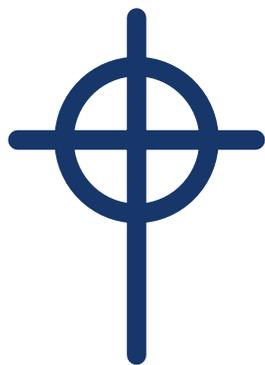




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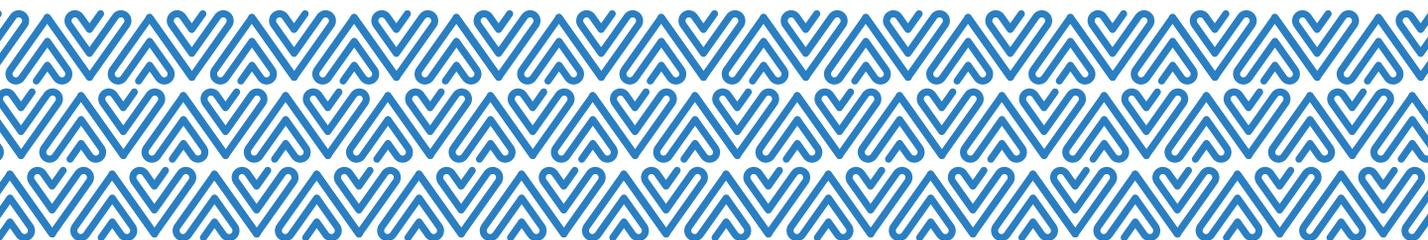


Service of Worship

February 20, 2022 | 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

This story doesn't make sense here. We're hearing about the mission of the disciples, and then suddenly we're in Herod's court. Mark puts this made-for-television scene into the middle of his story. But perhaps this is how power's drama always shows up - in the middle of our otherwise orderly narratives, making nonsense out of what we previously thought made sense.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude	<i>The Ash Grove</i> setting by Wayne L. Wold; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ	
Words of Welcome		Rev. Hallie Hottle
Why Village Matters	Kansas Missouri Mental Health Collaborative, Inc. Alice and Al Eidson	
Introit	<i>We Gather Together</i> (9 a.m.)	
	Dutch folk song, arr. Ron Mallory; Morning Bells	
	<i>Meditation on "Gilead"</i> (11 a.m.)	
	African-American spiritual, arr. Daphnia Portier; Village Ringers	
Call to Worship		Rev. Sally S. Wright

Isaiah said, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

And so we come, seeking Holy preparation for the living of our days.

John said, "The kingdom of heaven is near."

And so we come, looking for a glimpse of the sacred in all that is ordinary.

Jesus says, "Follow me."

And so we come, wanting for purpose in the wilderness of our lives.

God says, "You are loved."

And so we come, to be held, led, loved by our living God.

*Hymn, No. 336

We Gather Together

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

for our seeking of purpose in the wrong places,

for the times we've looked for order-makers among the chaos-creators,

for our contribution to the mess,

and our absence from the mission,

forgive us.

Help us remember what story we are part of.

Help us to want for more. (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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 6:17-25 (pg. 916)

Sermon

In Herod's Court

Rev. Hallie Hottle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 756 (v. 1-3)

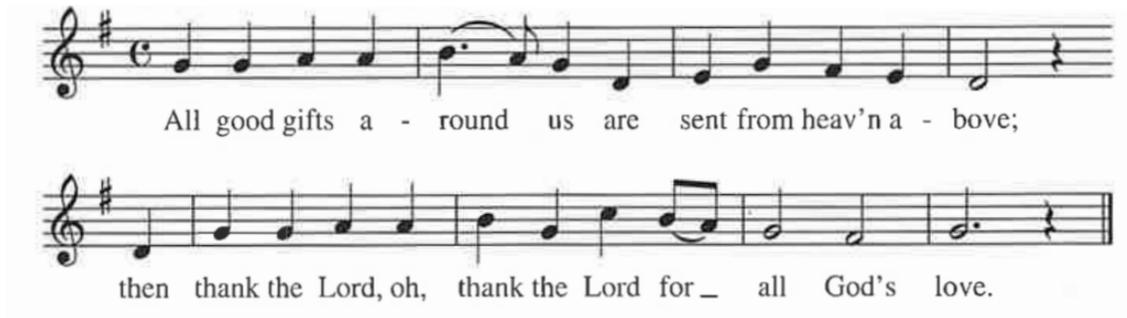
O God of Every Nation

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Will Arise
arr. Alice Parker; Village Choir

*Sung Response (sing twice)



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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
And Christ shall rule victorious over all the world's domain.**

*Postlude

Llangloffan
setting by Walter L. Pelz; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*
© A-705103 for all hymns

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 6, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Congregational Meeting will also be livestreamed at villagepres.org/online. The meeting at the Antioch Campus follows the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, March 13. Both meetings will include a review of 2021, end of year financials and the presentation of the 2022 budget.

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.

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.

The flowers in the Chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of John B. Draper by Ruth Draper.

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

Visiting Scholar Kaitlin B. Curtice to Speak on "Native Christianity: Rediscovering Our Story" – Join this insightful theologian online March 4 & 5. 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.

Village U Classes – Register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

Upcoming classes:

Especially for Women - Do you like to dig deeper into your faith? Especially for Women is a class where you can do that. Starting on March 4, Kaitlin Curtice, the 2022 Visiting Scholar, will be our guide to understanding our past and the possibilities of a better future in this land we call home. Her book "Native" calls us to dig deeper into our faith and justice and changes our perspective on Indigenous peoples.

Deep Calls to Deep: The Psalms in Dialogue and Disruption – Taught by William P. Brown from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 9-30, via Zoom. Bill Brown is the William McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. Through these four class sessions, Professor Brown will open the Psalms to us and help us see how the Spirit is speaking and calling to the church.

Decolonizing the Church: Building Beloved Community – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 9-30, Rooms 132 & 133. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called upon us all to "build the beloved community" of Jesus Christ. This means the church must intentionally seek out and dismantle practices, rituals and systems that reinforce oppression of individuals and groups of people, especially regarding race and ethnicity.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

No Lighthouse today – 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 - Thank you for your donations of hearty soup. The Food Pantry collected over 675 pounds of soup on Souper Bowl Sunday. The Food Pantry's wishes this week are for canned vegetables. The clients love beans, corn and carrots - but they also like a variety of choices. Think outside the box - spinach, beets, tomatoes, sauerkraut, etc. Donations can be dropped off at either church or delivered to the Pantry (9906 Mission Road) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Accepting Local Community Grant Applications - The Village Church Mission Committee is now accepting applications for local community grants in the areas of homelessness, hunger and adult education (ages 16 and older). Grant sizes range from \$2,500 - \$5,000. More information on applying for grants is available online at villagepres.org/mission-grant-application. The deadline is Feb. 28. For more information, contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women Spring Retreat - Join us April 22-23 at Heartland Presbyterian Center in Parkville, Missouri for a time to connect with God, old friends, new friends and the beauty of nature. 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 at Mission Campus and at Antioch Campus.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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 required; masks required while in the building. All weekly activities below meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

Sunday Series–No meeting this week. **SNL** (HS youth group)–Sundays 6:30-8:30 p.m.–Join us tonight for games with our volunteer leaders. **Lofternoons** (MS after school program)–No Lofternoons this week. **GPS** (MS youth group)–Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.–No youth group this week. **Early Table** (HS morning devotional)–Thursdays 7:30-8:15 a.m.

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.

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. You can also watch the livestream at villagepres.org/online.

Ash Wednesday, March 2

Mission Campus – 8 a.m. Ash Wednesday service in Friendship Hall. 30 minutes or less; grab-and-go coffee. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.

Antioch Campus – 7-8 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. Drive-Thru Ash-N-Dash in the parking lot. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.

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

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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