



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

February 27, 2022 | 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Jesus does more miracles in Mark's Gospel than in any of the other Gospels. But this particular miracle takes a little extra. Jesus opens the eyes of one who cannot see, or tries to, but his sight is still blurry. So, Jesus tries again. Thank goodness, Jesus is persistent.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Trio No. 1, "Con moto"
Gustav Merkel; String Quartet

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters

Meneilly Visiting Scholar
Trenton Smith, Ph.D., Th.D.

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Open our mouths, O God,
and we will proclaim your praise.
Draw us to you,
for you are our rock and our redeemer.

*Hymn, No. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

*Prayer of Confession

Living God,
You are the source of all life and the reason for all hope.
We lift our voices in prayer because
the world is a mess,
and sometimes we are a mess.
Be merciful, we pray, and remind us of
your love that calls us by name,
and strengthen our trust
in the ways your love shapes our lives. (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

All Things New (9 a.m.)

by Elaine Hagenberg; More Love Chorale

*Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
home after wand'ring, praise after tears.
Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,*

*He is making all things new, Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new, He is making all things new.*

*Sight after myst'ry, sun after rain,
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.*

Be Thou My Vision (11 a.m.)

by Alice Parker; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 8:22-30 (pg. 918)

Sermon

Second Time is the Charm

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine
by Gabriel Fauré; Village Choir

*O Redeemer divine, our hope and our salvation,
Eternal Light of the earth and the sky,
we kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!*

*Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming,
whose wondrous might dispersed the pow'rs of hell,
And rouse our slumb'ring souls with radiance all-illum'ning,
that they may waken Thy mercy to tell!*

*O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
who here are gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory
and these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!*

*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, No. 543 (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Walking behind to hem my journey,
Going ahead to light my way,
And from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.**

*Postlude

Allegro from Concerto in D Minor, BWV 596
by Johann Sebastian Bach; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*
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MUSIC NOTE

Today we are grateful to welcome Allison Ross, Jennifer Clevenger (violin), Monty Carter (viola), and Trilla Ray-Carter (cello) as musical leaders of our worship.

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.

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.

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

Sunday Morning Lenten Class – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishoka is leading a Sunday morning Lenten series at the Antioch Campus immediately following worship at 10:45-11:45 a.m. starting Sunday, March 6. The first class will be "Individual and Collective Actions to Alleviate Climate Change by Kristin Riott" in Fellowship Hall. Kristin is executive director of Bridging the Gap, a KC non-profit that promotes environmental education and actions.

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

Upcoming classes:

Especially for Women – 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.

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. 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

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.

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 – Requests this week are not for food, but dental care. There is a need for more toothbrushes, floss and toothpaste of all sizes and all kinds—but please, no mouthwashes. Soothing lip care for dry lips (such as ChapStick) would also be appreciated.

MUSIC

2nd Thursday Recital with Flutist Ebonee Thomas – Join us from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, March 10, for our next 2nd Thursday Recital with flutist Ebonee Thomas. Ebonee was just appointed to the faculty of the UMKC Conservatory. Join us as we welcome her to Kansas City.

Beethoven & Brahms with Destiny Ann Mermagen and Tatiana Tessman – Join us at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary for a free concert featuring award-winning instrumentalists Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin, and Tatiana Tessman, piano. The program will include sonatas by Brahms and Beethoven, as well as a work from Destiny Ann Mermagen's CD "Bach to Barn Burners."

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Marcia Tammeus is the Guest Speaker at Faith & Grief Virtual Gathering – Our gathering will be held via Zoom at noon Tuesday, March 1. Join us to hear Marcia share her experience about accompanying her friend, Michele, from when Michele received her debilitating diagnosis up through her death. Register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women – Online registration opens at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, to the April 9 Celebration of Faithful Women. We gather to celebrate the gifts of all Presbyterian Women and four dedicated women who will be recognized as Honorary Life Members: Linda Alley, Lexa Carr, Julia Scammahorn and Cindy Wilcox. Get more info and register at villagepres.org/pw.

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.

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.

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

Please 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.

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. 20 In Herod's Court - Rev. Hallie Hottle

Feb. 27 Second Time is the Charm

March 6 Time to Move Past Book Learning

March 13 Greatness

March 20 Eternal Life is Not Bold Enough

March 27 Are Smart People More Holy?

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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