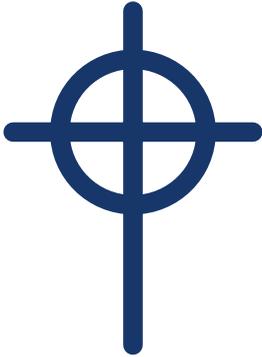




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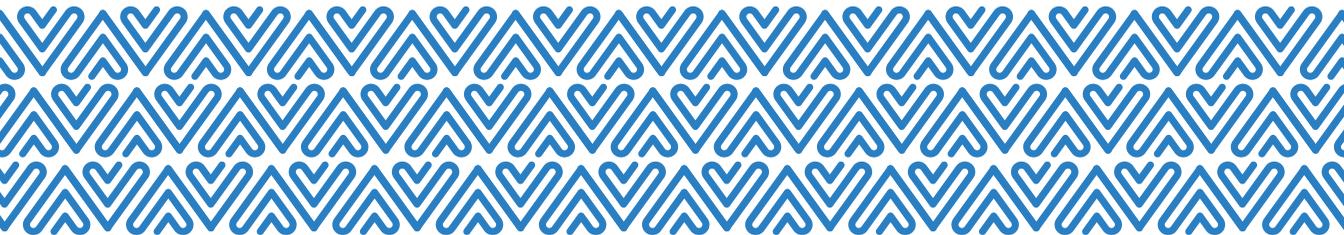


Service of Worship

February 19, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

The best baby gift I received was a retired pediatric nurse offering to stay overnight and keep watch over my twin three-month-old babies. What a gift to have someone remain present with my children for one whole, uninterrupted night of sleep for me! In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake with him and pray. The poor disciples could not seem to stay awake, unlike the nurse who kept my kids all night. There is a close connection between presence and prayer. If Jesus can ask the disciples to be present and to pray, we can take his example and ask for it, too. Let's explore together. —Rev. Sally S. Wright



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Meditation on "Finlandia"

by Brenda Portman; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Why Village Matters

Meneilly Visiting Scholar; Mary Lehoczkzy

Call To Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Let us come to worship God.

Let us bless God's holy name.

We enter God's presence with gratitude,

for our God is good.

God's love endures forever,

and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn, No. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

you call us to follow you and the way of Jesus,

yet we do not always do that.

We get distracted and busy,

and at times become indifferent to the needs of your people.

Forgive us now and lead us back to your way.

In Christ's name we pray. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Caroline Morrison (9 a.m.); Alice McCabe (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Mark 9:2-8 (pg. 919)

Call to Prayer

Musical score for 'Call to Prayer' in 4/4 time, featuring a soprano line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.'

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

Lawd, If I Got My Ticket

arr. Robert Shaw; Jonathan Pilkington, tenor; Village Choir

Scripture

Mark 14:32-41a (pg. 927)

Sermon

Stay & Pray: God's Invitation to Human Connection

Rev. Sally S. Wright

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Praise His Holy Name (9 a.m.)

by Keith Hampton; Elijah Tang-Spielman, conductor

How Can I Keep from Singing (11 a.m.)

arr. Richard Walters; Jonathan Pilkington, tenor

*Sung Response

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,

Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 819

Be Still, My Soul

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*Postlude

Andante in D Major

by Felix Mendelssohn; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 – At the **Mission Campus**, come to our Morning Ashes (Gathering-style) service from 8-8:40 a.m. in Friendship Hall. Starting at 6:40 p.m., Drs. Elisa Bickers and Josh Maize will offer an organ meditation before the 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.

At the **Antioch Campus**, join us for drive-thru ashes, prayer, hot coffee and donuts from 7-8 a.m. and again from noon-1 p.m. There will also be a 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

Whether this is your first time at Village, or you come so often you call it "home," we are blessed that you are with us today. No matter where you are in your faith journey or life stage, no matter what questions or burdens you carry, Village takes seriously the call to be welcoming; we are glad you are here. Every Sunday we gather to read the old story, sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world in which we live this minute through sermons and prayer. By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ's life, we discover hope and even joy.

If you are new to us, stick around after the service. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors. We have tons of programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. Give us a try; soon you might also be calling this place "home."



Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Senior Pastor

The Gathering – Join us for an alternative style of worship at Village Church offered 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 Jr.'s weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

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Subscribe to **Village Pres Sermon Podcasts** on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify & Stitcher.

Thank you to those who have already increased their 2023 financial commitment through the Second Mile pledge drive. You are ensuring that Village Church continues doing the good that is ours to do in our community and the world. If you've not already done so, you are invited to complete a Second Mile 2023 Pledge Card (available in the pew racks and Narthex) or online at villagepres.org/second-mile, or simply call Bob Sperry, director of giving, at 913-671-2325.

New baby births – We want to meet your little one and give them a gift. Come by the Children & Family Ministry office or email kidsinfo@villagepres.org.

Prepare for baptism – For infants and children, contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org. For adults, contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org

Add someone to the prayer list – Contact pastoral-care@villagepres.org

Join the church – Contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org

Giving – You may give to Village Church online at villagepres.org/giving. Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at bob.sperry@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.

The flowers in the Chancel today are in loving memory of Mason Ormsby, shared by his family.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study Led by Rev. Tim Soule - 6 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 23-April 6. Antioch Campus-Fellowship Hall. Pastor Tim will lead this Lenten Bible Study curriculum developed by Cynthia M. Campbell & Christian Coy Fohr. A soup & salad dinner is included. Books are available at the Antioch Campus for \$10 or order an e-book online. Register by calling 913-681-8180 or emailing lisa.harrison@villagepres.org.

Register for spring Village U Classes – Find the full course listings and register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

Children's Clothing Swap – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, Room 132. Looking to update your child's wardrobe but not wanting to spend money? Bring your children's outgrown clothes, shoes and accessories to our children's clothing swap. Any items not claimed will be donated to the Village Clothes Closet. Child care registration is required, but free of charge; deadline to register is Feb. 21. Contact sandra.stephens@villagepres.org with questions.

Joy Even on Your Worst Days – Taught by Rev. Tom Are, Jr., 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 1-22, in Rooms 126 & 127. The most joyful writing in the New Testament is found in Paul's letter to the Philippians. In this course we will focus on Paul's wisdom regarding the practice of joy.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Today is Family Worship Sunday – No Lighthouse or Morning Stars choirs rehearsals. Children are encouraged to worship with their families.

Early childhood teachers wanted at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center for full-time and part-time positions during center hours, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Please consider joining our team. Call Peggy Tingle or Julie Jones at 913-671-2310.

Moms of Teens (MOTS) Starts March 1 – Do you know what helps when parenting a teen feels extra hard? Being surrounded by friends fighting the same battles! We're starting a new group that meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month starting March 1 in Room 206 after Wednesday Family Dinner in Friendship Hall. Email brooke.brundige@villagepres.org with questions.

FOOD PANTRY

We are so appreciative of your generous donations for "SOUPER BOWL" Sunday last week. Our neighbors will love the varieties that were donated. This week we are asking for all kinds of crackers to go with the soups! The Clothes Closet needs gently used or new kitchen towels and washcloths.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall at Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Dine in before your Village U class or take it home. Activities for kids. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

MUSIC

2nd Thursday Recital with Lee's Summit West High School Choir "Una Voce" – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 9. Mission Campus Sanctuary. Come hear "Una Voce" chamber choir from Lee's Summit West High School under the direction of Jacob Lowry. A "Meet the Artist" reception will follow. Free admission.

Kansas City Chorale Concert – 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, Mission Campus Sanctuary. This Grammy Award-winning choir, under the direction of Charles Bruffy, will present Handel's "Dixie Dominus" and Vivaldi's "Gloria." Tickets are available at the door and at kcchorale.org.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

If You Would Like to Receive the Prayer List – You may sign up to receive the weekly prayer list every Friday by sending your name and email address to linda.alley@villagepres.org. The prayer list will be emailed directly to you.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women: 10:30 a.m. April 1 – Register now at villagepres.org/pw. There will also be registration tables at church beginning Sunday, Feb. 26. The cost, including brunch, is \$20. You can request child care when you register.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY for people in their 20s & 30s

For opportunities for connection in Lent, go to: VillagePresYA.org!

YOUTH MINISTRIES

See the list of all programs at villagepresyouth.org.

Tibetan Sound Bath & Meditation – 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 & March 21, Antioch Campus. Join Dorothy Tannahill-Moran, certified sound therapist, for a sound bath & meditation. Bring a mat to lay on and a blanket and pillow for your comfort. The cost is \$25 if you sign up for both sessions or \$15 if you sign up for one, payable by Venmo in advance, to @Dorothy-Tannahill-Moran-1, (phone digits: 1657). Questions: dorothyfrmkansas@gmail.com, 503-260-1657.

Annual Congregational Meeting-Dinner/Potluck Brunch – This year an annual meeting will take place at both the Mission and the Antioch campuses. You are welcome to attend the meeting at either location. Rev. Tom Are, Jr. will lead the meeting at the Mission Campus and will provide a review of 2022 and plans for 2023. Upon recommendation of Session, the congregation will also be invited to call Alice Whitson as associate pastor for Media Ministry. The Session will present the budget for 2023. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead the meeting at the Antioch Campus.

Mission Campus – The annual meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, March 14. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, contact Marsha Hansen no later than Wednesday, March 1, at 913-671-2341 or marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.

Antioch Campus – The annual meeting begins with a potluck brunch in Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 26. No RSVP is required.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Get a Life In Peter's Footsteps Feb. 26-April 9

This Lent, Rev. Tom Are, Jr. will journey with the Apostle Peter. Peter was the first disciple to be called and among the last to fall away. He had moments of brilliance as well as utter failure. Peter shows us that life is a gift which is both ordinary and a fathomless mystery. It can be as mundane as Monday, but it is also the space in which holiness shows up. The invitation of Jesus, to all he encountered, was to live a particular life. It is a life that God intends for us. Such a life is one that is centered in God and attentive to neighbor. Peter had the courage to follow this invitation, and he discovered that Jesus eventually gave his life that we all might get a life... a life that God intends for us.

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyice, director of mission & engagement • Will Breytspraak, director of music
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications

Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

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 & endowment

Sandra Stephens, director of child care • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Alice Whitson, director of media ministry

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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