



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Oct. 8, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

The early church remembers a woman named Tabitha. When she died, her friends summoned the apostle Peter. Peter prayed for her, and she got up. The church remembers the miracle. But the church also remembers with equal clarity her kindness.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Partita on "Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan"
(What God ordains is always right)
by Johann Pachelbel; Helen Hofmeister, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call To Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Have you heard—God so loves the world.

Yes, we have heard this wonderful news for the world.

Have you heard—as far as the east is from the west,
so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Yes, we have heard this wonderful news for us.

Have you heard—Christ promised, I will be with you always,
even to the end of the age.

Yes, we have heard. To the risen Christ, we offer our praise.

*Hymn No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace and glory,

**When we have assumed our good is greater than it is,
forgive us.**

**When we have assumed our sin is something we can handle on our own,
forgive us.**

**When we have heard your Gospel promise and reduced it to
trivialities and slogans,
forgive us. (Silent Prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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

Sarah Dornbusch (9 a.m.); Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Acts 9:36-43

Sermon

Do the Good that is Yours to Do

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 321 (v. 1,3,4,5)

The Church's One Foundation

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker; Village Choir

*Sung Response

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 761 (v. 1-3)

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surrounds each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

*Postlude

Fanfare

by Jacques Lemmens; Helen Hofmeister, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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Congregational Celebration & Thanksgiving for Rev. Tom and Carol Are 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, Friendship Hall – Mission Campus

We will gather to celebrate and give thanks for Carol and Rev. Tom Are before they move to Chicago. Tom has been called to serve as interim pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church after serving nearly 20 years at Village Church. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead a program at 5:30 p.m. which will also be livestreamed at villagepres.org/online. You may contribute to a farewell gift for Carol and Tom at bookstore.villagepres.org/ares-gift.

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.
Co-Pastor



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Co-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. & Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka’s weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

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Congregational Meeting Sunday, Oct. 15 – The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, Oct. 15, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. It will be held following the 11 a.m. worship service. The meeting's purpose is to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Rev. Tom Are, Jr. after faithfully leading Village Church for 20 years.

The flowers in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of James Henry Patterson by Mom, Dad & Elwyn.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Basic Apple Computer – Dee Couch, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Road. This class is designed for new users or those needing a basic overview of the features of the Apple computer. Topics covered include the creation of basic documents and spreadsheets. Registration is required.

What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church – 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 28, Friendship Hall. Join us for a presentation and discussion led by author, Professor William Yoo. In this book, Dr. Yoo examines how Presbyterians were active in promoting, supporting, and willfully ignoring the enslavement of other human beings when the Presbyterian Church was establishing itself as a central part of American life.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during the 9 a.m. service. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2 and 3 to Room 109. Child care is also available during the 5 p.m. Gathering service. Bring infants through 4-year-olds to Room 109.

Lighthouse – Three-year-olds meet on the first floor in Room 107. Pre-K and 4-year-olds meet in Room 106. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. **Elementary Lighthouse**– K-6 Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

FOOD PANTRY

We will be serving over 400 families in the week prior to Thanksgiving. A \$40 donation will "adopt" a family of four's Thanksgiving dinner at villagepres.org/thanksgiving. We would be overjoyed if you adopted several families. The Clothes Closet would love fall & winter clothing—clean and gently used.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

Dinner Volunteers – Seeking volunteers to help serve Wednesday Family Dinners in Friendship Hall. Volunteers serve 1-2 hours in a fun and lively setting and eat for free. Contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce if you are interested: dionne.boyce@villagepres.org or 913-671-2369.

Free Kenyan Dinner – Join us for Thwake Village Partnership's Kenyan dinner 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in Friendship Hall. Learn about the important work that Village and other Heartland Presbytery churches are doing in Thwake, Kenya. While the dinner is free, there will be opportunities to support our mission. **RSVP by Oct. 9:** thwake.village.partnership@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Kansas City Wind Symphony presents Myths and Legends – 7 p.m. today in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring harpist Tabitha Reist-Steiner and soprano Alyssa Toepfer – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, Mission Campus Sanctuary. This dynamic duo will perform pieces by Strauss, Debussy, Tosti and Puccini. Free admission.

VOCES8 – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join Friends of Chamber Music and acclaimed British vocal ensemble VOCES8 for a magical concert featuring music from the renaissance through modern day. Tickets are available at chambermusic.org.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

If You or a Loved One Goes to the Hospital – Have a family member or the hospital chaplain call Pastoral Care at 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, room number and other pertinent information. After hours, call the church's main number 913-262-4200. One of our pastors will come, listen and offer comfort and prayers.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women with Spirit – Bring a snack, beverage and the name of a book you recommend to Laura Langdon's home (6107 W. 90th Terr.) at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15—and a new or gently used children's book for Front Porch Alliance. Contact meredith@reynoldsautomotivekc.com for more info.

Amazing Graces Fall Event – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the home of Jan Bleakley, 8621 Delmar in Prairie Village. Come hear Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for Media Ministry, and enjoy appetizers and drinks. The cost is \$15 a person. RSVP to Becky.anderson418@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY for people in their 20s & 30s

Parks & Picnics – Young adults and their children, come join us for food and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Wassmer Park, 67 St. & Roe Ave. in Prairie Village. You bring the family; we'll bring the food! RSVP required at VillagePresYA.org/parents

Happy Hour – Join us at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Vine Street Brewing Co, 2010 Vine St., Kansas City, Missouri, for eats, drinks, and casual conversation at Missouri's first Black-owned brewery.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Weekly Programs in Full Swing – Join us in the Youth Loft for our weekly events. **Sunday Brunch** (all youth, 9-10 a.m.), **SNL** (high school youth group, Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.), **Lofternoons** (middle school afterschool program, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.) and **GPS** (middle school youth group, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.).

End-of-Quarter Fun – Come celebrate with two events: Middle School at Emerald City (Oct. 12, 9-11 p.m., meet at Emerald City on Bond St., cost \$20) and High School Top Golf (Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-noon, meet at Top Golf on Nall Ave., no cost to attend). No RSVP necessary for either event.

Trip Signups Are Open – Register for the HS Ski Trip (Jan. 12-16), MS Ski Trip (Feb. 17-21), and HS Spring Break in the Dominican Republic (March 8-16). Signups are online and can be found at shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries.

Boy Scouts Holiday Greenery Sales – Troops 91 and 6091 will be selling Sherwood Farms Greenery from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 15 & 22, at both the north and south church entrances. Cash or check is accepted; credit card orders can be placed online at sherwoodfundraiser.com/Troop91/VPC. Pickups will be Nov. 19 & 26. Email ckocanabsa@gmail.com with questions.

Habitat for Humanity Women's Build – Join a team of Village women for Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build on Saturday, Oct. 28, for a full day of work. We'll have meet-ups at both church campuses around 8:30 a.m. and carpool to the site. Bring a sack lunch and your favorite work gloves. If you'd like to participate, email lisa.harrison@villagepres.org.

SERMONS

- Sept. 17 If I Understand the Text - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
Sept. 24 Breathe In God's Mercies... - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
Oct. 1 We Believe. Help Our Unbelief. - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
Oct. 8 Do the Good that is Yours to Do - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
Oct. 15 Living Toward God's Promised Day - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
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MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., co-pastor • Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, co-pastor
Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyce, director of mission & engagement
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry
Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications • Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care
Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music • Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site 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 • Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor 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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