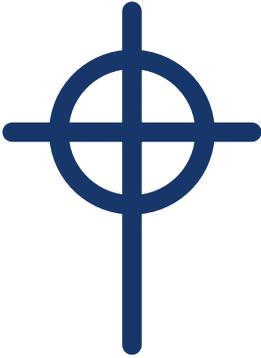




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

July 24, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

The beginning of John's Gospel articulates our faith's greatest mystery, "The Word Became Flesh." We've come to speak of this as "incarnation" literally, the embodiment of God in human form. We like those big, theological words. They can help us to understand that which is not understandable. But in days when bodies and life are being debated, one has to wonder if our big theological words have provided us too safe a distance, so we can think about God without having to experience the mystery so completely. The problem is, our God is not one who stays distant. God dwelled in the person of Jesus Christ. The Holy continues to be revealed in the flesh of our own experiences. Our bodies matter.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Sacred the Body/Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom
arr. Daphnia Portier; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Trust and Obey/Sweet Hour of Prayer
arr. Rich Heffler; Amy Jantz, clarinet; and Anne Sneller, English horn

Words of Welcome

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Why Village Matters: Social Justice Ministry

Mary Lehoczky

*Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

For waking our bodies from rest, and making the sun to shine–

thanks be to God.

For the breath in our lungs, and the beat of our hearts–

thanks be to God.

For meeting us in the stress we carry,

and not letting us hold it alone–

thanks be to God.

For giving us one another to worship with–

thanks be to God.

*Hymn, No. 459

O Word of God Incarnate

Prayer of Confession

*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

Anthem

Bright Morning Stars

Traditional; arr. The Wailin' Jennys; Carolyn Baruch, Karli Cabrera and Tami Morrow, singers

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.**

Lord save us, take pity, Light in our darkness.

We call you; we wait: 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

John 1:14-16 (pg. 966)

Sermon

Embodied

Rev. Hallie Hottle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 27

Sacred the Body

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

He Hideth My Soul

arr. Rich Heffler; Amy Jantz, clarinet; and Anne Sneller, English horn (9 a.m.)

Prayer of St. Francis

by Allen Pote; Summer Choir; Cassandra Leon, soloist; Bob Abbott, 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, No. 174 (v. 1,2)

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.**

*Postlude

Allegro Vivace
by Johann Ludwig Krebs; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

Today's embodied Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Grace were written by Sarah Are, © Sanctified Art.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Thanks very much to Carolyn Baruch, Karli Cabrera, Amy Jantz, Tami Morrow and Anne Sneller for sharing their instrumental and vocal gifts in worship today. We are also grateful to Bob Abbott for leading the Summer Choir this week. Bob is a member of Village Choir, More Love Chorale, Village Players and the Village Ringers.

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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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

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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Village Ladies Night at the Movies – Join us as we go see "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" at AMC Town Center Plaza (near 119th and Nall). We'll meet in front of the theatre at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, for the 7:15 p.m. showing. Optional dinner meet-up at the Town Center Plaza Panera at 6 p.m. Purchase your own ticket and bring a friend! Email lisa.harrison@villagepres.org for more info.

MISSION

The Food Pantry is asking for pasta this coming week—all shapes and sizes: linguine, rotini, lasagna, penne, macaroni, etc., and rice—wild rice, brown rice, jasmine. The clients love variety. The Clothes Closet needs clean, gently-used or new kitchen towels, bath towels and washcloths.

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

Widowers' Support Group Meets Thursdays – If your spouse has passed away or is challenged by Alzheimer's, join us at the Widowers' Support Group. Men gather for fellowship and discussion at 9 a.m. every Thursday in Room 132 at the Mission Campus. Our next meeting is July 28.

Our Next Faith & Grief Support Gathering is Aug. 2 – Our guest speaker is Eric Sigler, LMSW. Eric is a grief support specialist with Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care and will share about losses he has experienced and what has helped him deal with those deaths. We'll have a complimentary box lunch. There is no cost to attend. We will gather from noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Register at faithandgrief.org.

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, 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.

Happy Hour – 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Percheron, Crossroads Hotel. Join us for eats, drinks and casual conversation. If you're looking for an easy way to meet other people in this community, this is for you! RSVP online: VillagePresYA.org/summer.

Love Your City Event: Kansas City Current Game – 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19. We love our new women's soccer team! Join us to cheer for the Current as they play LA's new team, Angel City FC. Kids of young adults are welcome at this event. RSVP required: VillagePresYA.org/calendar/kccurrent.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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.

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.

SERMONS

- July 17 Do I Have to go to Church to be a Christian?
Rev. Sally S. Wright preaching
- July 24 Embodied – Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching**
- July 31 Awe and Wonder – 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 Breyspraak, 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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