



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

February 6, 2022 | 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Everything that Jesus did revealed God's intention for us. He taught. We still study his teachings. But he also put his teachings into practice. If he had just taught, he might have escaped the cross. But he didn't.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
arr. Philip Gehring; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
and God will be our Savior.**

*Hymn, No. 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

Life can be mysterious and overwhelming.

When we are confused, we need you to guide us.

Yet, we confess that you have shared your wisdom with us before,

and we have set it aside, passed it by, and even ignored your truth.

So, more than wisdom, we admit, we need the willingness to follow you.

Reveal not only your wisdom, but also heal our apathy. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response (Repeat after the cantor when invited)

Alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

Two systems of musical notation for a choir. The first system is for the lyrics "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system is for the lyrics "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!". The music is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 2:13-17, 21-22 (pg. 911)

Sermon

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 802 (v. 3 choir only)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Worthy to Be Praised (9 a.m.)

by Byron Smith; Village Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (11 a.m.)

arr. Alan Smith; Alegria Choir

*Sung Response



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove;



then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for _ all God's love.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 307 (v. 1-3)

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,

Serving thee whom we adore.

*Postlude

Fanfare on CWM RHONDDA

by J. Bert Carlson; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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I Have a Dream (Home) Action and Celebration **4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26**

Village Church Social Justice Ministry is hosting an event with Stand Up for Black Lives+ PV, the Johnson County NAACP, the City of Prairie Village Diversity Committee and Race Project KC to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary and will focus on civil rights issues and making Prairie Village more welcoming to diverse people groups. Guest speakers include Dr. Jacob A. Wagner, a UMKC professor, director of urban studies and co-founder of the Center for Neighborhoods. We'll also hear from Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Prairie Village Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Race Project KC Students and the Shawnee Mission East Jazz Band Combo. You can also watch the livestream at villagepres.org/online.

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WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to worship with you today! Visit 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 worshipping 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 – Join us for The Gathering, an alternative style of worship at Village Church, 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus. Learn more at 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U Classes – See the full course listings and register at 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.

The Old Testament for a Complex World - Taught by Cameron B. R. Howard, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, now-Feb. 23, via Zoom. Ms. 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, now-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.

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.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

First-Floor Child Care Available – Child care is available during 9 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.

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

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Curbside Pickup Wednesday Family Meals – Order meals by noon Mondays at 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

Souper Bowl Sunday – Next Sunday, Feb. 13, is Souper Bowl Sunday - the day that the Food Pantry hopes that each of you will bring cans of hearty soup to the church to fill our shelves. A warm bowl of hearty soup on a cold winter day can be a lunch meal or dinner meal and so easy for all ages to prepare. Cash or checks are gratefully received.

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 and pianist Lamar Sims.

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.

Parents/Family Dinner Night – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. Young adult parents! Bring your kiddos for a (free) family dinner night. We'll eat together, then children can go to child care so parents can have some devotional time together. RSVP required: 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–9-10 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.

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

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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Streaming video of Sunday services is available at 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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