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# **Village Online Bulletin**

April 4, 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 11** and stay home if you are unwell.

# Spring 2021 Giving Campaign

Double your gift! We are privileged to have an incredible campus which is strategically located. Thanks to the commitment of our church community, we've made significant progress in paying off our building debt. We want to pay off the smaller of two loans for our Worship Center, finished in 2009, which currently has a balance of approximately \$1.2 million. Paying down this loan would increase the money in our regular budget which can be spent on ministry. *A generous Village family has offered to match up to \$50,000 of gifts toward the Building Fund!* Questions? All Details Here!

# Join The Team!

Village is currently seeking two part-time, reliable, and dedicated custodians to help maintain our facilities. Our ideal candidates are careful and thorough. They will clean and tidy the premises with great care and an eye for detail. Depending on the level of experience, they will also set up rooms for ministry meetings as well as work on selected

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maintenance projects. We prefer applicants who have some professional custodial experience, but we are willing to train the right person. Send resume or questions, to Mike Fraser: mike@villagebeaverton.com

Village is also seeking a part-time barista for the Village Cafe & Workspace. This role involves working a minimum of two weekdays each week from 7:30am-2:30pm. For more info or to apply, contact Megan Ewald:

#### megan@villagebeaverton.com

#### 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** 

#### **Baptism Class**

Thinking about Baptism? We're excited for Pastor Tony to begin teaching a class on Baptism. This is a dynamic 4 week course that will cover aspects of your faith and beliefs as you consider commitment and new life in Jesus. To sign up or to get more information, email **tony@villagebeaverton.com**.

# **Dig Deeper**

Mark 16:1-8 Lead Pastor Paul Choi – The Resurrection of Jesus

### **Prayer Requests**

Please keep these prayer requests in mind this week.

- Pray for this Saturday's Lebanon Training. Pray medical and dental professionals will respond to the need and join the team. Pray for those doing the training to have time to prepare and for the technology needs to go smoothly. Ask God to work in the country of Lebanon to bring calm, restoration financially, and healing to the Lebanese people.
- We are thankful for the 300 people who visited the Village campus last Tuesday to receive COVID vaccinations by Washington County. We are also thankful for the Villagers who translated Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Korean languages for many who came. A second clinic for 300 Pacific Islanders was last Saturday. Pray for Villagers who continue to serve as medical and hospitality staff.

### Sharing and Listening Guide

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

- Please share what Easter has meant to you thus far. What is your experience, understanding, or feeling about Easter?
- What/how does today's message inform you (or challenge you) about the definition/meaning of victory? What has been 'the cross of Jesus' meant to you?
- Please share your Galilee experience. What does "go back to Galilee" mean to you here and today?
- What is a one-sentence prayer that you'd want to pray based on today's time together as you wake up each morning this next week?

# **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.

"In your perfection, as a perfect sacrifice, you were willing to take on all the imperfections and be the substitution. The world saw a failure: a donkey-riding convict who failed to overthrow a political system of oppression and who spoke wild accusations against His own religious authorities... Jesus, I am a failure. Thank you for the cross. How can I possibly know you in your suffering? You embrace me and call me your own. How great is your grace."

"The words that spoke to me was that (1) Failure was completely redemptive... (2) Shame awakens our sense of who we are and what we hope to be... (3) No questions on why Peter failed or comments about being disappointed... Shame for me has been where you go wallow around awhile until you have to get up because you are tired of the shame – not as an awakening. The shift to think of shame as an awakening is reflective of how different Jesus is compared to the world."

Please consider participating in Responsive Worship this week, in response to this week's sermon: The Resurrection of Jesus

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.

