



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

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

About Today's Service

We return to the passage in Mark 8 for a second time, because in some ways the story is told twice. Once with a blind man who receives healing, and once with a disciple—Peter—who can't see, or at least can't see clearly. The blind man has an advantage, however for he knows he can't see. Peter has no idea what he is missing. Like the blind man, the disciple will need a second touch.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord
arr. Ovid Young; Village Choir

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Open our eyes, O God,

That we might see ourselves the way you see us.

Open our eyes, O God,

That we might see the world the way you see your world.

Open our hearts, O God,

That we might love what we see.

*Hymn, No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

*Prayer of Confession

God of undying hope,

Your dreams can be intimidating.

Were you serious when you called us to forgive seventy times seven?

Did you believe it was possible to never let the sun go down on our anger?

You really believe that we could turn our other cheek,

and you did not have your tongue planted in your cheek

when you called us to love one another just as you have loved us.

We know we have fallen short of these dreams. And we are sorry.

But we also know you have not stopped dreaming.

So if you will grant us one more week,

we will remember these hopes that come from you,

and perhaps we will draw closer to your promised day. (Silent Prayer)

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Glo-ry to our Cre - a - tor, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi - rit, as it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now and will be for - ev - er.
A - men! A - men! A - men!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Anthem

Let All Things Now Living (9 a.m.)
traditional hymn; Victoria Easton, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 8:22-30 (pg. 918)

Sermon

The Problem With Being Right

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 726 (v. 1-3,5)

Will You Come and Follow Me

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee
by Duane Funderburk; Village Players

*Sung Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people
here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more;
praise Tri-une God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 450 (v. 1-3)

Be Thou My Vision

Congregational Meeting (9 a.m.)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (11 a.m.)

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Postlude (11 a.m.)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!
by Duane Funderburk; Village Players

**All who are able may stand*

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MUSIC NOTE

Today's Village Players sextet consists of Erika Wheeler, flute; Bob Abbott, oboe; Amy Jantz, clarinet; Anne Sneller, English horn; Bob Coleman, tenor sax and Ruth Abbott, piano. Do you play an instrument (any instrument!) and want to contribute your gifts to worship? If so, contact Village Players coordinator Destiny Mermagen, destiny.mermagen@villagepres.org.

At the 11 a.m. service, the Alegría choir offers a barbershop chorus-style rendition of Alfred Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer."

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - 10 a.m. today in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The meeting at the Antioch Campus follows the 9:30 a.m. service on 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 worshiping 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 – Register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

Upcoming classes:

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.

Depression: How I Cope and Why I Talk about It – Led by Dr. John Hall and hosted by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, Room 132. Dr. John Hall will discuss his experience with depression, including his personal story, his diagnosis and treatment.

From the Beginning: The History of Village Church – Led by Judy Cooper, Heritage Committee of Village Church, from 11 a.m.-noon Thursdays, March 24 & 31 in Room 230. In 1947 a sign was placed in the yard near 67th and Mission Road that read “A United Presbyterian Church Will Soon be Erected on This Place.” In that same year, a young Seminary student graduated from Pittsburgh Presbyterian Seminary.

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

The Food Pantry is requesting a variety of canned fruits. Tropical mix, pineapple, cherries, peaches, pears, apricots, grapefruit, etc. in cans, not glass. Dried fruit is also a favorite. The Clothes Closet is asking for raincoats, umbrellas, galoshes, light jackets, etc. in all sizes.

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.

Beethoven & Brahms Recital – Join Village Players leader & violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen for a concert with prize-winning pianist Tatiana Tessman. Featuring sonatas by Beethoven, Brahms and works from Bach to Barn Burners™. Special guest appearance by two Village Players youth. The concert is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Pre-Concert Recital Sneak Peek Discussion & Class with Destiny at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, March 13, Chapel.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Easter Lilies Need Delivery Volunteers – We need people to help deliver 290 Easter lilies throughout Missouri and Kansas to our homebound members. Come by the north entrance for curbside pick-up between 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, to deliver that day or on Easter Sunday. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to sign up.

Easter Lily Donations Honor Those We Love and Miss – Your \$15 donation in memory of a loved one honors that person and brightens a homebound member's life with an Easter lily. Purchase online at shop.villagepres.org/pastoral-care-counseling or send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person to Janice Gill, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208. Donations are accepted through Easter Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women – Register for the April 9 Celebration of Faithful Women. We gather to celebrate the gifts of all Presbyterian Women and four women who will be recognized as Honorary Life Members: Linda Alley, Lexa Carr, Julia Scammahorn and Cindy Wilcox. Register at villagepres.org/pw. In-person registration is from 9 a.m.-noon Sundays in Friendship Hall through March 27.

Presbyterian Women Spring Retreat – Join us April 22-23 at Heartland Presbyterian Center in Parkville, Missouri to connect with God, old friends, new friends and the beauty of nature. Register online at villagepres.org/pw. In-person registration is from 9 a.m.-noon Sundays through April 3 in Friendship Hall.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Theology Thursdays – 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 10, 24, April 7. We begin our Lenten series on Sacraments. Join us as we journey Lent learning more about sacramental theology and baking some bread along the way. RSVP helpful but not required: VillagePresYA.org/lent.

Parents/Family Dinner Night – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9. 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

DR Mission Trip Departs March 12 – After a two-year hiatus, our annual spring break mission trip to the Dominican Republic is back on. Please keep the health and safety of our team in your prayers.

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–9:30-10:30 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.

- Feb. 20 In Herod's Court – Rev. Hallie Hottle
- Feb. 27 Jesus Really Wants Us to See – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
- March 6 The Problem With Being Right**
- 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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