



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

January 30, 2022 | 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

Early in his ministry, a man was brought to Jesus carried by his friends. The friends made all the difference. When it comes to friendship, sometimes we do the carrying; sometimes we need to be carried. Both are human, and both are holy.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Ubi caritas (Where True Love and Charity are Found)*  
arr. Marilyn Biery; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

If you are feeling strong today,  
**come and give thanks to the source of our strength.**  
If you are feeling fragile today,  
**come and rest in God, our rock and our redeemer.**  
The doors are open and all are welcome,  
**for the love of God draws us to this moment.**

\*Hymn, No. 396

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,**  
**There are some moments of which we are not proud.**  
**There are some failings that are hard to shake.**  
**So, we would like to lay them down now, and leave them with you.** (Silent Prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. — Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Two systems of musical notation in G major and 3/4 time. The first system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Anthem

*A Minuet for Two* (11 a.m.)

by Charles Dancla; Reagan Solenberger & Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 2:1-12 (pg. 911)

Sermon

*Holy Friendship*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn, No. 692

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Ubi caritas*  
by Maurice Duruflé; Village Choir

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

\*Sung Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 693

*Though I May Speak*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Benediction*  
by Peter Lutkin; Village Choir

\*Postlude

*Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)*  
arr. David N. Johnson; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to worship with you today! Visit [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) to learn more about Village Church, including upcoming events, ways to connect and serve, how to give and more.

**New to us?** Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian Church (USA) family of faith that is inclusive and welcoming of all people. We are one church worshiping at two campuses. Our Mission Campus is located at 6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village, and our Antioch Campus is located at 14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park.

**The Gathering** will not meet tonight. We will "Gather" again at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, in Friendship Hall. Learn more about The Gathering, our alternative style of worship, at [vpcthegathering.org](http://vpcthegathering.org).

**Get Village Church news & updates** – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Tom Are's weekly eNote and Daily Devotional emails at [villagepres.org/subscribe](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

**Need a pledge card?** They are available in the Narthex or you can pledge online at [villagepres.org/commitment-form](http://villagepres.org/commitment-form). Fill one out and join the team.

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Village U Classes** – Register at [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes).

### Upcoming Village U classes:

**POSTPONED Men's Breakfast And Bible With Tom Are** – A new start date has not been released. Please stay tuned for more information. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Mission Campus-Friendship Hall. Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study. Chef Andrea will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from scripture. There will be time for discussion as well. To make a reservation for breakfast, please register online. Cost: \$6. Pay in person. Child care is not available. For more information, email [rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org](mailto:rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org).

**The Old Testament for a Complex World** - Taught by Cameron B. R. Howard, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 2-23, via Zoom. Cameron Howard is associate professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her latest book bears the same title as the course. In these four classes, she will explore how the Old Testament shapes our lives today and will help us rethink some of our assumptions and attitudes about the Hebrew scriptures.

**Outside of Ourselves: A Crash Course on Comparative Religion** - Taught by Trenton Smith, Ph.D., 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 2-March 2, Mission Campus-Room 126 and via Zoom. In this course, we will learn outside of ourselves, and we will seek to understand the major religious traditions of the world as they have evolved and in their own place. We will travel the world and listen to the very voice of God as She speaks to her creation.

**Abortion and the Church: Where Do Christians Stand in the Life and Death Debate?** – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, Mission Campus-Rooms 132 & 133 and via Zoom. Faithful Christians stand on all sides of the current debate on abortion. The Bible says nothing specifically about abortion but speaks clearly about valuing life. Together we will explore the various concerns emerging around the debate and will seek the Holy Spirit's wisdom.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**First-Floor Child Care Available** – Child care is available during 9:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. services. Infants to 4-year-olds in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 106. **Preschool Lighthouse** – Ages 2-4 – Preschool and Pre-K ages meet on the first floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. **Elementary Lighthouse** – K-6th Grade – Elementary ages meet on the third floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 307.

**Enroll for Village Church Preschool - Mission Campus** – It is enrollment time for the 2022-2023 school year! Village Church Preschool - Mission Campus will open enrollment for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old students on the following dates: **Community members** – Monday, Jan. 31. Enrollment applications can be found on our website: [villagepres.org/preschool](http://villagepres.org/preschool). Contact Sarah McKee, preschool director, with questions ([sarah.mckee@villagepres.org](mailto:sarah.mckee@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2338).

**First Wednesday Coffee & Conversation** – Ginger Rothhaas, a soul coach, minister, podcaster and teacher is passionate about giving ourselves more compassion—particularly during the prolonged pandemic. Come at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, in Room 311 at our Mission Campus for a discussion.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**Curbside Pickup Wednesday Family Meals** – Order meals by noon Mondays at [villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners). Cost is \$5 a meal. Curbside pickup is at the Mission Campus north entrance between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

## MISSION

**The Food Pantry** – The requests from the Food Pantry for this week are for pasta and rice. There is such a variety of pasta: spaghetti, linguine, rotini, lasagna, penne, etc. - and rice: brown, jasmine, wild rice, Spanish rice, etc. The clients would enjoy any or all of them.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**2nd Thursday Recital** - Join us from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary for our next 2nd Thursday Recital with soprano Stacey Stofferahn.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**“My Father’s Presence” Presented at Faith & Grief Virtual Gathering Feb. 1** – Join us online from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, for the Faith & Grief Virtual Support Gathering. Guest speaker Shelley Wyche Clark shares how her father’s continued presence after his death continues to surprise her. Register at [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings). Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) for more information.

**Volunteer from the Comfort of Home** – Would you like to make a difference on your own schedule and from any location? Telecare volunteers spend a bit of time each month showing Christ’s love, connecting with church members via caring phone calls and card writing. A training session will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, in Friendship Hall. To sign up or ask questions, contact Michelle Dicus by Monday, Feb. 14, at 913-671-2380 or [michelle.dicus@villagepres.org](mailto:michelle.dicus@villagepres.org).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Vision Board Creating Workshop** – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in the Young Adult Room. What are you and God planning for 2022? Bring your own photos and magazines, or use ours. All other supplies and instruction will be provided. RSVP required: [VillagePresYA.org/winter](http://VillagePresYA.org/winter).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Join Us for Any of Our Weekly Activities** – No sign-up is required; masks required while in the building. All weekly activities below meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

**Sunday Series**–9:30-10:30 a.m. for middle & high school. **SNL** (HS youth group)–

Sundays 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Lofternoons** (MS after school program)–Tuesdays 4-5:30 p.m.

**GPS** (MS youth group)–Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. **Early Table** (HS morning devotional)–Thursdays 7:30-8:15 a.m.

## SERMON SERIES

### Life in The Wilderness

Three decades after the ministry of Jesus, life was chaotic for Christians in the Roman empire. Christians became scapegoats for the disastrous fire that destroyed much of Rome, and as a result were rounded up and put to death by the most horrific means. A Jewish revolt was put down by the Roman Army, leaving the temple in Jerusalem destroyed again. During this tumultuous time, someone we call Mark wrote the first Gospel. He tells the story that changes the world. In this series we will travel with Mark from the beginning to the resurrection. Life 2,000 years after Jesus remains chaotic, but perhaps this story will change us. Mark bears witness that there can be abundant life even in the wilderness.

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| Jan. 16        | Will We Ever Get Out of Here? |
| Jan. 23        | Why Did He Choose These Guys? |
| <b>Jan. 30</b> | <b>Holy Friendship</b>        |
| Feb. 6         | Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? |
| Feb. 13        | Do You See What I See?        |
| Feb. 20        | Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching  |

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist  
Will Breytspraak, director of music • Brooke Brundige, director of children and family ministry  
Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications  
Nancy Gatewood, interim director of connectional ministries  
Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry  
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care • Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music  
Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor • Robert Rumold, director of information technology  
Bob Sperry, director of giving and endowment • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations  
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Deborah White, director of mission  
Rev. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

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Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online).

You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service on our worship service phone line: 913-203-1301. You can opt-in to be called automatically at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship

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