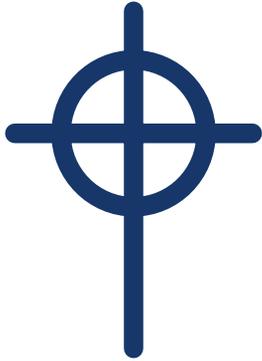




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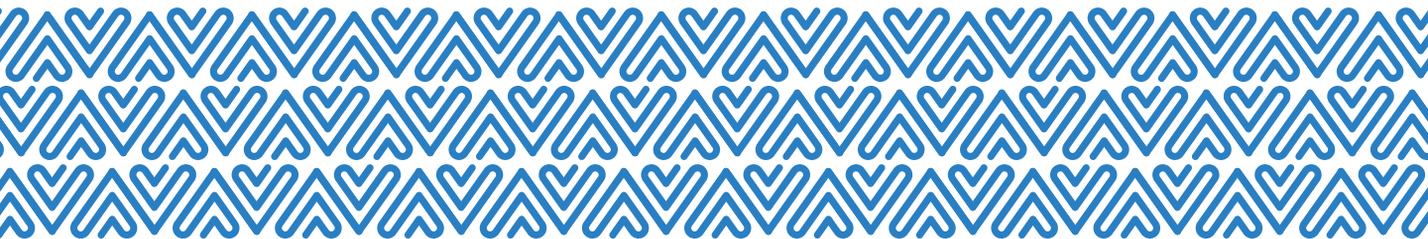


Service of Worship

August 28, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

We engage with God's creation through our senses, and connecting faith to our experiences often takes reflection. God shows up, mysteriously and surprisingly, when we open our senses in faith. As we finish our series, "Sensing Faith," our students are sharing with us how they have sensed God over the summer.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Prelude in D Major, Op. 25 No. 8: Sixths
by Frederic Chopin; Fritz Volini, piano

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Call to Worship

Landon Solenberger & Sabrina Thuenemann

We gather together trusting God draws near and is eager to listen.

We are also ready to listen, for we embrace the work of the Spirit in this place.

God's loving kindness never fails us.

Still our hearts and attune our senses to God's work.

In sight, sound, and smell,

we see and hear God's call; we are the aroma of Christ in this world.

In taste and touch,

we are fed, and we serve the God of grace for the sake of others.

We raise our voices and spirits to make a joyful noise,

we lift our eyes and hearts, giving praise to God's work in us.

*Hymn

O Come to the Altar

by Elevation Worship; arr. Kevin Dolan; Youth Band

O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide

**Forgiveness was bought with
the precious love of Jesus Christ**

O come to the altar

The Mother's arms are open wide

**Forgiveness was bought with
the precious love of Jesus Christ**

*Prayer of Confession

Christian Scammahorn Vaz

Merciful God,

We live in a world full of your presence

**where there are ample opportunities to share your love,
yet we insist on keeping it to ourselves.**

We live in the midst of community

**where we can provide for each other's needs,
yet we cling to our resources.**

**We live as part of a family
where we can demonstrate compassion and patience,
yet we are content with discord and division.**

Forgive us.

**We want to preach your love,
share all we have,
and sow peace and reconciliation.**

We desire to follow you with all we are. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

Reagan Solenberger

*Response

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Julia Fischer, Molly Minor & Lily Seesing

Call to Prayer

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Espie Lemon

**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

Barcarolle in F# Major, Op. 60
by Frederic Chopin; Fritz Volini, piano

Prayer for Illumination

Madi Moormann

Scripture

1 Kings 19:11-13 (pg. 322)

Sermons

Sensing God

Margo Billingsley & Katie Hull

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 300 (v. 1-3)

We Are One in the Spirit
arr. Kevin Dolan; Youth Band

Call for the Offering

Radley Brown (9 a.m.); Aleah Byers (11 a.m.)

Offertory Anthem

Child of God
by Mark A. Miller; Village Voices

*Sung Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever-more;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 137 (congregation joins when invited)

He Came Down
arr. Kevin Dolan; Youth Band

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**He came down that we may have joy,
He came down that we may have joy,
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah forevermore!**

*Postlude

O Come to the Altar (instrumental)
by Elevation Worship; arr. Kevin Dolan; Youth Band

**All who are able may stand*
© A-705103 for all hymns
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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Village Voices is directed by Dr. Josh Maize. The choir is open to current 7-12th graders and rehearses Sundays from 5-6:30 p.m. No audition required. For more information, contact Josh at josh.maize@villagepres.org.

The Youth Band is directed by Kevin Dolan. The group is open to current 7-12th graders who play any instrument. 7-8th graders rehearse at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. 9-12th graders rehearse at 6 p.m. Sundays. These groups perform at youth group and occasionally combine for other performances such as Youth Sunday. Instrumentation changes regularly, so you don't have to commit to every week! For more information, contact Kevin at kevin.dolan@villagepres.org.

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 flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Donald Kimsey by his family.

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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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Registration Now Open for Fall Village U – See full course listings and register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

Upcoming Classes Include:

The Qur'an and the Bible – Taught by Biagio Mazza, 6:30–8 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 12–Oct. 3, Room 233. The Qur'an shares many similarities with the Bible, yet they are two completely different books in terms of composition, literary style and purpose. The sessions explore stories and persons that appear in both texts, pointing out both similarities and differences. For more information, email biagio46@gmail.com.

First Wednesdays Coffee & Conversation – Led by Ginger Rothhaas and Brooke Brundige, 10–11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Room 309. Join Ginger Rothhaas as she brings encouragement, support and tangible tools for perseverant, joyful, intentional living. Warm cups of joe will be provided as well! Child care is available. Must register for child care separately.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Worship Sunday - Children are encouraged to worship with their families. Kickoff for fall programming is Sunday, Sept. 11.

Looking to add more happiness to your week? We are currently looking for part-time child care help during the Sunday services and school year for our Village U classes. This position offers flexible hours and days, including some evenings if interested. If you have young children of your own, they can come with you. We follow the Shawnee Mission School District calendar. Please contact Sandra Stephens at sandra.stephens@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322 if interested.

MISSION

The Food Pantry this week is asking for all kinds of crackers: saltines, oyster crackers, Cheez-Its, Club Crackers, Pretzel Flipsides, graham, etc. The Clothes Closet is low on bed linens and asks for clean, new or gently used bed linens in all sizes—sheets, pillowcases and pillows.

September Peanut Butter Drive for the Food Pantry - Any Sunday in September, please bring plastic, 18-ounce jars of peanut butter and leave them in the donation boxes near the entrances of the church.

PASTORAL CARE

Alice Carrott is Guest Speaker at Faith & Grief Support Gathering - The next Faith & Grief gathering is from noon–1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, in Friendship Hall at the Mission Campus. Alice will share her experience of suddenly losing her brother, Mac, in a car accident. Afterwards you may share or simply listen with your small table group. A boxed lunch is provided. Reservations are helpful but not necessary; go to faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

We Are Here for You - Wherever you are now and wherever you may be in the months to come, it's true that we all find ourselves in a season of transition. It's also true that no matter the transition, God's presence remains. Wherever you are, your Village church family is with you in support and prayer. To place a prayer request or to request a Stephen Minister or other support, please contact the Pastoral Care team at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women's Ministry Fall Kick-off - 2-4 p.m. today in the Meneilly Center for Mission parking lot. Join us for tours of the Village Church Food Pantry and the Child & Family Development Center and treats from Ciao Bella ice cream truck. The Meneilly Center for Mission is located at 99th and Mission Road.

2022 PW Horizons Bible Study Workshop – Join us from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 17, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus, as we learn from the Bible study author, Carol Bechtel, in person. The cost is \$35 per person, and includes a coffee bar, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 7. Register at villagepres.org/pw. Contact laura.hobbs@villagepres.org with questions.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Weekly Programs Begin Sept. 6 – All youth programs for the year will start up on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Visit villagepres.youth.org for details on all weekly middle school & high school events.

Registration for Ski Trips and Dominican Republic Opens Sept. 7 – You can register for 3 trips – High School Ski Trip, Middle School Ski Trip, and High School Dominican Republic Spring Break Service Trip – beginning 4 p.m. Sept. 7. Registration is online and can be found at shop.villagepres.org/youth-events.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, Sept. 18

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Sept. 18. This meeting will take place in the Sanctuaries at both campuses immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service at the Mission Campus and the 9:30 worship service at the Antioch Campus. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new church officers for the positions of elder, elder/trustee and deacon. At-large members of the Nominating Committee will also be elected.

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 dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org.

Add someone to the prayer list – Contact pastoral-care@villagepres.org.

Join the church – Contact dionne.boyice@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 913-671-2325 or bob.sperry@villagepres.org.

UPCOMING SERMONS

Aug. 28 Youth Sunday led by our Village youth

Sept. 4 Rev. Zach Walker preaching

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Sometimes We Need to Ask for Directions: Sept. 11-Oct. 16

Physical growth happens by nature. We are born. We learn to walk. We go to school. We get jobs. We age. Growth is unavoidable. Spiritual growth is different. There are experiences that demand engagement of our faith. The first time you stand at the rim of the Grand Canyon. The first time you fall in love or hold your own child. These and other experiences become part of our faith journey. But journey is the point. And for faith to grow as it should, experience alone will not likely provide all that we need or desire. If you are determined to have a deeper faith a year from now, what would you need to do before September 2023 to enrich your faith? This series will reflect on some practices and possibilities for such a journey. Physical growth just happens, but for a spiritual journey, sometimes you need to ask for directions.

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyice, director of mission & engagement

Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications

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 & endowment

Sandra Stephens, director of child care • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Alice Whitson, director of media ministry

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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