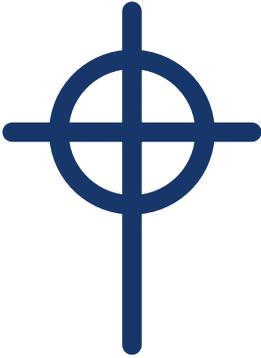




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

July 10, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

There is little that can disappoint us more than other people. People who are unjust and lack compassion. People who lie and take advantage of any weakness in another. People who just don't get it. Don't you just wanna smack 'em?!



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Introit

by Samuel Scheidt; brass quintet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Come in from the loneliness,
for the welcome is genuine.

Come in from the confusion,
for the word is alive.

Come in from the fear,
for hope for our souls is found here.

*Hymn, No. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Jesus believed we could do remarkable things:

turn the other cheek,

go the extra mile,

love one another like he has loved us.

Our expectations for ourselves are more modest.

Our love is less risky.

We are inspired when we see his cross;

we are weak kneed when he speaks of ours.

Do not give up on us, O God.

We want to be the people Jesus believed we could be. (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 wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
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.**

Anthem

The Prayer
by Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster; brass quintet (9 a.m.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 5:43-48 (pg. 881)

Sermon

Love Your Enemies? What Good Will That Do?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 754 (v. 1-3)

Help Us Accept Each Other

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
by Janet Linker; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ (9 a.m.)

With a Voice of Singing
by Martin Shaw; Summer Choir (11 a.m.)

*Sung Response

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!**

*Postlude

Lobe den Herren
arr. Hans Friedrich Micheelsen; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's brass quintet is Cynthia Szczesny and Matthew LaMar, trumpet; Casey Chlapek, horn; Ryan Beck, trombone; and Angie Thurmond, tuba. Thanks for sharing your gifts in worship today!

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.

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Village Cup Coffee Shop Summer Hours

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

The Feast – You are invited to a spiritual journey that begins with an overnight retreat Friday, Aug. 26-Saturday, Aug. 27, followed by two Saturday morning gatherings on Sept. 10 & 24. Designed for all who yearn for a deeper and more vibrant faith in Jesus Christ, you will join others and grow in your spiritual life through learning new practices of prayer, silence, reflection and worship. The cost for the retreat and resources is \$129 per person. Go to villagepres.org/thefeast for more information and to register. Contact laura.hobbs@villagepres.org with questions.

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 ways to spread kindness.

MISSION

The Food Pantry is asking for cereal. The clients love variety – hot or cold, sweet or whole grains, a nice assortment. The Clothes Closet needs bed linens, new or gently used sheets (top and fitted, all sizes) and pillowcases.

The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet is asking you to consider sharing the gift of your time. This important mission project is in need of additional volunteers, especially on Thursdays and Fridays, and particularly those who can commit to being there on a regular basis. For more information about volunteering, contact the pantry director, Dennis Cobb, at dennis.cobb@villagepres.org or by calling 913-671-2314.

MUSIC

Sing In Summer Choir – We would love to have you join us! We sing in the 11 a.m. service Sundays through July 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

Growing Through Grief Starts This Wednesday – It's not too late to sign up for the summer session of Growing through Grief. Class starts this Wednesday, July 13, and meets for five consecutive weeks through Aug. 10. Each session begins at 5:30 p.m. in Room 132-Mission Campus. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register. Growing Through Grief is free and available to all.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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

Love Your City Saturday Event: Putt Putt @Sinkers Lounge – Saturday, July 23, noon-2 p.m. We’ve made a logistics change. To avoid the heat, we’ll gather at this indoor putt putt lounge in Power and Light. We’ll eat, drink, and play! RSVP required: VillagePresYA.org/calendar/july.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We’ll Miss You, Jenna Soltys! After nearly six years of ministry with our youth, Jenna’s last day at Village is on July 18. Join us as we bless her next steps, say thank you, and celebrate her time with us at a reception at 6 p.m. next Sunday, July 17, in the Youth Loft.

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

UPCOMING SERMONS

- July 17 Do I have to go to church to be a Christian?
Rev. Sally S. Wright preaching
- July 24 Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching
- July 31 Rev. Melanie Hardison preaching

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Sensing Faith

Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit and by God's grace, comes to us through a variety of ways. Sometimes faith comes through something we hear: a song, a sermon, a conversation. Sometimes faith comes through something we feel: a gentle touch, a hug, a fresh breeze on a hot day. In this sermon series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore how faith comes through taste, sight and smell.

- Aug. 7 Tasting Faith (Psalm 34:8)
- Aug. 14 Seeing Faith (John 20:24-29 and 1 John 1:1)
- Aug. 21 Smelling Faith (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

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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