



VILLAGE CHURCH

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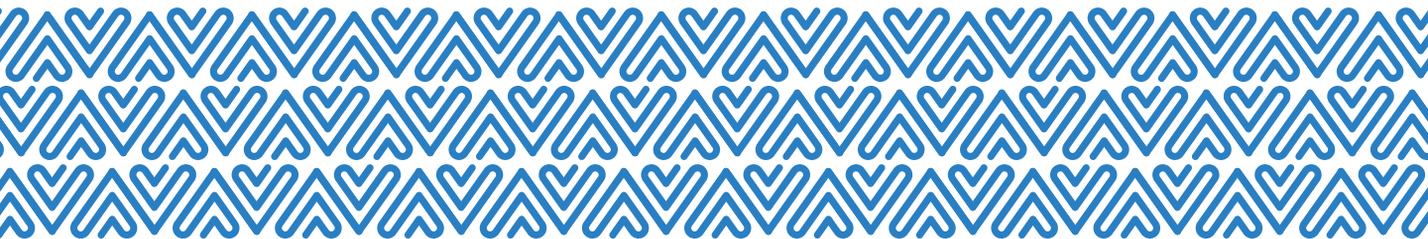


Service of Worship

October 30, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

The writer of Hebrews tells us that faith is “the conviction of things not seen.” Faith is the invitation to trust that God will be faithful to the promises God has made. Sometimes when our conviction falters, God places other people in our lives to encourage our faith.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude *Variations on "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"*
by Kurt Fiebig; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship Rev. Melanie Hardison

People of God, let the gratitude ring in your voice,
for God has been faithful and carried us through all our yesterdays.

People of God, hold fast to your faith,
for Jesus Christ welcomes us today.

People of God, lean into hope,
for the God of our yesterdays holds our tomorrows.
Let us worship God in joy.

*Hymn, No. 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

**In every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.**

**On this day, you call us to proclaim your name,
to do what is just,
to live toward your promised day.**

We want to be faithful.

**But we admit we are sometimes afraid,
sometimes apathetic,
and often distracted.**

**Strengthen us with the memory of those who have lived faithfully,
as we seek to be faithful with our lives. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

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

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*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles (9 a.m.)

Call to Prayer

**Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.**

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

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...* (9 a.m.)
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.*

How Can I Keep From Singing? (11 a.m.)
by Geoffrey Wilcken; Alegría Choir

Prayer for Illumination Sandy Wells (9 a.m.); Larry Sneegas (11 a.m.)

Scripture Hebrews 11:1-8, 29-12:2 (pg. 1096-1097)

Sermon *Sense Making by Faith* Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 463 (v. 1-3) *How Firm a Foundation*

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem *Grace*
by Mark Hayes; Village Choir

*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. 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.**

*Postlude *Wer nur den Lieben Gott Lasst Walten*
(If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee), BWV 642
by Johann Sebastian Bach; 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

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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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 today and Nov. 6.

Boy Scouts Holiday Greenery Sales

Troop 91 will be selling Sherwood Farms Greenery from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. today 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.

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:**

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.

World Politics: When Do You Stand Up for What You Believe In? – Taught by Chick Keller 7-8 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 7-21, Room 133. Join us as we consider how the U.S. is dealing with modern day issues such as: terrorism, forced immigration, cyber currency and nuclear weapons, as well as how the U.S. is attempting to work with China, Europe, Russia and the Middle East.

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.

FOOD PANTRY

Sponsor a Village Food Pantry Family's Thanksgiving Dinner - Your \$35 donation will sponsor a Thanksgiving feast of turkey and all the trimmings for a family of four. Your gift can be made with a check payable to Village Church with "Food Pantry Thanksgiving" in the memo or by going to villagepres.org/thanksgiving to donate online.

The Food Pantry is requesting canned fruit this week. Pears, pineapple (sliced, diced, chunks), dried fruit (raisins, dates, Craisins®) and fruit juices in plastic or cans. The Clothes Closet needs clean, gently used or new kitchen towels, dishcloths, bath towels and washcloths. Donations may be dropped off at either campus in the donation box right inside the church entrances.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Walk-In Flu Shot Clinic – Healthy Solutions will be offering flu shots from 1-3 p.m. this Thursday, Nov. 3, in Rooms 132 & 133. Vaccines are self-pay but can be billed to insurance. Participants need to bring their insurance card.

Adopt a Star Family for Christmas - Village Church is sponsoring Christmas gifts and holiday meals for low-income and unhoused families through Operation Breakthrough. Families will be available for online adoption starting Nov. 3 at bit.ly/adoptstarfamilies. Pick up your adopted family's packet between 10 a.m. and noon Sunday, Nov. 13, in Friendship Hall at Mission Campus.

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall at 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

2nd Thursday Recital with Flutist Ebonee Thomas - 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Come hear UMKC Conservatory professor of flute, Ebonee Thomas, accompanied by pianist Tatiana Tessman. A "meet the artist" reception will follow. Free admission.

Village Players Side By Side Concert - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Mission Campus Sanctuary. The concert showcases talented Village Players youth alongside orchestral professionals. Featuring violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen and cellist Michael Mermagen. Free admission.

Journeys Into Freedom with Organist Kimberly Marshall - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Come hear world-renowned concert organist and scholar Kimberly Marshall perform works by J. S. Bach, Florence Price, Sharon Willis, William Grant Still and Connor Chee on Village's pipe organ. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Grief During the Holidays - Please join us for the Faith & Grief Support Gathering at noon Tuesday, Nov. 1, when 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 will be available; we appreciate free-will donations. Register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

Poinsettias are Coming! A Village tradition is delivering poinsettias to our members who are physically unable to join us at church during the Advent season. You can make a donation in honor of a loved one that helps finance this ministry, and you can also volunteer to deliver a poinsettia on Saturday, Dec. 3. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

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.

Advent Celebration - All in our community who identify as women are invited to the annual PW Advent Celebration, "Women. Together. In Light," from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Experience God's message this night through liturgical dancing, scripture, women's stories, music and prayer. Light snacks and beverages will be served in the Welcome Center until 8 p.m. Registration opens Nov. 1 at villagepres.org/pw.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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.

Post-Vote Happy Hour - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Boulevard Brewing Beer Hall. Go vote! Then let's get together to celebrate being citizens and brace ourselves for the outcomes. Let us know you're coming: villagepresya.org/fall.

Family Dinner & Parent Connect Night - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, Family dinner in Friendship Hall, 6 (ish) - 7:30 p.m. kiddos go to child care, and parents gather in the Young Adult Room for conversation and connection. Parents, life with littles is a lot. Let us make dinner and give you some space to breathe together. Sign up required: villagepresya.org/parents.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

View our weekly programs for high school and middle school at villagepresyouth.org.

Leftover Halloween Candy? - You can donate leftover Halloween candy to the youth department. We will again be sending care packages to our college students. Your leftover candy will go to a good home while also reminding our college students we love them. Candy can be dropped at the south reception desk, labeled for the youth department. Happy Halloween!

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

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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