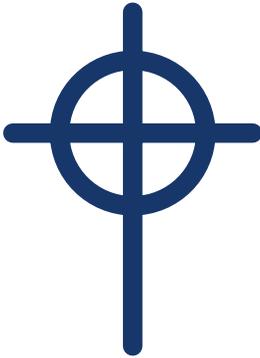




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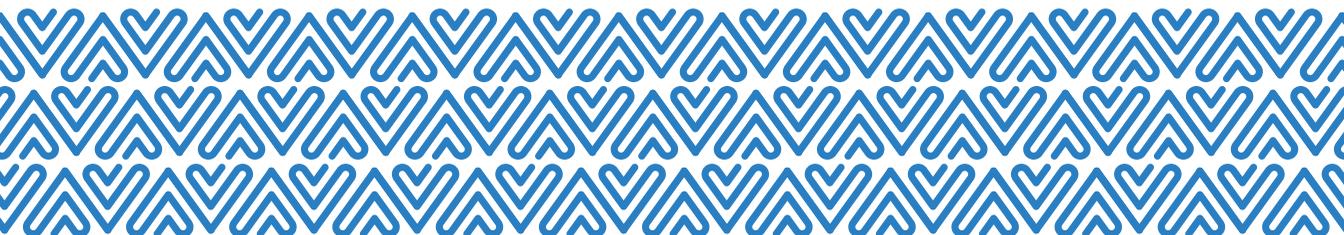


Service of Worship

October 23, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

We say it often: Do the good that is ours to do; share the love that is ours to share. Admittedly, given the size of the world's problems, the love that we share may seem insignificant. But it matters. When we act in love, God does her best work.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

The Gift of Love
arr. Daphnia Portier; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit (9 a.m.)

This is the Day
by Mark Burrows; Morning Stars Hallelujah Choir

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

As the morning breaks, the word of God is calling:

Come in from the darkness to warm in the light.

Come in from the emptiness to be filled with love.

We come, for God has been waiting for us.

*Hymn, No. 744 (v. 3 choir only)

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God,

for we live as if you have made no promises;

We chase after small dreams,

make meager plans,

and make our peace with the status quo.

We live as if your call were optional;

We heed the voices of fear,

we trust the wisdom of power,

and deny the power of your wisdom.

Renew us with your love, that we might choose love in every moment.

(Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Al-le-lu-ia'. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children (9 a.m.)

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (9 a.m.); Ron Witzke (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 14:12-14 (pg. 952)

Call to Prayer

Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

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

If I...

music by Lori Laitman; poem by Emily Dickinson; Danielle Musick, soprano

If I can stop one Heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain.

If I can ease one Life the Aching Or cool one Pain

or help one fainting Robin Unto his Nest again,

I shall not live in Vain.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a (pg. 1047)

Sermon

Love—It's a Good Choice

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Laudate Dominium (9 a.m.)

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Danielle Musick, soprano and Village Choir

Prayer of Julian of Norwich (11 a.m.)

arr. Carson Cooman; More Love Chorale

*Sung Response

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

To God and to the Son and Spirit now be given:

The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,

For the living of these days!

*Postlude

Cwm Rhondda

arr. Paul Manz; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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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 David Richards by Richard Ballard.

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 – Please consider setting up a recurring gift online at villagepres.org/giving.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Upcoming Classes Include:

Intermediate Apple Computer – Taught by Dee Couch, 1-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, Room 316. This class is designed to explore some of the little-known features found in Notes and Numbers. Registration is required. Child care is not provided.

Climate Change, Earth Care and Village Church – Taught by Chick Keller, 7-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, Room 133. We'll discuss the causes of climate change, the impacts of climate change, solutions to climate change and the key players in the effort to stop climate change.

Pneumatology 101: A Guide to the Holy Spirit – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 2-30 (no class Nov. 23), Rooms 132 & 133. From the Pentecostal tradition of speaking in tongues and being "seized by the Spirit" to the experience of the Holy Spirit as comforter in times of crisis, we will come to understand the work of the Spirit.

The Huguenot Diaspora – Taught by Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 9-30 and Dec. 7, Room 127. This class will explore how the Huguenots built international alliances and integrated themselves into the societies of the nations that hosted them.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during 9 a.m. & 5 p.m. services. Infants to 2-year-olds can be dropped off in Room 114. **Preschool 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-6th Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are located outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

Third Grade Bible Presentation – Join the third-grade class as they receive their own Whirl Bible at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 30. If your third grader is unable to be there, contact Kate Ruecker; 913-671-2350, or kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Blood Drive – Donate between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Rooms 132 & 133. Sign up at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip and enter the zip code 66208 and Oct. 25. Walk-ins are also welcome. All presenting donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card and will automatically be entered into a drawing to win two Chiefs tickets and a parking pass to a November home game. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 for more information.

Walk-In Flu Shot Clinic – Healthy Solutions will be offering flu shots from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in Rooms 132 & 133. Vaccines are self-pay but can be billed to insurance. Participants need to bring their insurance card. Cost is \$35 for ages 5-64 and \$75 for seniors 65+. Vaccines are self pay but can be billed to insurance.

The Food Pantry will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets to 500 families. For a \$35 donation we can purchase and assemble a basket with a turkey and all the traditional sides for a family of four. Your gift can be made online at villagepres.org/thanksgiving. The Clothes Closet needs kitchen items—pots and pans, cooking utensils, cookie sheets, coffee pots, etc.

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Dine in before your Village U class or take it home. Activities for kids. \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners.

MUSIC

Duke Ellington's Sacred Service With Soloists, Choirs And The Hannover Big Band – 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Hear this lively work with soprano and bass soloists, tap dancing, singing, and the world-renowned Hannover Big Band. Tickets are \$25 at villagepres.org/music, and all proceeds go directly to offset travel costs for the Hannover Big Band.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Grief During the Holidays – Join us at the Faith & Grief Support Gathering at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 1, in Friendship Hall. Rev. Dr. Jared Witt and Rev. Joe Walker will talk about ways to work with your grief during the upcoming holiday season. A box lunch is available; we appreciate free-will donations. Pre-registration is helpful but not required. Register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women of Wisdom (WOW) invites all women for a lunch gathering at noon on Thursday, Nov. 10, at Houlihan's in Town Center, 4900 W. 119th St. RSVP to Diane Lee at dianelee@att.net or 913-432-4321 by Tuesday, Nov. 8.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Learn More About the Ballot Issues in the Nov. 8 General Election – Social Justice Ministry will be staffing a voter information table in Friendship Hall in between morning services and after the Gathering on Sundays now through Nov. 6.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

GloWild at the KC Zoo – 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. This fall the zoo is hosting a nighttime lantern festival that "glows." Tickets have been pre-purchased. Sign up required: VillagePresYA.org/fall.

Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. 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." Schedule online: VillagePresYA.org/fall.

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.

Trunk or Treat for Everyone! 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, in the Mission Campus south parking lot. Open to the community so everyone is welcome. If you'd like to host a trunk, contact the youth department at youth@villagepres.org.

Boy Scouts Holiday Greenery Sales

Troop 91 will be selling Sherwood Farms Greenery from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. today and Oct. 30, at both the north and south church entrances. Cash or check is accepted; credit card orders can be placed online at sherwoodfundraiser.com/Troop91. Pickups will be Nov. 20 & 27. Email stacytigger@hotmail.com with questions.

SERMON SERIES

The Good That is Ours to Do

There was a time when the church was convinced that we would conquer the world. Maybe whoever Luke was, who wrote the book of Acts, had such a confidence. Western Christianity certainly did as recently as 100 years ago. But we are different now. We know that, in our time, there are more conversations about the church's irrelevance. While we at Village are blessed with remarkable strengths, we know that we often feel that our strength can seldom match the demands and needs of the world in which we live. The gift of such a position is that it reminds us of our dependence on God. We choose to do the good that is ours to do and see what God will do with that.

- Oct. 23 Love—It's a Good Choice - Rev. Tom Are, Jr.**
- Oct. 30 Sense Making by Faith - Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
- Nov. 6 Forgiveness - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
- Nov. 13 Hope, Glimpse by Glimpse - Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
- Nov. 20 Gratitude - Rev. Hallie Hottle
- Nov. 27 Between Hopes and Fears - Rev. Zach Walker

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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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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