



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

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

About Today's Service

There was a man who came to Jesus with an important question. It's a question, at one time or another, everyone probably thinks about. Typical of Jesus, he doesn't really give an answer. More than anything, Jesus tries to change the man's question.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
arr. Ben Spalding; Ben A. Spalding, piano

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

We have set this time aside for worship.

We worship because we are hungry for the holy.

This moment is holy, O God, because you are here.

You are here, O God, because you are hungering for us.

You dwell among your broken people; such grace gives birth to our worship.

*Hymn, No. 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

*Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy,

Forgive us for our lack of vision, and the signs of your kingdom we fail to see.

**Forgive us for our lack of trust in your word, and the words of grace
we fail to hear.**

**Forgive us for our lack of courage to speak your gospel, and the pain we
cause with careless tongue.**

You alone are our hope. (Silent Prayer)

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'Lord, have mer - cy.'. The notes are simple, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

*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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn, No. 482

Baptized in Water

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 10:17-27 (pg. 921)

Sermon

Eternal Life is Not Bold Enough

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 819

Be Still, My Soul

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Sicut Cervus

music by G.P. da Palestrina; Music Interns

*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God. - Psalm 42:1*

*Sung Response

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
by Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Postlude

Festive Improvisation on NICAEA
Ben A. Spalding, organ

About Today's Guest Organist, Ben A. Spalding

Ben A. Spalding is one of the most exciting professional choral conductors of his generation and has established himself as an exemplary conductor, creative programmer, composer, arranger, keyboard artist and arts entrepreneur whose skills are increasingly in demand. Spalding is the founder and artistic director of Kansas City's Spire Chamber Ensemble and Baroque Orchestra. He has also served as guest organist and pianist at Antioch Campus.

Prayers for Ukraine 6 p.m. Friday, March 25 Mission Campus Sanctuary

A service of music and prayers for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine. All ages welcome. A retiring offering will be collected for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Ukraine.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism Today

Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children, at 9 a.m.: Cynthia Jane Elrod (Alice and Tim Elrod, parents), and June Marie Willman (Kathryne and Scott Willman, parents). At 11 a.m.: Miles Cook Crowder (Lauren and Taylor Crowder, parents), Pierce Howard Hannawald (Cara and Derek Hannawald, parents), and Henry Fox McFarlane (Michelle and Ben McFarlane, parents.)

Morning Stars Music Ministry Presents "The Tale of the Three Trees"

Calling all pint-size thespians and vocalists! Jenny Hull is directing another one of her fabulous productions for students in grades 2-6. The musical will be performed in between the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, April 24. Rehearsals are 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, March 23- April 20. Email Jenny if your kids are interested: jenny.hull@villagepres.org.

Can I Get a Witness?

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins is the director of the Presbyterian Church's office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. He will lead an in-person workshop exploring how faithful Christians can witness to their faith and participate in Christ's call to do justice. You will come away with practical strategies for how you can help transform the world. Join us from 9-11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 2, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Email laura.hobbs@villagepres.org for information.

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 Pastor Conversations – 10:10-10:50 a.m. Sundays, March 20-April 10, Rooms 132 & 133. This morning, Revs. Tom Are and Sally Wright will reflect on the practice of confession—the meaning of confession and its role during Lent. All are welcome.

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

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 and via Zoom. 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.

Tech Talk with Tony – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, Room 316. In the first of a two-part series, Tony Liu will discuss & demonstrate the advantages and conveniences of creating a Smart Home. Topics will assist in decision-making when considering and creating a Smarter Home.

Christology 101: Who is Jesus? – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 6-27, Rooms 132&133 and via Zoom. Christology is the branch of theology that studies the life and witness of Jesus Christ. Together, we will explore and seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Worship Sunday Today – No Lighthouse. Children are encouraged to worship with their families.

Kids Summer Programs Registration - Registration opens at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 21, for church members and families with children enrolled in our preschool (both Mission and Antioch Campuses), Kids Day Out (Mission Campus), and/or the Village Church Child & Family Development Center. Community registration opens at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 23. Register at villagepres.org/kids-summer.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Curbside Pickup Wednesday Family Meals – Order meals by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners. The cost is \$5 a meal. Curbside pickup is at the Mission Campus north entrance between 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

MISSION

Support Emergency Relief for Those Fleeing Violence in Ukraine through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Gifts can be made online at presbyterianmission.org, calling (800) 872-3283, texting PDAUKR to 41444, or check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line. Mail to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

The Food Pantry is requesting easy-to-prepare main dish items: canned chicken, Spam, beef stew, ravioli, chili, etc. The Clothes Closet is asking for clean kitchen wares: dishes, utensils, pans, flatware, etc. Thank you for all your donations.

MUSIC

New Village Voices Program – You're invited to a student/guardian info session at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 27, in Room 15 to learn more about the new Village Voices youth choir program launching this fall. Village Voices is a non-auditioned choir for students in grades 7-12. It's open to members and non-members, as well as beginner and experienced musicians. Come learn about the new program, including an exciting tour announcement! Register by emailing josh.maize@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

If You Are Grieving... Consider coming to Growing through Grief for understanding, comfort and support. This 5:30 p.m. five-week series starts Wednesday, April 6. and goes through May 4 and will meet in room 124. There is no cost, but registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

We're with you. Wherever you are. Some of our homebound members live up north, east in Blue Springs or in western Olathe. Will you help deliver an Easter lily to them? We want all of our church family to receive one of 290 Easter lilies that will be delivered. To sign up and find out more about delivery, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women – Register at villagepres.org/pw or in person from 9 a.m.-noon Sundays in Friendship Hall through March 27. We'll gather at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary to celebrate the gifts of all Presbyterian Women.

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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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) – No meeting this week!
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.

March 13 Time to Move Beyond Book Learning

March 20 Eternal Life is Not Bold Enough

March 27 Are Smart People More Holy?

April 3 Where are the Poor? Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, guest preaching

April 10 Parade Time

April 17 He's Not Here, But I Know Where You Can Find Him

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

Sandra Stephens, 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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