



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

May 21, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Two brothers went to worship, and one ended up dead. This tragedy happened, in part, because of envy, but also because God stirred things up in church.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Ave Maria (9 a.m.)
by Bach/Gounod; Bruce Williams, violin

Maestoso Espressivo (11 a.m.)
by Glenwig Van Shneiderbachen; Shannon Enslow, flute

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit

Always With Me (9 a.m.)
by 2 COLOR; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin & Erika Wheeler, flute

Springtime (11 a.m.)
by C. de Beriot; Reagan Solenberger & Evelyn Holmes, violin

Call To Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn, No. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

You have given us life and reasons to live.

You have given us love and those with whom to share it.

You have given us faith as a strong comfort and a guiding star.

How is it that we greet any day without joy?

Fill us with your Spirit that we might live each day

remembering it is a day you have made.

When we do, we will rejoice. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come, Ho - ly Spir - it,

come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to make us one.

Come, Spir - it, come. Come, Spir - it, come.

The musical score consists of three systems of vocal lines in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are: 'Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to make us one. Come, Spir - it, come. Come, Spir - it, come.' The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for children's participation.

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 *Let All Things Now Living*
arr. Stan Pethel; Village Players

Prayer for Illumination Sandy Wells (9 a.m.); Miriam Frey (11 a.m.)

Scripture Genesis 4:1-16 (pg. 3)

Sermon *Even God Can Be a Troublemaker* Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

A Word from Endowment Trust

Offertory Anthem *He Never Failed Me Yet*
by Robert Ray; Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyice, soloist;
Theo Musick, percussion; Dr. Elisa Bickers, piano; Village Choir

*Sung Response

**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. 836 (vs. 1,4,5) *Abide with Me*

Congregational meeting (9 a.m.)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (11 a.m.) *Amen*
by Johannes Brahms; Village Choir

*Postlude (11 a.m.) *Caprice from Suite No. 2*
by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault; Dr. Josh Maize, organ

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Thanks to these Village Players instrumentalists for their time and talents today and over this whole year: Anne Sneller, oboe; Erika Kauffman & Shannon Enslow, flute; Melody Glasscock, trombone; Debra Burnes, horn; Stan Chappell, trumpet; Bruce Williams, Reagan Solenberger & Evelyn Holmes, violin; Lynda Kreienheder, viola; Sarah Powers, cello.

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

Whether this is your first time at Village, or you come so often you call it "home," we are blessed that you are with us today. No matter where you are in your faith journey or life stage, no matter what questions or burdens you carry, Village takes seriously the call to be welcoming; we are glad you are here. Every Sunday we gather to read the old story, sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world in which we live this minute through sermons and prayer. By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ's life, we discover hope and even joy.

If you are new to us, stick around after the service. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors. We have tons of programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. Give us a try; soon you might also be calling this place "home."



Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Co-Pastor



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Co-Pastor

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 vpthegathering.org.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Recycling Reset: Why it's Failing & What To Do with John Kurmann – 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 22, Room 126. Recent news stories have illustrated how inadequate recycling has been as our primary response to the problem of waste in the U.S. It's the last of the 3 Rs - "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" - so why is it the first choice? How can we begin to fix it? And what is actually recyclable in metro KC?

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during the 9 a.m. service. Infants to 2-year-olds can be dropped off in Room 114. **Preschool Lighthouse** – Three-year-olds meet on the first floor in Room 107. Pre-K and 4-year-olds meet in Room 106. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. **Elementary Lighthouse** – K-6th Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are located outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

No Lighthouse on May 28. Children are encouraged to worship with their families. Sunday Funday begins June 4.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is asking for varieties of pasta: spaghetti, rotini, lasagna, fettuccine, as well as pasta sauces with meat, meatless, garlic, etc. The Clothes Closet is asking for clean, gently used or new kitchen, bath and hand towels, washcloths, etc. Please be generous helping and feeding our neighbors.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Emergency Assistance – Each month, Village Church gives thousands of dollars in emergency rent and utility assistance to support our neighbors in need. Learn more and donate at villagepres.org/emergency-assistance.

Volunteer Opportunities – The Mission & Engagement ministry of Village Church receives many requests for volunteers from our members and Mission Partners. Reach out to Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce if you are looking for ways to serve this spring and summer: dionne.boyce@villagepres.org.

MUSIC

Te Deum presents Monteverdi's Venetian Vespers of 1641 – 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Mission Campus Sanctuary. In collaboration with the Kansas City Baroque Consortium. We will bring to life for the first time in Kansas City this music of deep faith, infectious charm and musical virtuosity. Tickets at te-deum.org.

Summer Choir is back July 9, 16, 23 and 30! Arrive to the Mission Campus Chapel at 10:10 a.m. to get your music and enjoy a short rehearsal of the day's anthem. Sit with the congregation in the pews and come to the front steps when invited to share a choral anthem for the 11 a.m. service (usually offertory). All are welcome!

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Cindy Obenhaus is our Guest Speaker at Faith & Grief – Join us at noon on Tuesday, June 6, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus, for our next Faith & Grief Gathering. Cindy Obenhaus, a NICU nurse, shares how she found herself in the midst of heartbreak with the death of her own granddaughter, Grace. Facilitated small group discussions will follow the presentation. A box lunch is provided for those who pre-register; register at faithandgrief.org. All are welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Horizons Bible Study Workshop – All women are invited to participate in a workshop from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12, in Friendship Hall, Mission Campus, with this year's Bible study author, Rev. Olive Mahabir. Registration is now open at villagepres.org/pw. The \$25 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Any registration after the July 29 deadline will incur a \$10 late fee. Child care is available. Contact laura.hobbs@villagepres.org with questions.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY for people in their 20s & 30s

Stay up to date at: VillagePresYA.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Programs on Break – We are prepping for the summer months, so programs are on pause to allow time for graduations, finals and year-end celebrations. Join us for Youth Week (see below), and summer weekly programming begins on June 11. See villagepresyouth.org for more details.

Youth Week is June 4-8 – Registration is open for all Youth Week Events! Join us on any or all the days as we visit Worlds of Fun, meet up to hammock, compete at Main Event, play pickleball and more! To sign up, visit shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries.

Village Church is Hiring – The Mission Campus is searching for a full-time executive assistant to the co-pastors, custodians, preschool teachers and child care providers. Visit villagepres.org/employment-opportunities for the job descriptions and how to apply.

AARP Safe Driver Course – Learn research-based safety strategies to help keep you safe while on the road. After taking this newly updated course, you may be eligible for a multi-year discount on your car insurance! (Consult your auto insurance agent for details.) The course will take place at the Village Church Mission Campus on Saturday, June 3. Space is limited. Call Alan Shirling to register at 913-608-4299.

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, contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org. For adults, contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org

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

Join the church – Contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Do I Have a Story for You!

The first stories in the Bible are both familiar as well as complicated. You know the names—Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, as well as that story of the Tower of Babel. These old stories are not about people who lived at the beginning of humankind. They are stories about the whole human family. The ancient wisdom found in these first stories points to our place as well as our responsibilities in God's world. In this series, we will walk with God "at the time of the evening breeze." We will see what we can learn from a talking snake. We will discover how familiar the first brothers can be to us. And we will discover the risk to us all when "the whole earth had one language and the same words." These are stories our ancestors in the faith loved to tell. After all these generations, they still reveal truth about ourselves that we need to know. Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaches this series.

- May 7 It's Not Good in the Garden.
May 14 I Have a Better Idea.
May 21 Even God Can Be a Troublemaker.
May 28 They All Had One Language. (Sure they did.)

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., co-pastor • Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, co-pastor
Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyce, director of mission & engagement
Will Breytspraak, director of music • Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry
Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications • Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care
Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry • Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music
Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor
Robert Rumold, director of information technology • Bob Sperry, director of giving & endowment
Sandra Stephens, director of child care • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor of media ministry
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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