

He Calls You Friends | John 15:9-17

Sermon Notes



LIFE LESSONS FROM THE UPPER ROOM

Joy Comes from Obedience

April 30, 2017

Prelude Ann Foreman

Welcome, Announcements & Friendship Register

Invocation

“Come Christians, Join to Sing” Hymn #108

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (vs. 1,3) Hymn #1

Scripture Reading: Psalm 16* Traci Crowley

“Trust and Obey” (vs. 1,4,5) Hymn #349

Offering: “I Will Follow You”

Children age 4–5th grade are dismissed to Children’s Church

Pastoral Prayer Jim Uren, Elder

Sermon He Calls You Friends Pastor Jamie Morrison

John 15:9-17 (page 803 in the pew Bible)

Benediction

You are encouraged to come to the front following the benediction if you would like someone to pray with you this morning.

Postlude

Assisted hearing devices are available on request.
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*Scripture reading taken from ESV

WELCOME

We are so glad you are here with us this morning! Here's a quick orientation. Each of our worship services is built around a theme and led by distinctly different worship teams, from traditional to contemporary. Every Sunday is different. Nursery is available throughout the morning. Children, age 4 thru 5th grade are invited to go to Children's Church about half-way through our service. Watch for a slide dismissing them. We have great educational options for children, youth, and adults starting at 9:15 a.m. If this is your first time at Village Church, please stop by the Welcome Center after the service to receive a complimentary mug. Learn more about us at eVCL.org.

General Announcements

Next Sunday is First, Prayer at 9:15 in the Great Room. Next Sunday, May 7th, we will once again go before the Lord in prayer on behalf of our church. Join us as we seek God's guidance and direction in our outreach efforts with those in our communities. We will be praying for our Guest Lists and some of the ministries we are involved with. The remodeling project and other church needs will be a focus of our prayer time together as well.

Congratulations Sara! - Sara Konkle was sworn in as a new U.S. citizen last Monday morning with 117 other new citizens from many nations. Sara promised to defend the nation, seek its welfare and much more. She received her naturalization certificate individually, called by name. The ceremony was impressive and moving, bringing tears to many eyes in gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship, whether by birth or naturalization.



Uren's Baby Shower Tea - There will be a baby shower tea following the church service May 21st for the Uren Family. Tea and cookies will be served while the Uren's share their adoption story. Everyone is invited to attend! Please register your intent to participate in the Friendship Register by writing "Uren's". The Uren's are registered for diapers and wipes.

Save the Date

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting—Sunday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

This week

Sun 4/30	Service	10:30 a.m.
Wed 5/3	Middle and High School Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Thurs 5/4	Ladies Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sat 5/6	Men's Prayer Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sat 5/6	Spring Work Day	8:00 a.m.
Sun 5/7	First, Prayer	9:15 a.m.

Calling All Graduates! Are you graduating this spring from middle school, high school, college or graduate school? Please let us know so that we can recognize your academic achievements. Just indicate your name and other details you care to share via the Friendship Register.



Child Dedication — It is our custom at VCL to dedicate little children to the Lord. If your child hasn't been dedicated, Mother's Day, May 14, is a great time to do so. Talk to Pastor Lee or Pastor Jamie if you're interested in learning more.

Spiritual Conversations with Pastor Jamie - Pastor Jamie has blocked time in his schedule the next couple weeks in order to make space for Spiritual Conversations. These conversations are opportunities to share about your faith journey and explore areas where you feel most connected to God. Jamie will reflect back to you what he has heard in your experiences and together you can consider some new and creative steps you might try in the weeks ahead. Each conversation is an hour. You can sign up on the sheets at the information table or you can call the office to arrange a time.

Financial update

Finance Update through April 23, 2017

Year to Date Actual Giving.....	\$ 171,979
Year to Date Budgeted Giving.....	\$ 181,815
Year to Date Deficit	\$ (9,836)

Village Church of Lincolnshire exists to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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