

Village Online

July 26, 2020



This Sunday, Pastor Ken Wytsma speaks on Exodus 20-40 with a sermon titled "God at the Center".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Single by Village Worship

We are so excited about Village Worship's second single that went out this weekend, called "Hollow Praise". This song was written, performed, and produced by the Worship Institute and collaboration with Hayden Hobby, a friend of Dago Flores and fellow Urban Doxology intern. [Click here](#) to listen to Hollow Praise on our YouTube. [Click here](#) to stream it on Spotify. Also available on all streaming platforms!

We Asked, You Shared!

We requested your participation in two all-church surveys in the last few weeks. The first dealt with the use of online programs and ministry and about 200 people replied. The second gathered opinions about safely returning to our campus in a healthy way and almost 300 replied.

We're grateful for the input and hope to share some things we learned in the weeks ahead. There were a wide variety of responses, and our staff leadership team are carefully considering the results.



Family Campish Schedule

Family Campish 2020 is just over two weeks away! Register your family today and come participate in some great activities on our beautiful Village campus.

Friday, 8/7

- **Elementary Kids Activity, 3-5pm.** Join your kids on a fantastic treasure hunt all over Village! Will you and your kids recognize all the clues? (volunteers needed, please email familycamp@villagebeaverton.com)
- **Food Trucks, 5-7pm** in the North Parking Lot. Grab some delicious dinner and social distantly eat with friends.
- **Middle School/High School Activity, 7pm.** Slip & Slide anyone? Let's cool off with some water fun and then an outdoor movie on the plaza.

Saturday, 8/8

- **Morning Joy: A Coffee House Event In The Plaza – 9:30-11:00am** Come and get your morning joy! Join us in the Village plaza for coffee and the spoken “Word” hosted by Raina Evans. Please bring their own (morning) beverage of choice and, if you feel lead, a favorite verse to share. We will, however, have brewed coffee available for our seniors, no purchase necessary, your presence is blessing enough.
- **Family Devotions with Pastor Paul, 11am**, North Parking Lot. Pastor Paul Choi will lead us in a devotional time in the Word as a Village Family and Family of God.
- **Socially Distant Picnic, 11:30am**, North Parking Lot. Bring your blankets or camp chairs and settle in for a picnic with friends! We'll observe social distancing, but 6 feet never stopped laughter and good conversation.
- **The Waterpark Experience...Campish Style–12:30-2:00ish** Who wants to go to the waterpark? If your hands are up, then you are in luck. Join us in Lower parking lot as we transform it into water-fun-in-the-sun. There will be something for all ages.

T-shirt sales end 7/29, so order today. Volunteers are needed, and different shifts and times are available, please email us at familycamp@villagebeaverton.com.



When NOT to Give Cash or Checks

Since we're all trying to stretch dollars to do more in this uncertain economy, here's two reasons why giving stocks, bonds, or mutual funds can be better than giving by cash or check. Contact our Finance Manager if you have questions or would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

Mid-Year IRA Contributions

A few people told us they like to take distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts several times during the year. As you ponder this creative way to support Village's mission, please remember that, due to COVID, there is a waiver of required minimum distributions this year. If you are 70.5 years old (or more), please consider this opportunity!



CONFESSION

Greeting Time

We miss being and worshipping together. Please take this time to text, call, facetime, skype, beep, send a pigeon to your friends, family, and Villagers during this time.

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 the IRCO COVID Testing Event this Saturday at Village. We are partnering with OSU and OHSU and IRCO to provide immigrants and refugees with free COVID Testing. Pray for the safety of the volunteers and for the continued presence of Village in the lives of people in our community.
- Pray for Youth for Christ Lebanon. As the economic situation in Lebanon continues to deteriorate pray for believers to make Christ known through their message of Hope and acts of compassion. Pray for their efforts to be successful in providing on-going food vouchers for refugee families. Pray for the economy to improve to prevent starvation and to enable ministries to continue reaching people with the gospel.
- Pray for the protection of both protestors and officers in downtown Portland. Pray for churches to have wisdom in how to engage with people regarding the issue of justice and mercy. Pray for our government officials to have discernment in how to navigate the issues impacting our city and state. Pray for God's will to be done in Portland as it is in heaven.



LISTENING

Pastor Ken Wytsma
Exodus 20-40
God at the Center

From the garden in Genesis to the throne room in Revelation, we see that God's plan is to be at the center of creation and amongst His people. In Exodus, once again we see God initiating a relationship where He dwells with His people—foreshadowing the incarnation of Jesus and the indwelling of the Spirit. No matter what season of life you are in or what uncertainties exist, the Gospel tells us the story of the God who is there!

COMMUNION

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



SENDING

Resources

In light of our efforts to self-educate and act as Christ followers against racism, here is a [resource list](#).

Discussion Questions

- 1) Ken talked about the theme of God dwelling with his people throughout scripture. How has this impacted how you've seen or understand your relationship with Jesus?
- 2) The holy spirit is meant to indwell believers as a means of relationship power and effecting grace in our lives. How would it change our understanding of the holy spirit if we took more seriously the holy spirit as God's manor of dwelling with his people in the church age? Ephesians 3:16-17
- 3) Ken's message was called "God at the center". Whatever you're experiencing, God's invitation is always to seek and follow him. What is one area in your life of doubt and uncertainty where God would be asking you to continue to trust him.
- 4) When we don't put God first, there are many cultural ways (like the golden calf) that we seek to resolve the tension in our life. What are some contemporary idols that you individually or we as a society are tempted to put our hope in rather than trusting in Christ?
- 5) The gospel teaches us that God's grace pursues us even though we are prone to wander. Consider closing your devotional time or small group with a prayer of thanksgiving of the good news of God's grace.

