



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

April 24, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

God speaks through Isaiah the familiar words: "I am about to do a new thing—now it springs forth!" God then follows these words of hope and new life with the question: "Do you not perceive it?" Indeed God knows that our perception is not always clear and sharp. Sometimes in life, we see God's work only in hindsight. But all around us, we have evidence that God is continually at work. We may not always perceive it, but we can trust it.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Oliver's Birthday

by Bruce Broughton; Brady Hull, trumpet; Dr. Elisa Bickers, piano

Words of Welcome

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Our God is clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

Bountiful and wise are the works of our Creator!

Full is the earth of God's creations!

When you open your hand,
we are filled with good and wonderful life.

**When you send forth your spirit,
it renews the face of the ground.**

We rejoice in your works, God of glory.

Your love endures forever in this creation.

**As long as we live, we shall sing to our God,
source of everlasting blessings!** (Psalm 104)

*Hymn, No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Prayer of Confession

God of resurrection and new life,

you created us in your image

to care for one another and for all creation.

And yet, our thoughts and actions are not always reflective of you.

Forgive us for turning away from you,

for ignoring the needs of our neighbors

and the cries of your world.

As the sun brings light and warmth to the earth,

help us to perceive your presence and the new life you offer to us.

Make us signs of your grace,

and proclaimers of good news,

through Christ, our light and life, we pray. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Halle, Halle, Halle

**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-20 (pg. 659)

Sermon

From Waste to Gold

Rev. Melanie Hardison

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Beautiful Things

by Lisa and Michael Gungor; Karli Cabrera, soloist; Village Choir; congregation

(congregation join on refrain when invited)

**You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Easter Anthem
by William Billings; Village Choir

*The Lord is ris'n indeed,
Hallelujah.
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
Hallelujah.
And did He rise?
Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead.
He rose, He burst the bars of death,
He burst the bars of death and triumph'd o'er the grave.*

*Then I rose,
then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,
and seiz'd eternal youth.
Man, all immortal hail, hail,
Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man,
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.
— text from the New Testament and Young's Night Thoughts*

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 714

God of the Fertile Fields

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Beautiful Things (reprise)

**You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.**

*Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth
arr. Wayne L. Wold; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Children's Musical "The Tale of the Three Trees" - Today at 10:15 a.m.

Between the 9 & 11 a.m. services today in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. This is a beautiful story of three trees that have ambitions of fame and glory. They learn that even though life doesn't turn out exactly as they hoped, their new paths bring them to places in history even grander than they could ever imagine.

Heads, Faces & Spiritual Encounter

Time is running out to visit the Mission Campus Welcome Center & Bridge to experience this national traveling art exhibit, made available through Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA). Learn more at villagepres.org/headsfaces. The exhibit will be on display through April 28.

Twelve faces of Christ are displayed for our meditation, several of which evoke the Veil of Veronica legend symbolized in the Sixth Station of the Cross. On the Via Dolorosa, Christ stumbles. Veronica wipes the blood and sweat from his brow with her veil; his visage is miraculously imprinted on the cloth. This iconic visage of Christ is one of the most important themes in the history of Western art. Katherine Brinberry (b. 1947) has used a real cloth in her modern execution. Christ's eyes are closed, allowing the viewer to imagine a wide range of emotions – both his and ours (as modern Veronicas).



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.

Earth Day celebration and plant giveaway tonight at The Gathering, an alternative style of worship at Village Church. Offered 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

Get Village Church news & updates – villagepres.org/subscribe

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Using Mail Merge to Create Form Letters – Taught by Dee Couch 1-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, Room 316. This class explores how to easily create form letters by using a simple spreadsheet of names and addresses. A basic understanding of spreadsheets is helpful.

Composting Class – Taught by Mae Christenson, Johnson County Extension master gardener, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, Room 132. Join us as we learn how we can minimize our impact on the climate by not only reducing carbon emissions but also by increasing carbon sequestration through the use of compost. Each of us can make a difference if we incorporate consciousness into our daily decision-making process.

Village Forum Adult Class – Taught by Dr. Trenton Smith, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 8, 15, 22, Rooms 126-127. While it's easy to attribute the War in Ukraine to the psychopathy and ego of Vladimir Putin, the reality is something much more complex. Join us as we look for answers about how this war began, why it is being fought now and what, if anything, could bring it to a close.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child care is available on the first floor 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.

Village Church Preschool – Mission Campus is currently hiring part-time classroom teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact preschool director, Sarah McKee, at 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org to inquire about a position.

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.

Art & Hors d'oeuvres – 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Mission Campus. Enjoy a live event with amateur and professional artists, hors d'oeuvres and live jazz. The displays will include watercolor, ink, pastels, fiber arts, woodworking and photography. Admission is free. Contact Nancy Gatewood at 913-671-2331 or nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org for more information.

MISSION

Give the Gift of Life on April 26 – Join the Prairie Village Community Blood Drive between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in Rooms 132 & 133 at the Mission Campus. Sign up to donate at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip and enter zip code 66208 and date to sign up. Contact Ann Colston with questions at 913-461-1791.

The Food Pantry is requesting canned tomatoes for this next week, in all forms: diced, sauce, salsa, marinara sauce, pizza sauce, tomato paste, etc. No glass containers please. The Clothes Closet is asking again for sheets, pillowcases, towels and washcloths. They are also in need of clean pots, pans and cooking utensils.

MUSIC

Bach Aria Soloists Present "An Evening with Rodney Marsalis" - 7:30 p.m. this Friday, April 29, Mission Campus Sanctuary. This concert presents famed trumpeter Rodney Marsalis from the legendary Marsalis family for a special Kansas City collaboration. Village Church folks can receive a 20% discount off the ticket price. Go to bachariasoloists.com and use the promotional code "VP20" when you purchase your tickets.

Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert – 7 p.m. Sunday, May 1, Mission Campus Sanctuary.

Student & Professional Side-by-Side Season Finale: Vivaldi's Four Seasons, from Venice to Buenos Aires - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Featuring Village Players leader Destiny Ann Mermagen alongside soloists Michael Mermagen and Dr. Elisa Bickers in a concert showcasing local Village Players youth.

PASTORAL CARE

Dr. John Hall Talks at This Week's Widowers' Support Group Meeting – If your wife has passed away or is challenged by Alzheimer's, you're welcome to come to the Widowers' Support Group at 9 a.m. this Thursday, April 28, in Room 132. Dr. Hall will share his presentation about depression.

Lisa Mann is Our Guest Speaker - The Faith & Grief Support Gathering will be at noon Tuesday, May 3, in Friendship Hall. Lisa Mann talks about how she healed following the sudden death of her son from an undetected heart condition. A box lunch is available and free-will offerings are appreciated. No reservation is required but are helpful; you may register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

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) – 9:30-10:30 a.m. **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.

Tell Me More About This Church

If you would like to hear more about Village Church, Rev. Tom Are, Jr. is leading conversations from 6-8 p.m. on May 10 & 17 in Friendship Hall East. He'll answer questions about our teachings, practices, our mission commitments, or anything you want to know. Box dinners will be provided. Come to both, as the conversation will be different each evening, or come to just one as your schedule allows. RSVP to marsha.hansen@villagepres.org by May 6 (for the May 10 conversation) and by May 13 (for the May 17 gathering).

New baby births - We want to meet your little one and give them a gift. Come by the Children & Family Ministry office or email kidsinfo@villagepres.org.

Prepare for baptism – For infants and children: kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.
For adults: nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – weddings@villagepres.org

Add someone to the prayer list – pastoral-care@villagepres.org

Join the church – nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

April 24 **From Waste to Gold – Rev. Melanie Hardison**
May 1 Open-Eyed, Wide-Eyed Christianity – Rev. Sally S. Wright

I Have a Question...

Life raises questions. Sometimes it raises questions that require a response from our faith. The teaching of the faith raises questions as well. Sometimes it requires that we ponder how the faith relates to the demands of ordinary life. Each Sunday, we bring such questions to worship. Each Sunday from May 8-July 10, the sermons will speak to many of the questions you have raised. Does prayer work? Can we love our enemies? Why do bad things happen to good people? How do we deal with all the divisions in our world? It is hoped that these messages will spur your own thinking about how you respond to questions such as these.

May 8 What are the Four Things? (What Do We Tell Our Children?)
May 15 Should We Be Talking About This In Church? (The Politics of Jesus)
May 22 Innocent Suffering: I Have No Answers, but I Do Have Responses
May 29 Love Will Win

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
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
Sandra Stephens, director of child care • 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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