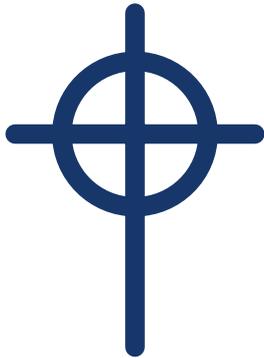




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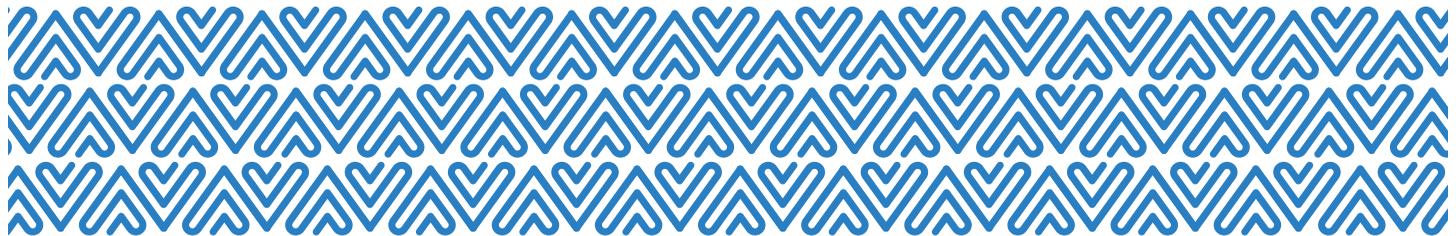


Service of Worship

May 29, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

As the story goes, there are weeds in the wheat field. Every life will know heartbreak and pain. No one escapes. The love of God offers no protection from the misery in the world. But the love of God does offer a way through, and love will win.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
arr. Duane Funderburk; The Woodwind Five

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

When morning breaks with beauty and light,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

When hearts break with pain and loss,
may Jesus Christ be present.

When life is lived between sorrow and joy,
between crucifixion and resurrection,
may Jesus Christ be Lord,
and God, our mighty fortress, be our home.

*Hymn, No. 366 (v. 1-3)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Prayer of Confession

**God of renewing strength,
Raise us up from the low places,
and set our feet on solid ground.
Make our lives a testimony to the power of your love.
Listen carefully to the cries of your children,
for suffering is strong,
but you are stronger.**

Even in the darkest night, your love defines us. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

**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

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on 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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 13:24-30 (pg. 890)

Sermon

Love Will Win

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 649 (v. 1,3,4,5)

Amazing Grace

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
arr. Don Marsh; The Woodwind Five

*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. 750

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*Postlude

Fantasia on "Hyfrydol"

by Ralph Vaughan Williams; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The Woodwind Five

Bob Abbott, oboe
Erika Kauffman, flute
Anne Sneller, English horn
Bob Coleman, saxophone
Amy Jantz, clarinet
Ruth Abbott, piano

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 through sermons and prayer we engage the world in which we live this minute. 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 also might also be calling this place “home.”



Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Senior 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 vpcthegathering.org.

Get Village Church news & updates – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Tom Are Jr.'s weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

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Village Cup Coffee Shop Summer Hours starting May 30

Sunday: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday: 8 a.m. -1 p.m.

Monday, Friday and Saturday: Closed

The Village Cup is located on the second floor of the Welcome Center on the northwest side of the church. Drinks are KC Roasterie espresso and drip coffee blends that rotate seasonally. Breakfast pastries, cinnamon rolls and muffins are available every day the café is open.

Lunch is served on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hot paninis are made to order with grab-and-go cold deli sandwiches, salad offerings and yogurt breakfast parfaits in the cooler.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

Summer Lighthouse Sunday Fundays, 9-10 a.m. starting Sunday, June 5. Join us for a broadly graded morning as we explore mission opportunities and how to spread kindness.

Still Some Openings for Summer Camps & Programs – Join us for **Family VBS** (Vacation Bible School) at our Mission Campus from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 8, 15 and 22. Dinner will be provided for the whole family each Wednesday. **Heartland's Traveling Day Camp** from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24 at the Antioch Campus is for children who have completed grades K-6. **Music & Drama Camp** from 1-4:30 p.m. June 26-30 is open to children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Visit villagepres.org/kids-summer for more information and to sign up.

MISSION

Pentecost Sunday Special Witness Offering – On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, the Presbyterian Church (USA) invites congregations to participate in a special Witness Offering in addition to its regular giving. The Witness Offering supports Village Church, Heartland Presbytery, and General Assembly ministries with children at risk, youth and young adults. If you wish to donate to this offering, send your gift to Village Presbyterian Church and write "Witness Offering" in the notation line on your check. Yellow envelopes for this offering reside in the hymnal slots in front of you.

The Food Pantry – This week the Food Pantry is asking for crackers of all kinds: saltines, snack, graham, oyster, Club crackers. So many to choose from, which makes our clients happy. The Clothes Closet requests clean, gently used or new towels, bed linens and pillows. You can drop off your donations at either church, into boxes just inside the doors or at the Pantry between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10-11:30 a.m. Saturdays.

Would You Like to Help Homeless Families Stabilize? Village Church Mission Office is looking for several volunteers to help coordinate activities with the Village-sponsored Hillcrest Transitional Housing apartment near Oak Park Mall. The volunteer coordinator works with church members to restock groceries for each new resident and provide a welcome meal. Time commitment is minimal but the work makes a big difference to clients. Call the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 for more info.

MUSIC

Village Arts Alliance Presents: Concert Pianist Jihyun Oh – 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4, Ms. Jihyun Oh will play keyboard masterpieces of J.S. Bach in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. This free recital is a special chance to support and enjoy Jihyun, a UMKC student, before she heads abroad to compete in several European piano competitions this summer.

Concert with Piano Virtuoso Frederick Hodges – Join us for "Syncopated Piano Masterpieces of the Jazz Age: The Kansas City Connection" at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5, Mission Campus Sanctuary. The concert is sponsored by Kansas City Ragtime and Beyond, Westport Historical Society and Village Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$20 at the door; Children under 16 are free.

Te Deum "Divine" Concert – 3 p.m. Sunday, June 12, Mission Campus Sanctuary Te Deum will present sections of the Orthodox All-Night Vigil service and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. This is a benefit concert for Reconciliation Services (founder of Thelma's Kitchen). Visit te-deum.org for tickets.

Mozart, Beethoven & Barn Burners – 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 17, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join Village Players leader and violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen for a concert with prize-winning pianist Tatiana Tessman. Featuring sonatas by Mozart, Beethoven and works from Bach to Barn Burners™. A special guest appearance by Village Players youth members. Admission is free. Pre-Concert discussion and class with Destiny at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, June 12, Mission Campus Chapel.

PASTORAL CARE

Steve Moore is the Guest Speaker at Faith & Grief Support Gathering – All who are grieving are welcome at the monthly Faith & Grief lunch from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, in Friendship Hall. Steve Moore will talk about losing his close friend and mentor due to a pulmonary embolism. Afterwards you may share or simply listen with your small table group. A boxed lunch will be provided. Reservations are helpful but not necessary; go to faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

Happy Hour – 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Social in Waldo. Let's start summer together! Join us for eats, drinks and casual conversation. If you're looking for an easy way to meet other people in this community, this is for you! RSVP and more info online: VillagePresYA.org/summer.

Summer Bible Study – "Not for Children, the Stories We Didn't Learn in Sunday School" begins Wednesday, June 8, from 7-8:30 p.m. We'll re-learn some old stories, as if we haven't heard them before. Rev. Hallie Hottle is leading. Snacks included. Bible expertise not required, but sense of humor helpful. RSVP and more info online: VillagePresYA.org/summer.

Second Sunday Worship & Dinner – 6-7 p.m. June 12. Every second Sunday this summer we'll worship together in the Gathering at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall, then gather in the Young Adult Room for pizza and conversation after. RSVP online: VillagePresYA.org/summer.

Love Your City Saturday Event: 18th & Vine – 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 18. This summer we'll show our love of KC by visiting some of our favorite places. We'll start Juneteenth weekend, visiting the Jazz and Negro League Baseball Museums. Kids of young adults welcome. RSVP required! VillagePresYA.org/calendar/18thandvine.

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 by June 1 to guarantee your spot.

Sign Up for Summer Trips – Spots are still available for our 2022 summer trips! Sign up 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.

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: We Have No Answers, but We 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

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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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