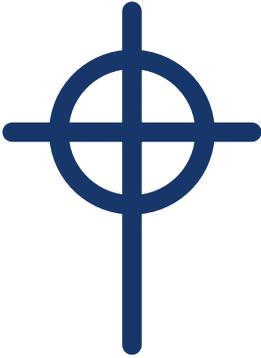




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

June 19, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Forgiveness is as common to Christian faith as prayer, hymns or love. Every week we remind ourselves that God's forgiveness knows no limit. That is good news, until we meet those whom we wish God would punish for their sin. Grace can be amazing; it can also be offensive.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

On Earth as it is in Heaven
by Ennio Morricone; Dr. Christian Kreipke, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Lift up your eyes,
for the living God says "yes" to life and love.
We do not need to be afraid anymore.

The Lord is our hope!
We will not be afraid.

*Hymn, No. 664

Morning Has Broken

*Prayer of Confession

Steadfast and merciful God,
In Jesus Christ you promise to make all things new.
Transform, we pray, the poverty of our nature,
the mundane spirit of our hope,
and the scarcity of our joy.
Breathe into us new life,
that we may live with conviction,
discover purpose in our work,
and embrace each day as your precious gift. (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

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 18:21-35 (pg. 896)

Sermon

Forgive Us as We Forgive

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 444

Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*A Beautiful Sunday at Village Presbyterian Church
arr. Dr. Christian Kreipke, piano*

*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. 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

*Postlude

Allegro from Symphony No. 5
by Ralph Vaughan Williams; Dr. Christian Kreipke, organ

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Christian Kreipke as our guest organist this morning. Christian is the chair of the Culture Cabinet at Ford Motors. He has served as organist at churches in Michigan and Kentucky, and sings in several choirs here at Village Church.

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.
Senior Pastor

The flowers in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Beth Conner by her parents Susan and Ed Conner.

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.

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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. incoming K-6th graders. Join us in Room 307 for a broadly graded morning as we explore mission opportunities and how to spread kindness.

Children & Family Ministry would like to thank you for your amazing generosity at our Lemonade & Cookie Stand last Sunday. We were able to donate \$790 to Children's Mercy/Henry's Haul. What an awesome opportunity to "Be Good Neighbors." A giant thank you!

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

47th Annual Ice Cream Social – 5-7 pm. Friday, June 24, in Friendship Hall and the south parking lot at the Mission Campus. Free for the congregation and community! Pastors and staff will be scooping ice cream and toppings. Enjoy hot dogs, chips, soda pop and popcorn. Eric Vaughn–Comedy Magician, will perform at 5:45 p.m. in Friendship Hall. A petting zoo, bounce house and inflatable double slide will be in the south parking lot.

MISSION

The Food Pantry – The condiment shelf of the Food Pantry is becoming sparse. The Pantry is asking for cooking oil, salt/pepper, vinegar, salad dressings, catsup, barbecue sauce, cake mixes, flour, sugar, etc. Pick up a few items on your next trip to the store. It's Father's Day today and the Clothes Closet is hoping for men's casual clothing—jeans, shorts, tee shirts, sweatshirts, sneakers, etc.

Volunteers Needed – The Kansas City CARE Health Center serves the needs of the uninsured and underinsured. Village Church has had medical professionals volunteer at the center at 3515 Broadway for several years. If you are interested in donating three hours of your time (malpractice coverage provided), contact Debbie Skaggs at 816-777-2761 or Village member John Hall at 816-289-6092.

MUSIC

Village Church Arts Alliance Presents: KC Baroque Consortium Concert, "The Fashionable Chalumeau" – 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. This concert kicks off the Kansas City Baroque Consortium's Summer Series, "Music from the Age of Enlightenment." Visit kcbaroque.org for tickets.

Sing In Summer Choir – We would love to have you join us! We'll be singing in the 11 a.m. service Sundays, July 10-31, rehearsals at 10:10 a.m. in the Chapel before the 11 a.m. service. No choir robes. Sit with the congregation. It's a great chance to get a sample of singing with our choirs. At this time we are asking that singers only participate if they are vaccinated for COVID-19. Contact Will Breytspraak, director of music, with any questions at william.breytspraak@villagepres.org.

Village Voices Announces 2022-23 Season – Registration is currently open to all 7-12 graders. It's going to be a fun-filled year with a lot of music and fellowship. The season begins on Aug. 20. Contact Dr. Josh Maize at josh.maize@villagepres.org for questions and more information.

PASTORAL CARE

Do You Want to Add Someone to the Prayer List? If you know of someone who could use prayers, we are happy to add him/her to the weekly prayer list. A person remains on the prayer list for one month unless a different amount of time is requested. A current prayer list is available every Friday. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Summer Session of Growing Through Grief Starts in July – Your heart is hurting. You miss your loved one. Growing through Grief is one way to receive support and comfort. Class will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 13-Aug. 10, in Room 132 at the Mission Campus. You'll receive your own copy of "Understanding Your Grief—Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart." Free and open to all; registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

Summer Bible Study – "Not for Children, the Stories We Didn't Learn in Sunday School" continues Wednesday, June 29, 7-8:30 p.m. This summer we're re-learning some old stories, as we haven't heard them before. Next lesson: "The Bald Man & the Bears-Even the Holiest Get Triggered." Rev. Hallie Hottle is leading. Snacks included. Bible expertise not required, but sense of humor helpful. All 20's and 30's invited! RSVP and more info online: VillagePresYA.org/summer.

Happy Hour – 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 8, at Up-Down. Let's play! Join us for eats, drinks, games 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.

Second Sunday Worship & Dinner – 6-7 p.m. Sunday, July 10. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Programming – Join us for weekly summer activities, no sign-up required!

Gathering & PGG (MS & HS) – 5-7 p.m. Sundays. **MS Mondays** – 7-9 p.m. Mondays. **HS Late Nite** – 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays. **Service Days (MS & HS)** – 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Summer Trips – We are still accepting registrations for our summer trips! For details visit villagepresyouth.org/trips

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.

June 5	Teach Us To Pray
June 12	Can Prayer Change God's Mind?
June 19	Forgive Us as We Forgive
June 26	Forgive and Forget?
July 3	A Patriotism Informed by Citizenship
July 10	Love Your Enemies? What Good Will That Do?

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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