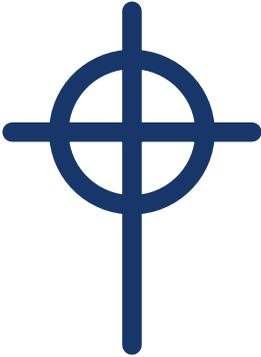




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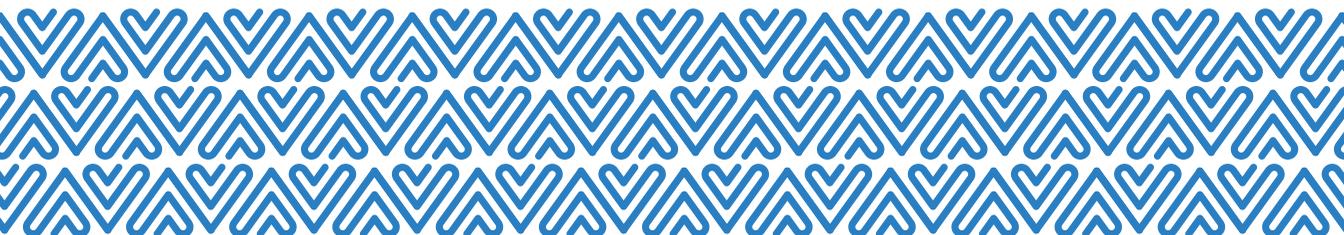


Service of Worship

September 11, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

The Bible is an old book or better said, a collection of books—a library. It's not magic. Both writers and readers are captured by the limits of their own time in history. Yet, the experience of the church has been, through the ages, that inspiration has been found in these old, old stories. We come again and again to the same words and discover new meaning. The impact of scripture is not simply what it teaches us, but what happens to us and through us when we discover its light.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Psalm XIX

by Benedetto Marcello; Andrew Bishop, trumpet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

When the world seems dark,

We come seeking light.

When life is hard,

We come seeking comfort.

When the way is confusing,

We come seeking truth.**God of the ages, meet us in these moments.**

*Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Confession

**God of the morning,
When the sun rises and the day is fresh,
your glory is apparent, and our hopes are high.**

**But as time passes, our hopes wane,
our expectations grow timid,
and our faith fades.**

**At the end of this day and at the end of our days,
meet us in mercy, and remind us once again
that you are God of every morning. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

Choir: Sing alleluia! Alleluia!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 119:97-105 (pg. 557)

Call to Prayer

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

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

Aria

by Flor Peeters; Andrew Bishop, trumpet

Scripture

Luke 4:16-30 (pg. 936)

Fred Logan, 9 a.m.; Charles Schultz, 11 a.m.

Sermon

Part of an Old, Old, Story

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 459

O Word of God Incarnate

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Come By Here

by Kyle Pederson; The Village Choir

Come by here, my Lord, come by here...

Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here...

Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here...

In the morning...evening...waking...sleeping, you are here.

In my pleading...waiting...caring...loving...blessing...grieving...hoping, you are here.

In my longing...falling...hiding...rising...healing...aching...laughing...praising...seeking...

finding...breathing...dying, Lord, you are here.

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, you are here.

*Sung Response

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 741 (v. 1-4)

Guide My Feet

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Amen from The Lord Bless You and Keep You
by Peter Lutkin; The Village Choir

*Postlude

And Again I Say, Rejoice!
by Brenda Portman; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

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

ABOUT TODAY’S MUSIC

Minneapolis-based composer Kyle Pederson (b. 1971), arranged the African American Spiritual, *Come By Here*, in order to honor the original voices that sang the spiritual, while also finding ways for it to speak to us all in our own circumstances. Pederson’s arrangement gives voice to universal aspects of heartbreak and a yearning for God’s spirit to come near. Pederson’s freely written piano accompaniment symbolizes the creative movement of God’s spirit, while his expanded lyrics give us a chance to sing both our invitational prayer and our testimony that God is here in our joy, grief, rising, falling, living and dying.

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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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Willa Ballard by Richard Ballard.

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. 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. Receive hands-on experience connecting a Smartphone, laptop or computer to a Smart TV or monitor for easier viewing.

Global Warming: God's Gift of the Milankovitch Cycles – Taught by Jerry Rees, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, Room 232. With God's gift of these thousand-year cycles, combined with human action, there is a brief window of opportunity to slow, stop and reverse global warming and climate change. We'll discuss urgent effective actions.

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. 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.

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.

Fall Lighthouse Kicks Off Today – 9-10 a.m. We will be worshipping outside today! Check in preschoolers outside of Room 107 and check in elementary aged kids outside on the south playground. Pick up for preschoolers will be in the courtyard. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

Popsicles on the Playground – Join us after Lighthouse today to celebrate the kick-off of our fall semester! Pick up your elementary kids on the third floor, pick up your preschool kids on the first floor, grab a popsicle, and spend time with other Lighthouse families on the playground. We look forward to seeing you there!

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Annual Food Truck Festival – 5-7 p.m. Sept. 25, Mission Campus north parking lot. Bring your family and lawn chairs, enjoy live music and games and purchase food from four gourmet food trucks: Crave of KC, Smashburger, Taste of KC (BBQ) and Fairway Creamery (Homemade Ice Cream).

The Food Pantry has declared September Peanut Butter Month! We're asking for jars of peanut butter (18-ounce plastic jars) any or all Sundays in September. If you prefer, a cash donation can be made at <https://shop.villagepres.org/september-peanut-butter-drive>. The Clothes Closet asks for new or gently used bed linens (sheets, pillowcases, light blankets) and pillows. Please leave your donations in the donation boxes at the church entrances.

MUSIC

Welcome Back to the Village Choir – Today we welcome the Village Choir back to worship. The Village Choir is a fun and friendly group and we rehearse in the Sanctuary at 7-8:30 p.m. most every Thursday evening, September-May. All people who want to explore singing their faith with church and wider community are welcome—you don't have to be an experienced singer! If you would like to sing in the Village Choir, or if you have any other questions about the music ministry, reach out to Will Breytspraak, director of music, at william.breytspraak@villagepres.org or 913-293-7118.

Te Deum Presents the Mozart Requiem 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18-Sanctuary – Combining with the Te Deum Chamber Orchestra and distinguished soloists, Te Deum celebrates its 15th season with this showcase of virtuosity and emotion. Tickets at te-deum.org.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Don't Miss the Classic Citizens Red Carpet Event – We'd love for all you celebrities who are 75 and older to join us at the Classic Citizens Celebration from 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Come for fellowship, fun, delicious desserts, entertainment and more. Can't be here? Join the livestream at villagepres.org/online.

Growing through Grief Begins in October – Growing through Grief, a five-week series, will be at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday from Oct. 5-Nov. 2, in Room 132. This class is free and open to all; registration is required by contacting Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study – Begins Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m. This fall we consider how "disunity" can be holy, looking at the gifts of scripture and theology that might inform how we can coexist, without resorting to shallow calls for "unity." We'll use Layton Williams' book, "Holy Disunity," as our roadmap. All young adults welcome! Schedule and sign up online: VillagePresYA.org/fall.

Fall Cookout – 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. Let's celebrate a new season together! Bring your favorite beverage to share. RSVP for exact address: VillagePresYA.org/calendar/cookout.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Join Us for Any of Our Weekly Activities – No sign-up required; all weekly activities below meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333). **MS Mornings**—Sundays, 9-10 a.m. **SNL** (HS youth group)—Sundays 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Lofternoons** (MS after school program)—Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. **GPS** (MS youth group)—Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. **Early Table** (HS morning devotional)—Thursdays 7:30-8:15 a.m.

Registration for Ski Trips and Dominican Republic – You can register online now 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. Ordination of new church officers will take place in early January 2023.

SERMON SERIES

Sometimes We Need to Ask for Directions

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.

- Sept. 11 Part of an Old, Old, Story – Rev. Tom Are**
Sept. 17 Out Came This Calf! (Of course, that's not the truth!) – Rev. Tom Are
Sept. 25 Prayer – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Oct. 2 Journey to Find God – Rev. Tom Are & Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Oct. 9 Mission – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Oct. 16 Holy Friendship – Rev. Tom Are & Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
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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

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