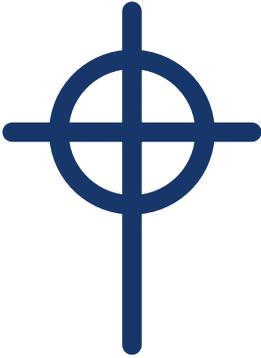




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

May 8, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

The Sunday we announced this new sermon series, during the sermon Tom mentioned “the four things”—four pieces of advice he shared with his children. Since he failed to share what that advice was, many of you inquired, “What are the four things?” Today we begin this new series with a word on the four things, and it happens to be a good choice for a Sunday when we celebrate both baptism and mothers.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Ave Maria
by Franz Biebl; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Before we could draw our first breath,

God called us by name.

Before the sun could rise,

God watched over us and granted us a new day.

Before we entered these doors,

God was waiting to welcome us.

We are children of God.

*Hymn, No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

The promise of our baptism is that we belong to you.

Such a claim says less about us,

and more about the love we know from you.

In a world of violence, abuse and fear,

nourish within us a confidence in your grace,

that all people would be treated as your children. (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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Response

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

Deuteronomy 6:20-25 (pg. 163)

Sermon

What are the Four Things? (What Do We Tell Our Children?)
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Waters of Life
by James Biery

*The voice of God calls us above the waters.
The glory of the Son shines on us.
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.*

*Doxology

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. 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

*Postlude

Canzona
by John McIntyre; Village Brass

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

Village Brass

Dr. Langston Hemenway, director

Ryan Beck, Buck Buchanan, Debra Burnes, Stan Chappell, Melody Glasscock, Dave Groebe, Kerry Kinkelaar, Daniel Kreienheder, Matt LaMar, Mark McDonald, Freddy Morado, Tom Moss, John Porter, Kirk Rush, Lisa Rush, Brad Snow and Sandy Weidman.

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.

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.:** Kennedy Blaire Bublitz (Lindsey and Alex Bublitz, parents), Georgia Elaine Devins (Tierney and John Devins, parents) Sawyer Guthrie Walker Holladay (Meredith Holladay and Zach Walker, parents), Walter James Miller (Brooke and Scott Miller, parents), Louie Patrick Shriver (Lindsey and Ryan Shriver, parents), and Whittaker Lorraine Stehl (Kelby and John Stehl, parents).

At 11 a.m.: Callahan William Machen (Annie and Edward Machen, parents) and Oakley Elizabeth Mahler (Sydney and Kevin Mahler, parents).

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 – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Tom Are's weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals at villagepres.org/subscribe.

Tell Me More About This Church

If you would like to hear more about Village Church, Rev. Tom Are is leading conversations from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, in Friendship Hall East. He will answer questions about our teachings, practices, our mission commitments, or anything you want to know. Box dinners will be provided. RSVP to Marsha at marsha.hansen@villagepres.org by May 13.

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

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.

Connecting a Smart Device to a Smart TV – Taught by Dee Couch, 1-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, Room 316. Due to the increasing popularity of streaming services, we are viewing a significant amount of video programs, movies, sporting events, and even church material over the internet. This class will provide an opportunity to receive hands-on experience connecting a Smartphone, laptop or computer to a Smart TV or monitor for easier viewing.

Fall Village U Class Ideas Wanted – We will soon be planning our Fall 2022 Village U course catalog. Do you have an interesting idea for a class? Or do you know of someone who would like to teach a class? Contact laura.hobbs@villagepres.org with any course suggestions by June 30.

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 Child & Family Development Center (9900 Mission Road) is seeking child care providers for full-time and part-time positions. Hours and days are varied between Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Adults and teens are encouraged to apply. Contact Julie Jones at 913-671-2310 or julie.jones@villagepres.org if interested. Referrals welcome.

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.

Village Church Night at the Royals – Join us at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, as the Royals take on the Toronto Blue Jays. We're going "old school" and catching a yellow bus from the south parking lot to Kauffman Stadium and back. The cost is \$36 for a ticket and transportation. To reserve your seat in Section 110, contact Nancy at nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331 by May 27.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Climate Change: Hope for Better Future – The Environmental Action Committee (EAC) is co-hosting this free class by Chick Keller at 7 p.m. Monday, May 9, on Zoom. He will discuss adaptation, regulation, innovation and hope. Chick is a retired professor of engineering management at KU and now teaches KU extension classes. He is a longtime member of Village Church and a member of EAC. To Zoom in, contact ReesVeenstra@aol.com.

MISSION

The Food Pantry continues to ask for canned and dried fruit: raisins, Craisins, dried cherries, pineapple (chunks, slices, tidbits), mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, etc. Clients like to have a variety from which to choose. The Clothes Closet is asking for new underwear—men's, women's, children's (all sizes). Thank you for your generosity.

MUSIC

Hold Fast to Dreams: Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir on Tour – 7 p.m. tonight 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.

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.

Kansas City Chorale Concert with Organist Elisa Bickers – Join us for "God Save the King: Music of the British Coronation" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Experience the music once performed for the ceremonial crowning of the Kings and Queens of England in Westminster Abbey, including works by Handel, Purcell, Vaughan Williams, Holst and more! Get tickets at kchorale.org.

PASTORAL CARE

If You or a Loved One is Hospitalized – Please have a family member or the hospital chaplain call the Pastoral Care Department at 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, the room number and other pertinent information. After hours, call the church's main number: 913-262-4200. A pastor will visit, listen and offer comfort and prayers.

Stephen Ministry is Here for You – Stephen Ministers are trained Village Church members who listen, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support during a difficult time. Care is private, confidential and at no cost. Visit villagepres.org/stephen-ministry to learn more, or contact Rev. Melanie Hardison at 913-671-2367 or melanie.hardison@villagepres.org for more information.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Spring Theology Thursdays: Finding Good News – 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 5 & 19, in the Young Adult Activity Room. Come and join us for conversation, prayer and pizza as we look for the good news in these difficult days. Sign up at villagepresya.org.

Parents Night – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, in the Young Adult Activity Room. Young adults with kiddos—come for dinner all together, then kids will go to childcare as we gather to connect and discuss faith and parenthood. Sign up at villagepresya.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Week – June 5-9 we're kicking off the summer with fun activities every day open to all 7-12th graders! Sign up at villagepresyouth.org/summer.

Sign Up for Summer Trips – Sign up for our summer trips at villagepresyouth.org/trips.

Summer Programs – Weekly summer programs for middle and high schoolers begin June 12! Find out the details at villagepresyouth.org/summer.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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
June 5	Teach Us To Pray
June 12	Can Prayer Change God's Mind?

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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