



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

May 1, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Let us wonder together if Emmaus might demonstrate what the post-resurrection Christian faith journey is like. Tell the story. Welcome strangers. Offer a meal. Sometimes we do not know we have encountered Jesus until afterwards.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Passacaglia in c minor (9 a.m.)
by Fred Gaman; Morning Bells

Rondo Festivo (11 a.m.)
by Cynthia Dobrinski; Village Ringers

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Why Village Matters

Andy Harris, Village Church Endowment Trust chair

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Come, let us worship the Risen One,
the one who takes the bread.
Come, let us worship the Risen One,
the one who blesses the bread.
Come, let us worship the Risen One,
the one who breaks the bread.
Come, let us worship the Risen One,
the one who gives the bread.

*Hymn, No. 401

Here in This Place

*Prayer of Confession

Holy Risen One,
Our hearts are eager to tell your story
and encounter you in our day-to-day lives.
Yet, sometimes our eyes cannot see;
we cannot recognize you.
Forgive us for the times we cannot see you.
Forgive us for the times we did not recognize you.
Remind us that you love us, and we are yours,
even when we don't get it right. (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

Call to Prayer

Change My Heart, O God

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

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 (11 a.m.)

Creation Will Be at Peace
by Anna Laura Page; Village Ringers

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35 (The Message Trans.)

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?" They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply

believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?"

They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!"

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

Sermon

Open-Eyed, Wide-Eyed Christianity

Rev. Sally S. Wright

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 300

We Are One In the Spirit

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Old Church
by Stephen Paulus; Village Choir

*The old church leans nearby a well-worn road,
Upon a hill that has no grass or tree,
The winds from off the prairie now unload
The dust they bring around it fitfully.*

*The path that leads up to the open door
Is worn and grayed by many toiling feet
Of us who listen to the Bible lore
And once again the old-time hymns repeat.*

*And ev'ry Sabbath morning we are still
Returning to the table waiting there.
A hush, a pray'r, a pause, and voices fill
The Master's House with a triumphant air.*

*The old church leans awry and looks quite odd,
But it is beautiful to us and God. —Della B. Vik*

*Doxology, No. 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

*Postlude

Darwall's 148th
arr. Brenda Portman; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

We are grateful for the gifts of the many bell ringers involved in Village's music ministry. These musicians rehearse weekly to hone their skills and share their lives. They are Bob Abbott, Darryl Bertsch, Mary Bertsch, Linda Breytspraak, Rhonda Chubb, Leslie Conrad, Michelle Dicus, Rebecca Enslow, Madeline Garcia, Marla Harper, Doug Hogland, Jenny Hull, Bev Freberg, Amy Jantz, Lynda Kreienheder, Chris Leaver, Mary Kay Leick, Terry Lindberg, Jay Marshall, Karen Marshall, Andrew North, Sally Porter, Janice Rawlings, Marvie Sneegas, Cyndi Stingley, Barbara Thornton, and Jeff Zumsteg.

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 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 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.

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

Tech Talk with Tony – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, Room 316. This is the second of a two-part series. Tony Liu will discuss and demonstrate key aspects to consider in planning for a Smart Home. Incorporating Smart devices into a house does require planning and preparation. Topics will include wireless infrastructure, interface framework, what needs to be considered prior to purchasing Smart devices, and how to connect these devices.

Book of Colossians: New Life in the Household of God – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 4, 11, Rooms 132&133 and via Zoom. From the great "Christ hymn" to the vivid description of new life in Jesus, this letter from the Apostle Paul has much to offer us as we seek to live faithfully today. We will read through this book as we gain practical wisdom for ourselves and our families.

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

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.

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's wishes this week are for canned fruit (no glass containers): pears, pineapple, peaches, applesauce, mandarin oranges, dried fruit (raisins, cranberries, dates), etc. Also: fruit juice in cans or plastic. The Clothes Closet asks for clean clothing for young children—pants, shirts, pajamas, new underwear, etc. Thank you for your generous donations.

Volunteers Needed for Community Garden - You can help tend our crops during the growing season beginning in May. All produce is donated to the Village Church Food Pantry for distribution to pantry clients. Sign up to volunteer at bit.ly/villagegarden. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

MUSIC

Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert – 7 p.m. today in the 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.

Hold Fast to Dreams: Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir on Tour - 7 p.m. Sunday, May 8 in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir offers music that will inspire our hope and encourage our resilience. The concert is free. If you would be willing to host students overnight, provide a simple breakfast and return them to Village early Monday morning, please email carol.dale@villagepres.org.

2nd Thursday Recital with the Village Music Team All Stars - 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 12 in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join the Village music staff for a program full of fun and variety, featuring Will Breyspraak, Elisa Bickers, Josh Maize, Carol Dale, Destiny Mermagen, Jenny Hull and Langston Hemenway.

PASTORAL CARE

Come Hear Lisa Mann at This Week's Faith & Grief Gathering - Join us for the Faith & Grief gathering at noon this Tuesday, May 3, in Friendship Hall. Member Lisa Mann shares her grief journey following the sudden death of her son from an undetected heart condition. A box lunch is available and free-will offerings are appreciated. Reservations aren't required but are helpful; 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 meeting) and by May 13 (for the May 17 meeting).

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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