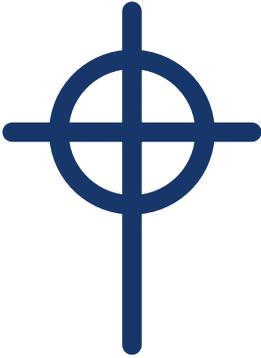




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

July 17, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Every time we tune in or show up to worship at church, we claim with our very bodies that God's love is real and present in this world. We gather each week to practice what it feels like to be satiated and surrounded by love. This may not happen each week, but we gather to practice loving God, loving each other and loving ourselves.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Lamb of God

by Twila Paris; Bob Abbott, oboe; Stan Chappell, trumpet; Ruth Abbott, piano

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Call to Worship (Paraphrase Psalm 95)

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Let us shout praises to God,

the Rock who saved us!

Let's march into God's presence singing praises,

filling the sanctuary with our hymns!

And why?

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

*Hymn, No. 37

Let All Things Now Living

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Holy God,

we want to put you first in our lives.

We seek to listen to, empathize with, and show your love to all.

Yet, sometimes, our schedules, jobs, and "To Do" lists come first.

We ask your forgiveness and ask you to remind us

to make your will a priority,

so that your love can shine into all the nooks and crannies of this world.

(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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn, No. 482

Baptized in Water

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Anthem (11 a.m.)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional; Bob Abbott, oboe; Stan Chappell, trumpet; Ruth Abbott, piano

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 John 4:7-11 (pg. 969)

Sermon

Do I Have to go to Church to be a Christian?

Rev. Sally S. Wright

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 314 (v. 1-4)

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional; Bob Abbott, oboe; Stan Chappell, trumpet; Ruth Abbott, piano (9 a.m.)

I Choose Love

by Mark Miller; Summer Choir; Cassandra Leon, conductor (11 a.m.)

*Sung Response

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

We are Marching in the Light of God

**We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God. (repeat)
We are marching, oh!
We are marching in the Light of God! (repeat)
We are dancing... We are praying... We are singing...**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Make us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.**

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our church gathered today.**

*Postlude

Siyahamba
arr. Robert Buckley Farlee; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

We are so grateful to Bob and Ruth Abbott and Stan Chappell for offering their instrumental gifts in worship today! Many thanks also to Cassandra Leon, music ministry intern, for leading the Summer Choir this week.

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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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

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/the Feast for more information and to register. Contact laura.hobbs@villagepres.org with questions.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism Today - Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children: at **9 a.m.**: Beau Christian Arends (Meredith and Nate Arends, parents), Jordan Daniel Horigan (Kelley and Cole Horigan, parents), Eleanor Emma Maughan (Lacey and Kevin Maughan, parents), Wesley Nicholas Power (Natalie and Nick Power, parents) and Graham Grayson Rau (Linda and Matthew Rau, parents). At **11 a.m.**: Piper Louise Goble (Alicia and Clark Goble, parents).

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 this week is asking for canned tomatoes. Canned tomatoes are used in so many recipes, and they come in all forms - diced, sauce, salsa, marinara sauce, pizza sauce, etc. The Clothes Closet is thinking "kitchen" and is asking for cooking supplies - clean pots and pans, cooking utensils, cookie sheets, muffin pans, etc. Thank you.

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

If You or a Loved One is Hospitalized, please have a family member or the hospital chaplain call the Pastoral Care Department at 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, room number and other information. After hours, call the church's main number at 913-262-4200. A pastor will come and visit, listen and offer comfort and prayers.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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.

Summer Bible Study – "Not for Children, the Stories We Didn't Learn in Sunday School" continues Wednesday, July 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Next lesson: "On the Threshing Floor - Ruth Didn't Need A Dating App." 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.

Farewell Reception for Jenna Soltys

6 p.m. Tonight - Youth Loft (3rd Floor)

Jenna has served nearly six years in our Youth Ministry Department. Join us this evening as we bless Jenna's next steps at Second Pres, say thank you, and celebrate her time with us.

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.

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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