since April for our Disaster Relief and Grace Funds above and beyond regular tithes. You'll continue to hear more about the impact of those funds both locally and abroad. While we continue to welcome gifts to these funds, currently our greatest need is for gifts to our General Fund to empower our children and youth ministries this summer.

Village Kids (ages 0 through 5th grade) has planned a full summer of family outreach projects, craft kit pick-ups, and outdoor neighborhood visits. They are outfitting the Village Shuttle Bus to visit families throughout Washington County -- bringing smiles, ice cream and encouragement to children. Student Ministries has three interns this summer to connect with Middle School and High School students as they navigate the strangest summer of their lives. Your gifts to the General Fund will make these ministries -- and more -- possible. Thank you for giving this week to the General Fund! <u>Questions</u>.

## SUMMER LIFE GROUPS

Social distancing shouldn't equal relational distancing. Life Groups at Village are one of the best ways to connect with others and grow spiritually. For the July-August session, we already have three and are looking for more groups that are open to new comers. If you're willing to lead a new group or open your existing group to new people, please email lifegroups@villagebeaverton.com.

If you are looking to join a Life Group, please email info@villagebeaverton.com. Some groups meet via Zoom video conference and others are meeting face to face now that government authorities permit 25 or less people to gather. More on Life Groups.

View details on all of our **NEW summer life groups here**.



## **CORONA CONVERSATIONS**

Science has found that being grateful and being anxious have mutually exclusive neural pathways. **Recommend Reading from Berkeley**. Join counselors Tracy Lewis and Hannah Haskell on Sunday at 1pm.

### **MOSAIC WEEKLY CLASS**

Join us as we begin a new study of the book of Daniel, with the Wiersbe study guide titled, "**BE Resolute**." We'll begin June 21 and meet for 13 weeks. Zoom password: mosaic

#### **PRAYER GROUPS**

An online prayer group meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 11am for 30 minutes, led by Mikel & Karen Neumann. Sign up above and instructions will be sent to you.

### **DONATION EVENT THIS SUNDAY!**

Join other Villagers in bringing your donations to the upper parking lot this Sunday between 1:00-3:00pm. See you there!

<u>New Beginning Bags</u>: A New Beginning Bag is an opportunity to encourage someone as they reintegrate into our community after being incarcerated. To learn more about the project New Beginnings Bags click <u>here</u>.



Portland Rescue Mission: Your donations of summer clothing for women and men in good condition and toiletry items are much needed. Portland Rescue Truck will be present to collect donations. Clean out your closets and let's fill it up! Find a complete list of needed items here here. If you prefer to donate from home, shop through Amazon. If you desire a tax deductible receipt, email the order confirmation copy provided to reception@pdxmission.org. Questions.

## **DONATION CENTER**

Click here to see a thank you video from Michelle Jordan. Immediate Needs: -Cleaning supplies -Applesauce and fruit cups -Soup individual cups -Mac and cheese

-Dry food goods (noodles, rice, beans)

This weekend we are supporting a COVID-19 testing event in Aloha for a large diverse and marginalized Pacific Islander community at which the county is providing translators for 11 different languages. Many of those invited live below the poverty line, lack insurance with 1-2 families sharing homes. We need dry food goods and cleaning supplies for this event.

To support this outreach, bring your food donations to the Village Distribution Center Tuesday-Friday, 9:30am-4:00pm. <u>Questions</u>.



## LEBANESE SOCIETY FOR EDUCATIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (LSESD)

The very first Village Short Term Team to Lebanon were in partnership with LSESD. Last fall Alia Abboud with LSESD's SKILD Center for physically challenged children spoke at Village helping us understand how Christians in Lebanon are leading the way in this field. LSESD's impact for Christ through compassionate outreach is making a difference throughout the country. Their COVID response was quick and effective as they already had systems in place to meet an emergency crisis however, the economic challenges have made outreach difficult with Lebanon's pound decreasing as much as 60% in recent months. To learn more about their holistic ministry, watch their new video below.

To support the efforts of LSESD, give to the Disaster Relief Fund this week. Watch The Video

## **RED CROSS NOW TESTING FOR COVID-19 ANTIBODIES!**

For the next few months, the Red Cross will be testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies. For more information click here. Sign up soon as appointments are expected to be in high demand. Dates: July 1, July 22, August 13. VOLUNTEERS needed! Contact John Jordan. To donate blood, sign up below or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## STAY CONNECTED

Need help? Want to help? | Life Groups | Giving Update



#### **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**

Prayer for youth ministry—we are blessed with three summer interns, Alvin Lai, Michelle Moxley, Mary Joy Wytsma, who are supporting interim Youth Pastor Josh Yates in holding summer opportunities for our students to connect and know they are loved by their church. Pray that as we continue a season of transition—students moving up grades, unknowns in what ministry will look like this fall—that our leadership team would be encouraged, our students would grow in their faith, and that we continue to follow what God wants for Village's youth and families.



- Prayer for Kids Village—the "Fun Bus" made its inaugural trip this week as our team visits our kids and families in their own neighborhoods. Pray that the kids would feel seen and loved by these connection points with their leaders, pray that parents feel supported and seen for all the work and love they put into raising their kids, pray that our ministry would glorify God in the neighborhoods.
- Prayer for Village worship—pray for our two summer interns, Fiona Doyle and Julio Hernandez, as they support our worship ministry and grow in their own experience as worship leaders, pray that their experience would be fruitful and deepen their love of worshipping our God. Pray for our worship ministry that actively waits for our next worship pastor, pray for each of our worship team members who spend time in rehearsing for our services, running our technology to make our live streams and videos possible as we continue to evolve our Sunday offerings.

# LISTENING

Lead Pastor – Ken Wytsma Miriam's Song: The Story of Celebrating God's Faithfulness Exodus 12:1-21

## COMMUNION

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.



## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Ken talked about the discipline of joy--that we either celebrate in the moment or by remembering God's faithfulness. What are some Christian practices that have helped you remember the goodness of God?
- 2. The people of God have always celebrated through song and through dance (from Miriam through David and beyond). What are some ways that you have fully immersed yourself in worship or celebration to God? What are some ways we could possibly learn from other Christians or denominations about worshipping fully and freely?
- 3. Moses's and Miriam's songs follow God's deliverance through the Red Sea. Often, there is a long period of struggle followed by God's sudden provision. How might this encourage our faith either if we have been recently delivered from something or if we are in a long season of waiting on the Lord?
- 4. Ken mentioned the Lord's Supper as a way of remembering that God has saved, is saving, and will save his people. Christ-centered worship is always remembering that it is ultimately through Jesus that we are saved. How can we remember Christ in communion this Sunday and the symbolism of our salvation and baptism (which resembles the Red Sea)?
- 5. Think of how you, like Miriam, might be able to lead others in celebration of the goodness of God!