



**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)

Service of Worship

November 14, 2021 | 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Love. It's what makes life human. We are defined by who we love and who loves us. The apostle Paul describes love, and interestingly enough, he does not speak of love as something that we feel. Love is something that we do.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living
arr. David Cherwien

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down.
And love divine did come down to us.
Love has come to us
to bring us to life,
to call us to work,
to show us the way home.

*HYMN, NO. 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace,
Were we to ask our world, "Where does it hurt?"
She would respond, "Everywhere."
We know what it is to hurt and to cause hurt.
We need you to heal us. (Silent Prayer).

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*SUNG RESPONSE (sing twice)

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

WHY VILLAGE MATTERS: SIGNATURE MISSION

Kar Woo, executive director
of Artists Helping the Homeless

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Brooke Brundige

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 1:1-5

CALL TO PRAYER

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

I Corinthians 13:1-8a

SERMON

The Labor that Grows Out of Love

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN, NO. 751 (congregation join on refrain when invited)

*From the Nets
of Our Labor*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "We will rise up and fol - low Christ be - fore and be - side us, —". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "lov - ing pat - tern to guide us, — as we an - swer the call. _____". The piece ends with a double bar line.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Make a Way
by Tom Trenney; Village Choir

Behold! I will do a new thing! Everything old has passed away. See, everything old has become new. I will make a way in the wilderness. I will make rivers in the desert. Do not remember the former things or consider the ways of old. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and ostriches. For I give water in the wilderness, the desert shall be a pool. (Isaiah 43:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

*SUNG RESPONSE

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN (please join the choir in singing refrain)

Lead With Love

REFRAIN (always sing twice)

You got - ta put one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love.
(last time) We got - ta put

Put one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen
by Peter Lutkin; Village Choir

*POSTLUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
arr. John Ferguson

**All who are able may stand*

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshiping with us today! Visit villagepres.org to learn more about Village Church, including upcoming events, ways to connect and serve, how to give and more.

New to us? Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian Church (USA) family of faith that is inclusive and welcoming of all people. We are one church worshiping at two campuses. Our Mission Campus is located at 6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village, and our Antioch Campus is located at 14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park.

The flowers in the chancel today are given in memory of Ruth Glatt by her family.

The Gathering – Join us for The Gathering, an alternative style of worship at Village Church, 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

Prayers for GivingThanks Mission Trip – A Village team is getting ready to embark on the second Givingthanks in the DR mission trip Nov. 19-24. This trip to the Dominican Republic is a life-changing opportunity to experience the amazing beauty of God's work in places where it is needed the most. Service activities include helping our Dominican partner organization, Fundación Enciende Una Luz (Light A Candle Foundation or "LAC"), with health fair activities in batey sugarcane communities. Please send prayers to team members Cooper Blair, Lora, Cameron, Ash & Francie Garrison, Greer & Ben Hembree, Hayley Ives, Susan & Maggie Leonard, Lauren & Lindsey Packer, Joyce Scammahorn; Jenna Soltys, Scott Stanley, Mariann & Autumn Sun, Stephanie, Walt, Bella & Barrett Tegtmeier, Christian & Isabella Vaz and Rev. Sally Wright.

Zoom Conversation with Rev. Tom Are about His New Book – Join us on Zoom at 4 p.m. this Tuesday, Nov. 16, as Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka interviews Rev. Tom Are about his new book "Joy Even on Your Worst Days: Wisdom from Philippians." Email laura.hobbs@villagepres.org to register. This conversation will also be offered in person at the Mission Campus at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8. Books are available for a suggested donation of \$15. Fifty percent of net proceeds benefit the Village Church Endowment Trust. Copies are available online at bookstore.villagepres.org or with Marsha Hansen at marsha.hansen@villagepres.org or 913-671-2341.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village Forum Sunday Morning Class – Join us at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 126-127 or via Zoom. On Nov. 21 we will have a preview of next March's Meneilly Visiting Scholar: Kaitlin Curtice and her book "Native." For the four Sundays of Advent, we will study Amy Jill Levine's "Light of the World," her beginner's guide to Advent. Email gus.breyspraak@ottawa.edu for more information or for the Zoom link.

Village U Class: The Joy of Christmas!? What Christmas Trees, Wrapped Presents and Santa Claus Have to Do With the Birth of Jesus – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 1-15, Rooms 132 & 133, and via Zoom. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore how many Christmas traditions came to be and whether they help or hinder the real "reason for the season" – the birth of Jesus Christ. Register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Advent Family Workshop Dec. 4 - Pick your preferred COVID-friendly option for parents & kids on Saturday, Dec. 4, at Village on Mission: Option 1 - Grab-n-Go Crafts to complete at home or Option 2 - Friendship Hall Workshops at 1 and 2 p.m. Reservations required for in-person workshops. Sign up online at villagepres.org/children-families. Call Kate Ruecker at 913-671-2350 with questions.

First-Floor Child Care Available – Child care is available during 9:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. services. Infants to 4-year-olds in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107. **Preschool Lighthouse – Ages 2-4** – Pre-K and Preschool ages meet on the first floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 107. **Elementary Lighthouse – K-6th Grade** – Elementary ages meet on the third floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 307.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Farewell Gathering for Cindy Wilcox Dec. 2 - Please join us as we celebrate Cindy Wilcox who has served the Village family for 16 years as director of Connectional Ministries. Cindy will be retiring Jan. 2, 2022. We will come together as a church to express our gratitude to Cindy at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission.

Wednesday Family Meals – Order \$5 meals by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners. Curbside pickup is at the north entrance at Village on Mission between 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

MISSION

Help a Family Resettle – Village is sponsoring a family from Afghanistan as they move to Kansas City. Through the "House to Home" program at Jewish Vocational Services, we will collect furniture and supplies, set up the home, cook a meal, and welcome them at the airport. While we don't have an arrival date, let us know your interest at villagepresya.org/refugees or speak with Pastors Hallie or Melanie. We'll be in touch with details.

Food Pantry - The Food Pantry will be serving 500 families in a curbside distribution over four days the week prior to Thanksgiving. This year we are asking for a \$30 donation to "adopt" a family for Thanksgiving Dinner. You are welcome to adopt several families. Donate online at villagepres.org/thanksgiving. The Clothes Closet is asking for winter coats/hats/gloves—all sizes. We, along with all our clients, thank you for your generous giving.

MUSIC

The Morning Stars Children's Music Ministry has started up with two options for children – an introduction to handbells class on Sunday evenings for grades 4-6, and a Christmas musical for K-6th grade with rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and a performance on Dec. 15. For more information on the musical, contact jenny.hull@villagepres.org and for more information on the handbells class, contact Rebecca Enslow at rmozsing@aol.com.

Claim Some Calm at Taizé Worship – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, Village on Mission Sanctuary. As fall rolls into winter, come warm up with peaceful music and time for prayer and silence. The Lord's Supper will also be shared. The Rev. Peter DeVeaux will lead the service.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Remembering Our Loved Ones - Join us at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, for the Remembrance Service. It's a time to share gratitude for loved ones we miss. If your loved one passed away in 2021 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be listed in the program. If you want to include any other name(s), call 913-671-2367 or email linda.alley@villagepres.org by noon Monday, Nov. 22.

300 Poinsettias Need to be Delivered - 300 poinsettias will be delivered throughout 35 zip codes this year; will you help deliver one or more? Choose a zip code you want, and we will assign you specific recipients. To sign up, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org. Come by the north entrance for curbside pick-up between 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, and spread some joy!

A Donation for a Poinsettia is Priceless - When you make a \$15 donation in memory of a loved one at Christmas, your money honors that person and brightens a homebound member's life with a poinsettia. Your loved one(s)' name(s) will be printed in a future Good News. Purchase online at shop.villagepres.org/poinsettia OR send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person/name to the Janice Gill, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Register for PW Advent Celebration - Join us at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Village on Mission. Come for Rev. Jenny McDevitt's message, the music, the sacrament of communion and to connect with your sisters. Register at villagepres.org/pw or in Friendship Hall or the Welcome Center today. Email marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org by Sunday, Nov. 21, to make child care reservations.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY For all 20's & 30's

Theology Thursday – 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Fall series: "Wilderness." Wilderness is a theme in scripture and in our own lives. Often, it's a place we journey alone, but in these strange days we're having a sort of shared wilderness experience. Read more and sign up online at villagepresya.org/fall.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join Us for Any of Our Weekly Activities – No sign-up is required. Masks required while in the building. All weekly activities below meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

Sunday Series – 9:30-10:30 a.m. for middle & high school. **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) – 7:30-8:15 a.m.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Christian DNA: A Series on Faith, Hope and Love

Over the generations there have been seemingly endless volumes written to describe the Christian life. What does it mean to trust a life to Christ? What does such a life look like? More importantly, how do we describe the community that seeks to follow Christ. It's a complicated question and there is no simple answer, but Paul boils it down to three words: faith, hope and love. However we describe Christianity, the DNA of the church is faith, hope and love.

- Nov. 7 The Work Generated by Faith – Rev. Tom Are preaching
Nov. 14 The Labor That Grows Out of Love – Rev. Tom Are preaching
Nov. 21 Steadfast Endurance Empowered by Hope – Rev. Tom Are preaching

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist
Will Breytspraak, director of music • Brooke Brundige, director of children and family ministry
Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications • Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care
Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry • Marjean Lindquist, director of child care
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 and endowment
Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations • Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries
Deborah White, director of mission • Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries
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.
The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast the following week at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ,
The Business Channel and on our worship service phone line 913-203-1301.
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