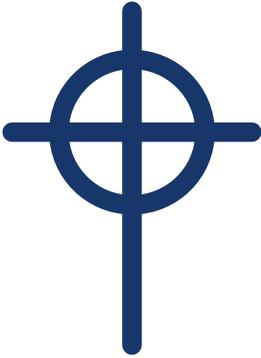




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

June 26, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Philosopher George Santayana said, "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." But what happens when the remembered past is painful? The pains of yesterday have a way of claiming power today. Or as William Faulkner once said, "The past isn't dead. It's not even past." Memory is a powerful thing; it is also a risky thing. Sometimes we need to learn from the God who promises, "I will not remember your sins."



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

A Place on the Risers for You
by John Hohl; brass quartet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

So come, let us sing to the Lord,
and shout with joy to the source of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.

*Hymn, No. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing!

*Prayer of Confession

God of life and light,
You call us to live as the salt of the earth,
light in the darkness,
and love born of your own heart.
Yet, we sometimes reduce your call to small measures,
comforting ourselves through lowered expectations.
But then, we are burdened by the weight of dreams denied,
grace withheld,
and lives withered by fear.
We need your forgiveness,
that we might be freed from a past we cannot change,
and welcomed by a future in which we will all be changed. (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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 43: 22-25 (pg. 659)

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.

Scripture

Genesis 44 (selected verses)

Sermon

Forgive and Forget?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

As Torrents in Summer
by Edward Elgar; brass quartet

*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. 547 (v. 1,2)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

*Postlude

Fanfare on a Hymn Tune
arr. Dr. Christian Kreipke, organ

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

We are delighted to welcome back 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.

Many thanks also to this morning's brass quartet: Cynthia Szczesny and Matthew LaMar, trumpets; Casey Chlapek, horn; and Ryan Beck, trombone.

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 Dianne Eidson by her family.

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.

Follow us on Facebook @VillagePres – **Follow us on Instagram** @VillageChurchPV
Subscribe to **Village Pres Sermon Podcasts** on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify & Stitcher.

Summer Break for The Village Cup

The Village Cup will be closed June 27-July 2 and July 4-8.
The Cup will observe regular business hours Sunday mornings.

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.

Please Note – No child care for infants through 4 years old next Sunday, July 3. The Mother's Room is available for parents to use. Also, no Sunday Funday on July 3. Children are encouraged to worship with their families.

MISSION

The Food Pantry is asking for canned vegetables this week. Each family receives a minimum of six cans on their visit. If everyone donated several cans of their favorites, think how that would fill up the shelves with corn, carrots, green beans, peas, tomatoes, etc. for the clients. The Clothes Closet is asking for kitchen supplies—pots and pans, cooking and baking utensils. We are thankful for your generosity.

MUSIC

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 Breyspraak, director of music, with any questions at william.breyspraak@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

Summer Session of Growing Through Grief Starts in July – Growing through Grief will meet at 5:30 p.m. on five consecutive Wednesdays, July 13-Aug. 10 in Room 132 at the Mission Campus. You will receive your own copy of "Understanding Your Grief—Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart." Growing Through Grief is 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.

Mornings w/Mamas – 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, July 12. All young adult moms! Free child care is provided or keep your kiddo(s) with you. We’ll gather in the Young Adult Room for a morning of conversation and connection. This month’s topic: “Who Am I Now? Discerning Identity After Motherhood.” Sign up: VillagePresYA.org/parents.

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.

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 nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org

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

Join the church – Contact nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org

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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