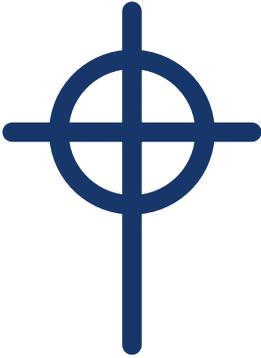




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

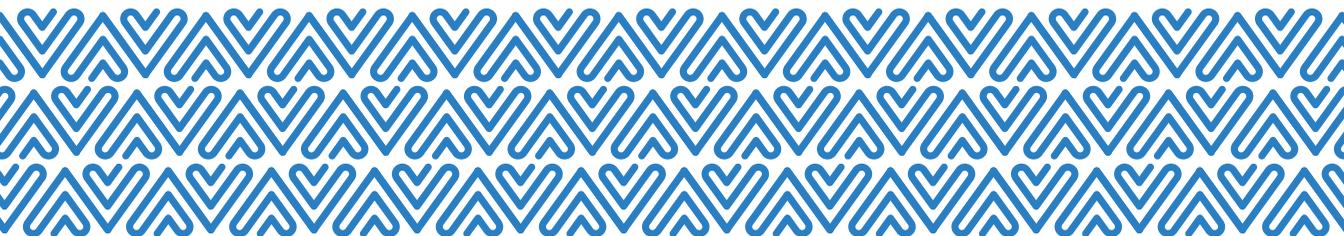


Service of Worship

July 31, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

When we behold magnificent mountain peaks, or new images of the universe, it can make us feel insignificant in the larger scheme of things. And in a way, we are. But we are significant, too—to the people we love, to the work we do, and especially to God. After all scripture tells us God knows the number of hairs on our heads. The mysteries of God and the universe can right-size us. They can also threaten our faith—or strengthen it.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Spiritual Contrasts: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and
"He's God the Whole World in His Hands"*
arr. Harold L. Walters; the Yakety Sax Quartet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Call to Worship (paraphrase of Psalm 19)

Rev. Sally S. Wright

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The earth reveals the beauty of God's handiwork.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

God's love and wisdom shine forth in glory.

God's ways are to be desired more than gold.

They are sweeter than drippings from the honeycomb.

*Hymn, No. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessings,

but we do not always believe.

You incite us to hope,

but we fall back into fear.

You urge us to give freely,

but we cling to what we have.

You call us to watch at all times for you,

but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

Forgive us, O God.

Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,

and keep us alert to the wonders you work every day. (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.

Anthem

God So Loved the World
arr. Sir John Stainer; The Yakety Sax Quartet

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 12:22-34 (pg. 980)

Sermon

Awe and Wonder

Rev. Melanie Hardison

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 626 (sing three times)

As the Deer

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Wonderment of The Heavens Revealed (9 a.m.)

by Anthony Graves; Dr. Christian Kreipke, organ

Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name (11 a.m.)

Traditional Spiritual; arr. Brazeal W. Dennard; Summer Choir

*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. 645 (v.1-3)

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,

that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:

to God all praise and glory!

*Postlude

God's Transcendence Over Creation

by Dr. Christian Kreipke, organ

**All who are able may stand*

© A-705103 for all hymns

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The Yakety Sax Quartet has performed for many receptions, conventions and community events since its formation in 2007. Its extensive music library includes gospel, swing and jazz renditions. Members are:

Robbin Draper, soprano and alto saxophone

Robert Coleman, alto saxophone

Vicki Fessler, tenor saxophone

Tom Nolte, baritone saxophone

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.

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

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

Giving - You may give to Village Church online at villagepres.org/giving. Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at bob.sperry@villagpres.org or 913-671-2325.

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

Kid's Lighthouse Sunday School resumes Sept. 11. Children are encouraged to worship with their families until then.

MISSION

The Food Pantry is asking for canned fruit (no glass containers, please) this week. We are hoping for variety—apricots, pears, cherries, applesauce, mandarin oranges, etc. Dried fruit is also a favorite—raisins, craisins, dates, prunes, etc. The Clothes Closet has a need for clean clothing for young children—pajamas, pants, shirts, new underwear, etc. As your children grow out of their gently-used clothes, the Closet appreciates those donations.

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.

PALS Program Looking for Volunteers for Coming School Year – Village Church partners with Front Porch Alliance to offer the PALS (Partners in Active Learning) program, a tutoring program with Faxon Elementary School in Kansas City, Mo. If you'd like to learn more about being a caring mentor in a child's life, contact Charlotte Davison at charlotteSdavison@gmail.com.

MUSIC

Village Voices Fall Kick-Off Weekend – Join us for a Retreat and Lock-In from 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, to 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. The event will begin with a parent/singer lunch and info session in Rooms 232/233 followed by a singers' retreat and lock-in. The day and evening will include rehearsals, games, food, worship, movies, a sleepover and more! Come check out what is in store for the 2022-23 season. Register at bit.ly/villagevoicesretreat.

PASTORAL CARE

Dealing with Loss – Eric Sigler is our guest speaker at the Faith & Grief gathering at noon this Tuesday, Aug. 2, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Eric is a grief support specialist with Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care. Join us to hear Eric, share in small groups and have lunch. Reservations are always helpful; go to faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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.

Summer Bible Study – "Not for Children, the Stories We Didn't Learn in Sunday School." Continues Wednesday, Aug. 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Next lesson: "Falling Asleep During the Sermon...You're Not the First." 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 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 • 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

Printed on paper from sustainably managed forests.