



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

April 3, 2022 | 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

We welcome to the pulpit Rev. Jimmie Hawkins as our guest preacher. In the Gospel reading today, Jesus is a few days away from his arrest, torture, and crucifixion. Mary, a friend of Jesus, anoints his feet with precious oil. One of the disciples, Judas, complains about how Mary wasted the expensive perfume and says the money could have been given to the poor, but Jesus tells him, "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." Rev. Hawkins will help us understand what Jesus meant by this and what it means for us today.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Listen! God is Calling!
by Ann Krentz Music; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call to Worship

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present help in times of trouble.

Though the earth trembles, and mountains slide into the sea, we have no fear.

Waters foam and roar, and mountains shake at their surging;

but the God of hosts is with us—our stronghold, the God of Israel.

There is a river whose streams give joy to the city of God,

the holy dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it stands firm. God will aid it at the break of day.

Even if nations are in chaos, and kingdoms fall, God's voice resounds;

the earth melts away.

God is with us; the God of Israel is our stronghold.

Come! See the deeds of the Most High, the marvelous things God has done on earth;

All over the world, God has stopped wars—

breaking bows, splintering spears, burning the shields with fire.

"Be still! And know that I am God, exalted among the nations,

exalted upon the earth." (Psalm 46)

*Hymn, No. 320 (v. 1-3, 5)

The Church of Christ in Every Age

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,

you call us to work for a world

where all will be fed and have dignity,

but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

You call us to seek justice and peace,

but we are satisfied with injustice and war.

You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,

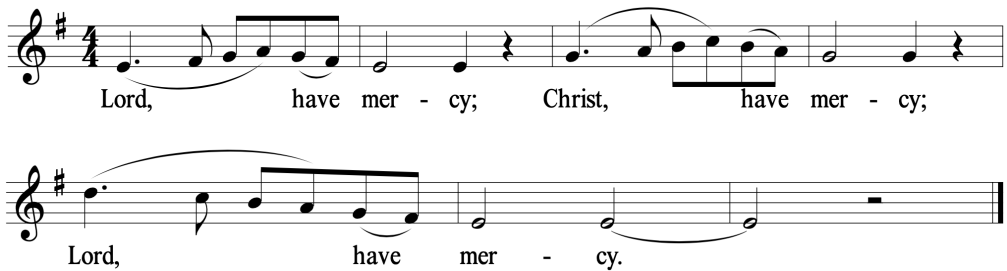
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,

so that all may know your justice, righteousness, and peace;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (Silent prayer)

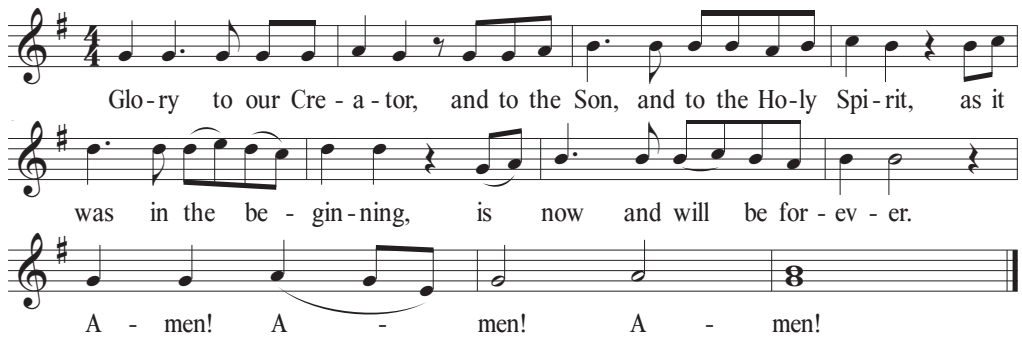


Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

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!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

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

In the Garden (9 a.m.)

by Richard T. Heffler; Anne Sneller, oboe; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

Praise Ye Lord/Our Great Savior (11 a.m.)

by R.H. Prichard; Bruce Williams & Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin;
Lynda Kreienheder, viola; Jenny Hull, cello

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21 (pg. 659)
John 12:1-8 (pg. 980)

Sermon

Jesus and the Poor

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Anthem (congregation stands and joins
when invited)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
arr. Dan Forrest; More Love Chorale;

Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin; Paul Lemon, percussion

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Song of Micah
by John Ness Beck; Village Choir

*Sung Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 766 (v. 1-3)

The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.**

*Postlude

Today We All Are Called to be Disciples of the Lord
setting by Aaron David Miller; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

About Today's Guest Preacher

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins is the director of the Presbyterian Church's Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. He has served churches in Virginia and North Carolina and was called to serve the national church in 2016. He is a longtime friend of Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. His visit to Village is sponsored by the Social Justice Ministry and made possible by a generous gift from the Endowment Trust.

Heads, Faces & Spiritual Encounter

Make sure to visit the Mission Campus Welcome Center and Bridge to experience this national traveling art exhibit, made available through Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA). This exhibit, of more than 40 works, offers a glance at the many facets and mysteries of the human face. It will be on display through April 28. Find more information about the exhibit at villagepres.org/headsfaces.

Werner Drewes (1899-1984) fled Germany in the 1930 to escape Nazi censorship. He arrived in New York City with his wife and two children along with a commitment to abstract art learned from the Bauhaus group. "Hungry" (1971) reveals his fusion of abstraction with a stark realism, depicting the desperation of a mother through her deep set and penetrating eyes. The sharp, parallel lines contribute to the print's power, voiding it of any sentimentality. The final woodcut resides at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.



WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

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 an alternative style of worship 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

A Service of Taizé – 7 p.m. this Tuesday, April 5, at Mission Campus Chapel. We will look towards Holy Week by reflecting on Bible stories that show God's unwavering support for God's children and creation. This service will be led by Rev. Sally S. Wright.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Morning Lenten Pastor Conversations – 10:10-10:50 a.m. Sundays through April 10, Rooms 132-133. This morning, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka and guest preacher Rev. Jimmie Hawkins will reflect on the practice of doing justice—the meaning of justice and its role during Lent.

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 technologically "smart" home. Registration required.

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.

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-meals. The cost is \$5 a meal. Curbside pickup is at the Mission Campus north entrance between 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

MISSION

The Food Pantry is asking for all kinds of breakfast cereal – hot or cold cereal. The Clothes Closet is asking for clean children's clothing (all sizes) as well as clean bed sheets and towels.

One Great Hour - On Palm Sunday, Village Church collects for One Great Hour of Sharing. Offering gifts are distributed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) to rebuild communities after natural- and human-caused disasters, Self-Development of People (32%) to provide resources to disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) to support initiatives that create sustainable food systems. Make checks out to Village Presbyterian Church and note "One Great Hour" in the memo.

Help tend our community garden beginning in May. All produce will be donated to the Village Church Food Pantry. Sign up to volunteer at bit.ly/villagegarden. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

MUSIC

UMKC Conservatory Singers Concert - 7:30 p.m. this Friday, April 8, Mission Campus Sanctuary. This concert titled "Everlasting Love, Unshakeable Faith" explores the bonds of relationships. General admission with a free will offering.

2nd Thursday Recital with the KC Baroque Consortium April 14 - Monty Carter, violin, Trilla Ray-Carter, cello, and Nicholas Good, harpsichord, will play selections by Bach, Corelli, Tartini and more. This free 30-minute recital begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Mission Campus Sanctuary.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

The Love of a Son - Marilyn Downs is our guest speaker at the next Faith & Grief gathering at noon Tuesday, April 5, in Friendship Hall at Mission Campus. Marilyn will share conversations that took place with her son prior to his suicide and how her family bonded in their grief afterwards. Register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

Growing Through Grief starts this Wednesday, April 6 - 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday April 6-May 4 in Room 124. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Easter lily donations honor those we love and miss - When you make a \$15 donation in memory of a loved one, your money honors that person and brightens a homebound member's life with an Easter lily. Purchase 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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Theology Thursdays - 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7. Join us as we journey through Lent learning more about sacramental theology and baking some bread along the way. VillagePresYA.org/lent.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for any of our weekly activities - All activities below meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333)

Sunday Series (7-12th grades) - No meeting today. **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) - 7:30-8:15 a.m.

10th Grade Dinner - High school sophomores are invited to Zach's house (4807 W. 101st Terr., OP, KS 66207) at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9. Come enjoy some food, hang out for a bit, and talk with fellow sophomores about how the year is going. No RSVP needed.

Holy Week Services April 10-17

Palm Sunday - Children's Palm Parade: 9 a.m. Mission Campus; 9:30 a.m. Antioch Campus; additional Mission Campus services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m. Mission & Antioch Campuses

Good Friday - 7 p.m. Mission & Antioch Campuses

Easter Sunday - Mission Campus Services at 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Antioch Campus Service at 9:30 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 Jesus and the Poor - Rev. Jimmie Hawkins guest preaching

April 10 Parade Time

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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