

Welcome to  
**RESERVOIR VIRCH!**

May 2, 2021





We'll get started  
at 10:03!



**Grab your breakfast or  
beverage and enjoy some  
music until then...**



# NEWS & INVITATIONS

Reservoir calendar at [reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news](https://www.reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news)



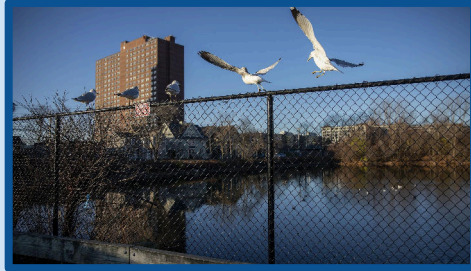
- **Subscribe to Reservoir's Blog for the Latest News and Events**  
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/sermons-stories/blog/>
- **The Beloved Community Fund Provides Short-Term Assistance**  
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/reservoir-introduces-the-beloved-community-fund/>
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# EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

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## Jerry's Pond Cleanup , TODAY 2 p.m.



Beautify our community and meet your neighbors as we clean the perimeter of Jerry's Pond. Live band and Bengali dancers will join! Masks required and social distance guidelines will be followed. Gloves and trash bags for clean up will be provided. Email [lydia@reservoirchurch.org](mailto:lydia@reservoirchurch.org) to join us.

## Listening Session: Self-ID'd Older Women



Tuesday, May 4,  
6:30 p.m.

Let's listen to each other as we share what's most on our hearts in this season: in our lives, the life of our church, and in the joys, heartaches and opportunities in our neighborhoods and the Boston area. [Email for more information](#) or [click the link](#) to join us Tuesday.

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## REDI Listening Session: People of Color

Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m.

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### Listening Sessions

All are welcome to Reservoir's Equity Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team's listening session for People of Color. Share stories of what keeps you awake at night or problems that you or your loved ones experience. [\*\*Email for more information\*\*](#) or [\*\*click the link\*\*](#) to join us Thursday.

## Listening: Disability and Chronic Illness

Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m.

This session will focus on issues related to disability and chronic illness. Attendees will explore questions about society's impediments that prevent thriving and how Reservoir can support the full participation of disabled and chronically ill people in the church community. [\*\*Email\*\*](#) for more information.



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## Faith Into Action Listening Sessions

Sunday, May 16

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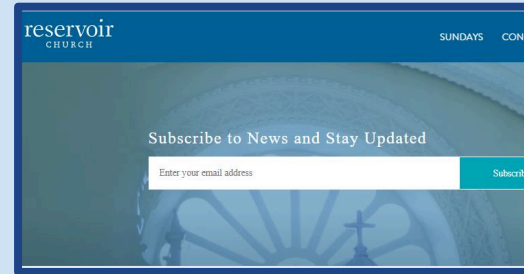
### Listening Sessions

Two of May's listening sessions will be held by Faith Into Action.

1. In-person @ Reservoir | 12-1:30p.m.
2. Virtual on Zoom | 11:30-1p.m.

**[Register here](#)** to attend either and we'll share the details.

## Subscribe to Reservoir's Blog!



Staying updated on Reservoir news and happenings is as easy as subscribing to the Reservoir blog! You'll be notified whenever there's a new blog so you're in the know. Head over to the **[sermons and stories page on reservoirchurch.org](#)** to sign up

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## Pre-K and Virtual Kindergarten Kids Church

Sunday, May 9,  
9:30 a.m.



Next Sunday's story finds Jesus cooking breakfast for his followers near the sea. Kim & Will Messenger and Angel Jackson will host this gathering of sharing and blessings. Contact [\*\*Kim\*\*](#) for her weekly email and meeting link.

## Elementary Virtual Kids Church

Sunday, May 9,  
9:15 a.m.



Dan Archibald and his team continue an exploration of spiritual practices that help us draw close to God. First through fifth graders are welcome to the gathering of conversation, sharing, storytelling and wondering. Contact [\*\*dan@reservoirchurch.org\*\*](mailto:dan@reservoirchurch.org) for his weekly email and meeting link.

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## Want to Get Plugged In?

Take a step forward and connect more at Reservoir!

- Ask for personal prayer from our team: [\*\*cate@reservoirchurch.org\*\*](mailto:cate@reservoirchurch.org)
- Try one of our 30+ community groups: start with [\*\*this form\*\*](#).
- Give financially: **text Reservoir to 77977** or [\*\*pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch\*\*](https://pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch)
- Follow Cambridge Reservoir Church (Facebook), @reservoirchurch (Instagram), or [\*\*www.reservoirchurch.org\*\*](https://www.reservoirchurch.org).
- Email [\*\*info@reservoirchurch.org\*\*](mailto:info@reservoirchurch.org) to get Steve's weekly emails.
- Fill out a [\*\*“New or Feeling New” form\*\*](#).

# Stop Lying - You're Free!

ACTS

Val Snekvik

*Listening to the Spirit*

WITH FREEDOM & POWER



ACTS 4:32-37

FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

<sup>32</sup> The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, “This is mine!” about any of their possessions, but held everything in common.

<sup>33</sup> The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all.

<sup>34</sup> There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales,



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<sup>35</sup> and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

<sup>36</sup> Joseph, whom the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (that is, “one who encourages”), was a Levite from Cyprus.

<sup>37</sup> He owned a field, sold it, brought the money, and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.



ACTS 5:2-11

FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

However, a man named Ananias, along with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property.

<sup>2</sup> With his wife's knowledge, he withheld some of the proceeds from the sale. He brought the rest and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

<sup>3</sup> Peter asked, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has influenced you to lie to the Holy Spirit by withholding some of the proceeds from the sale of your land?"





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- <sup>4</sup> Wasn't that property yours to keep? After you sold it, wasn't the money yours to do with whatever you wanted? What made you think of such a thing? You haven't lied to other people but to God!"
- <sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard these words, he dropped dead. Everyone who heard this conversation was terrified.
- <sup>6</sup> Some young men stood up, wrapped up his body, carried him out, and buried him.



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<sup>7</sup> About three hours later, his wife entered, but she didn't know what had happened to her husband.

<sup>8</sup> Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you and your husband receive this price for the field?"

She responded, "Yes, that's the amount."

<sup>9</sup> He replied, "How could you scheme with each other to challenge the Lord's Spirit? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door. They will carry you out too."



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<sup>10</sup> At that very moment, she dropped dead at his feet. When the young men entered and found her dead, they carried her out and buried her with her husband.

<sup>11</sup> Trepidation and dread seized the whole church and all who heard what had happened.

