



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

September 4, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

If you know about Joseph in the Bible, you know life does not come without challenges, difficulties and trauma. As we look at Joseph we can draw out some insight about how we work through those difficult seasons, and we find a God who is willing to work both in us and for us, even in our darkest days.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Chaconne in E Minor

by Dieterich Buxtehude; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently.

We know God keeps God's promises; God is faithful.

Our steps are made sure by the Lord.

Though we may stumble, we will not fall; God holds us in God's hands.

There is posterity and poetry in the peaceable.

To seek peace is to seek refuge in the Lord; God is our mighty fortress.

There is much that is broken in our world.

We trust in God who redeems; God makes all things new.

*Hymn, No. 664

Morning Has Broken

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves.

We anger at the smallest slight.

We imagine vengeance upon those who have wronged us.

We care for ourselves and not others.

Forgive us, we pray.

Help us manage ourselves in ways consistent with your plans.

Help us heal so we might heal others.

Use our imaginations to inspire love and repair.

Make our brokenness whole so we might tend to others' brokenness.

Give us energy, intelligence and creativity to love others as we love ourselves.

(Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*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

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

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.

Scripture

Genesis 37:18-28 (pg. 33)

Sermon

What Was Intended for Harm

Rev. Zach Walker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 795 (v. 1-3)

Healer of Our Every Ill

Soloist sings Refrain and v. 1; Congregation joins in after v. 1

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Safe Within Your Arms

by Mark Hayes; Will Breytspraak, baritone (9 a.m.)

Charlotte Thuenemann, mezzo-soprano (11 a.m.)

*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. 792

There Is A Balm in Gilead

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

*Postlude

Grand Choeur Dialogue
by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*
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Special Care Regarding Today's Sermon: In his sermon today, Zach is going to reference that his brother suffered abuse as a child by family outside their home, and will note it led to his brother taking his life. He will also acknowledge the existence of harassment in working environments. If these references create the need, we encourage you to care for yourself in ways that are best for you, or for young worshipers who are with you.

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.

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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 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.

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.

Connecting a Smart Device to a Smart TV – Taught by Dee Couch, 1-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, Room 316. This class will provide an opportunity to receive hands-on experience connecting a Smartphone, laptop or computer to a Smart TV or monitor for easier viewing. Topics will include information on the required hardware and proper settings for your Smart TV or monitor. Registration is required.

The Case for Reparations: A Way Forward in Racial Justice and Reconciliation? Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 21, 28, Rooms 132 & 133. As our country continues to seek paths to racial justice and reconciliation, the question of reparations for African Americans continues to gain traction. Participants in this class will explore the emerging conversation around reparations for African Americans and how the church is helping to shape the way forward.

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

No Child Care today, Sept. 4, due to the Labor Day holiday.

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. Contact Sandra Stephens at sandra.stephens@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322 if interested.

MISSION

The Food Pantry is asking for main dish items this week—those that are easy for adults and children to prepare by opening a can to eat warm or cold: canned tuna, salmon, or chicken; Spam; beef stew; ravioli; chili; and, of course, peanut butter (all kinds). The Clothes Closet has had requests for gently used purses, handbags, wallets, etc.

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

MUSIC

Second Thursday Recitals Present: "Beginnings" with Dr. Jan Kraybill, organ – 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 8, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Please bring friends and family, and join us for this wonderful, free season opening recital. A Meet the Artist Reception with cookies and lemonade will immediately follow the recital in the Welcome Center.

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.

Walk the Red Carpet on Sept. 22! All celebrities aged 75 and older are invited to join us at the Classic Citizens Celebration from 1:30-3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22. Come for fellowship, fun, delicious desserts, entertainment and more. Can't be here? Watch online at villagepres.org. RSVP to Linda Alley by Sept. 8 at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

Fall Cookout - 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. Let's celebrate a new season together! Bring your favorite beverage to share. RSVP for exact address: VillagePresYA.org/calendar/cookout.

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 a.m. 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.

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

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