



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

February 13, 2022 | 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

This is one of the strangest stories in Mark's Gospel. There is a man described as being possessed by a legion of demons. It's hard to know exactly what that means, but the consequence is that to his community he is as good as dead. But when Jesus comes to him, he looks through the chaos and sees a human being. Jesus gives this demon-possessed outcast his life back, or better said, he gives him a life he never knew he had. Some might call it resurrection.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Alleluia
by Jacobus Gallus; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Eternal God,
who fashioned the universe,
and lives beyond time and space,

**how is it that you call us by name,
and meet us in this moment?**

You humble us, O God,
and the purest expression of humility is praise!

*Hymn, No. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*Prayer of Confession

**Incarnate God, who dwells with us,
you have been with us every moment of each day,
and most of the time we overlook you.
And your image dwells in everyone we meet,
and most of the time we fail to notice.
And your call echoes to us each morning
and most of the time we are too distracted to hear.
Open our eyes, O God.
Open our ears.
Open our hearts to you.
Let us see in this world what you see. (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

**I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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

There is a Balm in Gilead
arr. Bob Walters; Village Brass

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 5:1-20 (pg. 914)

Sermon

Do You See What I See?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Be Still
by Patrick Hawes; Village Choir

Be still, and know that I am God.

-Psalm 46, v. 10

*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. 547 (v. 1,2)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed nourished, joyful and free.**

*Postlude

Rondeau
by Jean-Joseph Mouret; Village Brass

**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.

**Visiting Scholar Kaitline B. Curtice to Speak on
"Native Christianity: Rediscovering Our Story"**

Join this insightful theologian online Friday and Saturday, March 4 & 5, as Kaitlin B. Curtice helps us rediscover our roots, expand our understanding of Native American theology, and glimpse the future she envisions as she works on her next book on everyday resistance. As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin shares what it means to experience her faith through the lens of her indigenous heritage and encourages us to embrace our own origins. Get more information and register at villagepres.org-visiting-scholar.

Are you interested in reading scripture in our morning worship services?

We would be excited to involve you in this special part of our ministry in Lent and beyond. Let us know about your interest with an email to Marsha Hansen at marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.

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

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:

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.

Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts – Taught by Rev. Sally S. Wright 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 22 & 29, in Room 126. The Holy Spirit gave each of us unique gifts. We will discover those gifts and learn to develop and use those gifts effectively. The prayer for this class is that it will help you live your faith more effectively and completely.

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. **No Lighthouse on Sunday, Feb. 20.** Kids are encouraged to join their families in worship.

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

Food Pantry – Today is "Souper Bowl" Sunday and we thank you for your generous donations of soup. If you left your soup on the kitchen table, you may drop it off at either campus or at the Pantry, or we will gratefully receive cash or checks. This week we are asking for crackers of every kind to go with all that great soup.

Accepting Local Community Grant Applications – The Mission Committee is accepting applications for local community grants in the areas of homelessness, hunger and adult education (ages 16 and older). Grants range from \$2,500-\$5,000. Get more info at villagepres.org/mission-grant-application. The application deadline is Feb. 28. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org for more information.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

If You Or A Loved One Is Hospitalized have a family member or the hospital chaplain call the Pastoral Care Department at 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, the room number and other information. After hours call the church's main number 913-262-4200. A pastor will come and visit, listen and offer comfort and prayers.

Hope...Help...Healing – Stephen Ministers can provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty. Stephen Ministers are members of Village Church specially trained to listen, care, encourage and support people going through tough times. Contact Rev. Melanie Hardison at melanie.hardison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2367 for more info.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women Spring Retreat – Join us April 22-23 at Heartland Presbyterian Center in Parkville, Missouri. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Suzan Hawkinson from First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield, Illinois. Online registration opens March 4 at villagepres.org/pw. In-person registration is from 9 a.m.-noon Sundays, March 6-April 3, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus and at the Antioch Campus.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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.

Mardi Gras (mini) Party and Lenten Trivia – 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Before we journey into Lent, let's celebrate and learn 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)–Join us tonight from 5-9 for our Superbowl party! **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.

Super Bowl Party – Join us tonight in the youth loft (Room 333) from 5-9 p.m. (or the end of the game). All middle and high schoolers are invited regardless of interest in the game!

11th Grade Dinner – All high school juniors are invited to Zach's House (4807 W. 101st Ter., Overland Park, KS 66207) at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. Come enjoy some food, hang out for a bit, and talk with fellow juniors about how the year is going. No RSVP needed.

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.

- Feb. 6 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?
- Feb. 13 Do You See What I See?**
- Feb. 20 In Herod's Court - Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching
- Feb. 27 Second Time is the Charm
- March 6 Time to Move Past Book Learning
- March 13 Greatness

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

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.

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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