



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

July 3, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Half a year away the holiday we celebrate is Christmas. On that December night, we celebrate that God loved this world so much God chose to live in the world, to dwell with us. God's love for this world is the foundational reason people of faith love where we live. The love of God is the basis for faithful patriotism.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"
by Carl Haywood; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Lord God, when we are weak,

be our strength.

When we are weary,

renew our spirits.

When we are broken,

gently mend us.

When we are afraid,

comfort us.

When we are sinful,

redeem us.

*Hymn, No. 327

From All that Dwells Below the Skies

*Prayer of Confession

God of all hope,

you call us to love as deeply as you love,

yet we love too few and too little.

You call us to stand boldly for what is right,

yet we timidly whisper that the world is unfair.

You call us to serve others selflessly,

but we mostly take care of ourselves and our own.

Heal our fragmented hearts that we may be filled with love for you

and for one another. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

**There is a Longing in Our Hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.**

**For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God.**

**There is a Longing in Our Hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.**

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

Mark 12:28-34 (pg. 924)

Sermon

A Patriotism Informed by Citizenship

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 767 (v. 1-3)

Together We Serve

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

America the Beautiful
arr. Don Marsh; The Woodwind 4

*Sung Response

**Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

*Postlude

The Stars and Stripes Forever
by John Philip Sousa, arr. E. Power Biggs; Drs. Elisa Bickers and Josh Maize, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Many thanks to the Woodwind 4 for their leadership in worship today: Erika Wheeler, flute; Bob Abbott, oboe; Amy Jantz, clarinet; Anne Sneller, English horn; and 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 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 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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Summer Break for The Village Cup

The Village Cup will be closed July 4-8.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

No Child Care today for infants through 4 years old. The Mothers Room is available for parents to use.

No Sunday Funday today. Children are encouraged to worship with their families.

MISSION

The Food Pantry is asking this week for main dish items: canned chicken, Spam, beef stew, tuna, ravioli and, of course, peanut butter. The Clothes Closet is asking for summer clothing of all sizes of adults and children. Thank you for your generous donations.

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 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

Grief is a Journey – If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, consider attending the summer session of Growing through Grief. The class will meet at 5:30 p.m. on five consecutive Wednesdays, July 13-Aug. 10, in Room 132-Mission Campus. This class is free and open to all; registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

No Faith & Grief Gathering in July – Due to the 4th of July holiday, the next Faith & Grief lunch will be on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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.

Summer Bible Study – "Not for Children, the Stories We Didn't Learn in Sunday School." Continues Wednesday, July 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Next lesson: "There were 3...Miriam, Moses, Aaron, and the cost of speaking up." 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.

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.

HS Boundary Waters Trip – We are still accepting registrations for Boundary Waters (July 24-30). Find out more at villagepresyouth.org/trips

Farewell Gathering for Deborah White

4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21 - Friendship Hall

Join us as we express our gratitude to Deborah White, director of mission, for her work at Village Church and celebrate her retirement.

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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