



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 26, 2019 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Any conversation about racism touches us in tender places. We have seen the ugliness of racism in Birmingham and in Selma, as well as in Charlottesville and in Charleston. We have heard racists hurl demeaning epithets and practice violence. That's not us. When someone speaks of racism, it's not uncommon for us to think, "Don't associate me with them. You don't know my heart. Don't call me racist!" The "thoughts of my heart," as scripture says, are always important. But racism is not just about me; it's about us. It's not just a matter of the heart, it's a reality of history and culture. Racism is more than an event; it's a structure.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Prayer (Oba a ba ke)
by Fela Sowande

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit (11 a.m.)

Here I Am, Lord
arr. Ovid Young; Central College A Cappella Choir

Call to Worship

Rev. Becky Chamberlain

In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
**but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

*Hymn, No. 664

Morning Has Broken
BUNESSAN

*Prayer of Confession

**Morning has broken, O God,
for the darkness has passed and the light has come.
But often the morning is broken,
as our good intentions result in unintended consequences,
and even our best relationships suffer undesired injuries.
It's up to us to do what we can to make the wrong things right,
but we cannot save ourselves.
Even at our best, we cannot save ourselves.
We have come, once again, to ask You to make us right,
and begin Your recreation of the new day.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dore you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!

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 (11 a.m.)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
by Robert Mulholland

Prayer for Illumination

Elie Patterson (9:30 a.m.)
Zoey O'Keefe (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 4:1-26 (pg. 969)

Sermon

It's Not About You. It's About Us

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!
WE ARE CALLED

Offertory

Allemande from Partita No. 2 in D Minor (9:30 a.m.)
by J.S Bach; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

Bab Yetu (11 a.m.)

Traditional Swahili Lord's Prayer

*Response (from Hymn, No. 15)

**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!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 757 (v.1-3)

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

*Congregational Response (9:30 a.m.)

**May we in service to our God act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

*Choral Response (11 a.m.)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
by E. Fred Morris

*Postlude

Pange Lingua
by Sebastian Aguilera de Heredia

**All who are able may stand*
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CHECK OUT "THE VOICES WE KNOW" DISPLAY

Come spend some time in the Welcome Center to learn more about important voices in the race conversation. On the west wall, between the windows, are "The Voices We Know." Their wise words have been painted on maps of Kansas City to remind us that our actions always have impact on our neighbors. On the east wall are "The Voices We Should Know," biographical profiles of leaders in this community who have challenged the structures of society that support racial biases. These displays were created by the Liturgical Arts Committee.

MUSIC NOTES

Today we welcome Dr. Sarah van Waardhuizen and the 60-voice Central College A Cappella Choir (Pella, Iowa) to our 11 a.m. worship service. In addition to their yearly regional tours, the choir tours internationally every four years. The choir's mission is "to combine the attributes of each member to form a community that strives to create beauty and inspire others through the universal language of music."

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of May 27, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Tom Are, Jr. and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith, pray for Village Church, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, May 27

Romans 12:9-21

This text reads like a laundry list of “to do” from Paul. The list is rather impressive: “Overcome evil with good; be patient in suffering; persevere in prayer.” Such instructions from the apostle remind us that trust in God is lived in the daily decisions of our lives. Each day we make choices that reflect our trust or sometimes lack of trust in God. Paul knows that this reminder encourages our expression of trust.

Tuesday, May 28

Acts 16:1-5

Paul and Timothy shared in ministry of the early church. Paul, as we read in Acts 9, was converted on the Damascus Road in dramatic fashion. Timothy, on the other hand, learned the faith from his grandmother. Faith can come to us in dramatic moments or over the long walk of life, but either way it is our faith that makes all the difference.

Wednesday, May 29

Acts 16:16-25

Paul and Silas are thrown in jail. In an amazing detail, Acts tells us that they were singing hymns at midnight. When you are in your darkest hour, what would you sing? Sometimes speaking or singing our faith brings it to life in the moment, no matter how difficult the moment.

Thursday, May 30

Acts 16:25-34

Paul and Silas demonstrated a strong faith in the midst of adversity. It not only carried them through the night, but it inspired those who watched them. You never know the influence you can have on another when you seek to live your faith.

Friday, May 31

Psalms 100

The Lord is our maker. The reason to sing is because God, in grace, chooses that there be life. You did not have to be, but God imagined you into being. That is reason enough to make a joyful noise.

Saturday, June 1

Psalms 124

Again the psalmist sings of the work of the creator. But this time the affirmation is that because we belong to the one who made us, we have reason for hope, even in trouble. God is present even in adversity. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth; therefore, nothing in heaven or earth shall we fear.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS EMAILS

Subscribe now at www.villagepres.org/subscribe. Emails arrive first thing in the morning Monday through Saturday.



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
“RESILIENCY OF THE CAREGIVER”**

**A Stephen Ministry Retreat
with Guest Speaker
Rev. Dr. Bill Harkins
9 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 1
Friendship Hall at Village on Mission**



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

As a caregiver, how do you keep healthy and resilient? Rev. Dr. Bill Harkins of Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta will lead the seminar on “Resiliency of the Caregiver.” He is a licensed marriage and family therapist and nationally recognized pastoral counselor. The retreat is free. Email linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.



**Join the Summer Choir
Starting June 16**

You are invited to sing in the Summer Choir! We have an 8:45 a.m. rehearsal in the Village on Mission Chapel before the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday from June 16 to July 28. Summer Choir members love sitting with their family and friends in the congregation, and then coming just to sing the day's anthem. It's a little more casual and a little more low-key, but still with beautiful and exciting music. Contact Will Breytspraak at william.breytspraak@villagepres.org or 913-671-2345 for more information.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dave Francisco by Jean Francisco.

TE DEUM CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT – “Cathedral Classics” at 3 p.m. today in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Focusing on familiar music designed for the warm acoustics of the world’s greatest cathedrals, the audience will experience a cappella classics by Barber, Gorecki, Britten, Schnittke, Pärt, Walton and more. Tickets are \$15 a person (available at the door or at te-deum.org). Te Deum is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, providing leadership for the transformation of our communities and serving the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshipping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park). If you would like a tour of Village on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village welcomes new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. Join us June 2, Aug. 4, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for info.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to enjoy during worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

TECH TALK WITH TONY – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, Room 316. Once you have your digital data organized, which device (laptop or desktop) is the best device to use with this data? How and when do you use your mobile device (smartphone or tablet) securely with your data or other devices? Tony Liu will discuss how your devices combine together as your digital productivity tools.

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – Beginning June 9, join us as we gather to explore and reflect on the Bible passage that was preached each Sunday. We will look at the context for the passage, how our preacher proclaimed the passage and how others have interpreted the passage. Various teachers, all current or retired pastors, will guide us through the summer. 10:45-11:45 a.m. Rooms 126-127.

PLAYWRIGHTS CIRCLE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY – 6:30-8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Room 133. Learn along with us, your local writers. Playwrights Circle meets to share and contribute to our works in progress: plays, screenplays, short stories and other prose. Our next gathering is June 5. Contact Vivian Wilkerson at vivian@wilkwest.com or 913-432-2295 for more information.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

ALL SERVICES–CHILD CARE – Infants to 4-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

THIS SUNDAY IS FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY. Children are invited to worship with their families.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL "SUNDAY FUNDAYS" – Join us this summer during the 9:30 a.m. service as kids in elementary school explore how to be good neighbors. We will complete service projects, participate in fun and applicable art projects, play games and figure out ways to live out our faith with those around us. Our service efforts will focus on three local non-profits, one for each month: Operation Breakthrough, the Healing Chair (a wonderful resource for breast cancer surgery recovery) and the Ronald McDonald House. It’s summer... so wear your shorts, t-shirts and flip flops... we are going to do our best to get messy! June 2-Aug. 11.

JOIN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING TEAM FOR THIS FALL! Will you consider joining our team of amazing volunteers who teach Sunday school? Whether you are young or old, married or single, new to Village or you've been here for many years, we are confident we have a spot that is uniquely perfect for YOU. Contact Brooke Latas at brooke.latas@villagepres.org or 913-671-2355.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are July 21 and Sept. 15. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome your new arrival with a gift. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

LET'S GO ROYALS – You're invited to join the Village Church group to watch the Kansas City Royals take on the Minnesota Twins at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 11. The charter bus leaves the Village Church on Mission south parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each and include the cost of the bus ride to and from the stadium. To reserve your seat, contact Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES – Personal Safety and Situational Awareness - 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, in Room 232. Prairie Village Police Detective Caroline Van Cil speaks about personal safety and situational awareness. She'll offer a PowerPoint presentation produced by the Kelsey Smith Foundation; **A Culinary Journey to Italy** - 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, in Room 232. Chef instructor Rachel Ciordas will lead us on a culinary journey to Italy filled with delicious, simple recipes as dinner for one or to size up for company; **Understanding More About Social Media Platforms** - 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14. Led by long-time Village member and computer expert Dee Couch. Learn more at www.villagepres.org/single-adults-ministry. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org with questions.

VILLAGE GOLF OUTING – Do you like a casual golf outing? Then, these outings are for you. The monthly outings are a four-person scramble format that run through October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Prairie Highlands on Tuesday, June 11, with 8 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP by June 1 to Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Schools are out for the summer and are no longer providing lunches for the children of the Food Pantry's clients. Please be generous with your donations of kid friendly food items (ravioli, chili, beef stew, SpaghettiOs®, etc.) for which the Pantry is asking during the month of June. Whatever your children like for lunch, the clients' children will too. The Clothes Closet needs lots of summer shirts, shorts and dresses in all adult sizes.

MUSIC MINISTRY

NEEDING A VOLUNTEER ACCOMPANIST – The Hallelujah Chorus, grades 3-6, is looking for a volunteer accompanist for the 2019-20 school year. The chorus rehearses from 10:30-11 a.m. Sundays between the second and third morning services. The Hallelujah Chorus sings monthly in worship. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Will Breytspreek at william.breytspreek@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

“RESILIENCY OF THE CAREGIVER” TO BE DISCUSSED THIS COMING SATURDAY – As a caregiver, how do you keep healthy and resilient? Everyone is welcome to come and hear Rev. Dr. Bill Harkins of Columbia Theological Seminary address this important topic from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, June 1, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Dr. Harkins is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a nationally recognized pastoral counselor. The retreat is free and sponsored by Stephen Ministry. Email linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

THE NEXT FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH IS JUNE 4 – Grief is a journey. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, join us at the Faith and Grief lunch from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, in Friendship Hall. Lunch is provided. Registration is encouraged - register online at www.faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612, or simply come. All are welcome. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more info.

TRY TAIZÉ THIS SUMMER! – Take a calm, quiet and cooling moment for yourself during the hot summer months and attend the evening Taizé worship services at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Village on Mission. Modeled after worship from the Taizé community in France, the service includes scripture, song, silence and communion. Services are held on the second Tuesday of each month; June 11, July 9 and Aug. 13.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT (WWS) – 5-7 p.m. next Sunday, June 2. Chicken N Pickle Family Event at Chicken N Pickle (1761 Burlington St., Kansas City, Missouri). Email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com for additional details and to RSVP for the event. It is \$10 per family to cover the cost for the reserved pickle ball courts.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 7 p.m. this Thursday. We conclude our series "Let's Talk About Race." We've been reading the book "White Fragility" together, and discussing the sin we can't seem to shake. Jump in for this last discussion by signing up online: VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

SUMMER SMALL GROUPS – How do I find my people? We've all asked it. Finding your "people" in this journey of early adulthood can be a challenge. So this summer we're breaking into small groups to make new connections, and deepen our relationships with one another. We'll be learning about some of our favorite Bible characters in the process, remembering that no one does this life alone. Sign up soon to choose your small group! VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

YOUNG ADULT PARENTS – With kids, summer can be...a challenge. We get that. So we've created additional Family Dinner Nights, Parents Nights Out, and more, to keep you connected and your soul filled in these sunny, challenging months. Don't miss it. Sign up now: VillagePresYA.org/parents.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH WEEK – All youth who have completed grades 6-12 are invited to join us for any of the following events: T-Bones game, Worlds of Fun, volunteering at the Village Food Pantry, hammocking at Loose Park, Powerplay and Chicken N Pickle. Forms and details are available outside the youth offices and at villagepresyouth.org.

WEEKLY SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS BEGIN JUNE 9

Sunday School – Youth Sunday school is on Summer break now. Youth are invited to attend worship with their families or assist with children's Sunday Fundays (Sunday School) beginning June 2.

HS Gathersaurus – 5 p.m. Sundays – Join us Sunday evenings at the Gathering worship service and then walk down to the Village shops with us to talk about what we just heard. Can't make the Gathering? That's okay! Meet us at the Village and we'll catch you up. Dinosaur accessories encouraged.

MS Evenings – 7-9 p.m. Mondays – Middle school adventure night. Sometimes we'll play games at the church, sometimes we'll go places. Always meet in the Youth Loft.

HS Late Nite – 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays – High school fellowship night. Different activities each week, sometimes at Village and sometimes out. Always meet in the Youth Loft.

MS Service Day – 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays – Come serve our city in a different way each week.

HS Run Club – 8-9 a.m. Thursdays – Come get a morning run in. Any level of experience is welcome with longer and shorter runs (and walks) each week.

Gathering Pentecost Potluck

Celebrate the Spirit with us June 9 as we eat together after the Gathering, potluck style! Bring your favorite food to share. Worship at 5 p.m., dinner immediately following.



MEMORIAL DAY

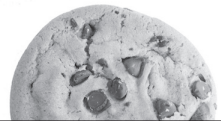
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
HONOR OUR VETERANS

Discover Village Information Center

A place for you to connect, ask questions and share conversation about your life in the Village Church community. We now offer two locations with hosts available every Sunday morning between worship services to share friendship and a cookie.

North location – Welcome Center reception desk at north entrance

South location – south end of Friendship Hall



Stewardship HEART at Work...

Village Church helped establish and continues to support NEXT Church. NEXT serves as a catalyst for new mission callings and develops strong leadership in a time of adaptive change.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Why Can't We Get Past This?

Racism In American Culture and The Church

From the first days of the American experiment racism has been woven into the fabric of our nation. Over the years, so much has changed. Yet, racism remains a burden in our culture. We tend to think of racism in very personal terms, like language or insults or belittling attitudes that result from bias. It is that. But racism is dangerous when such bias is empowered by the structures of society. Some have called racism "America's original sin." Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will share a sermon series to lift up what they see about this important social and spiritual struggle.

May 19 Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka Preaching: "I Just See People"

May 26 Rev. Tom Are Preaching: It's Not About You. It's About Us.

June 2 Revs. Tom Are and Rodger Nishioka: It's Not Just About Us. It's About Me.

Following the conclusion of the sermon series, both Revs. Are and Nishioka invite the congregation to a "sermon talk-back" conversation from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at Village on Antioch, and from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. The two will field questions and welcome insights and concerns.

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Brooke Latas, director of children and family ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care

Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration ❖ Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music ❖ Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission

Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Rev. Sally Wright, interim pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org.

Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."

Today's Sanctuary worship service will be re-broadcast at 8 a.m. next Sunday on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

Please note that additional parking is available across Mission Road in the Prairie School parking lots.

If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.