As we conclude this series, “Why Can’t We Get Past This?” we need to reflect on bias. To be accused of bias is unsettling. But maybe it shouldn’t be. We might be better off if we just acknowledge that human beings are biased. All of us. But don’t stop there. Battle the bias. Learn what we don’t know. Let life and those around us open our eyes to things we aren’t seeing. Being biased isn’t great, but pretending that we aren’t biased is worse.
God’s People Gather

Prelude

Sonata in D Major
by Jean-Marie Leclair; Bruce Williams, violin

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Open our eyes that we may see glimpses of truth thou hast for us.

And open our eyes that we may see
the image of God in every face,
the love of God in every heart,
the delight of God in every person.

*Hymn, No. 463
How Firm a Foundation

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
For the good in us, we give You thanks,
for we know that You are the source of all goodness.
For the sin in us, we express our regret,
for we know that You yearn for righteousness.
For the hope in us, we give You thanks,
for Your grace redeems every evil, every injury, every sorrow. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace

*Response

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.
’Tis Grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

New Members (11 a.m.)

*Passing of the Peace
CALL TO PRAYER

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jeff Busche (9:30 a.m.)
Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:1-18 (pg. 242)

SERMON

It’s Not Just About Us. It’s About Me.
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 373

Offertory

*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. 379 (v. 1-3)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

God will see us through; God will see us through;
God will see us through today.
O, deep in my heart
I do believe
We shall overcome someday!

*Postlude

We Shall Overcome
WE SHALL OVERCOME

Tempo di Minuetto
by Fritz Kreisler

*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 violinist Bruce Williams to worship. Bruce is a member of the Village Players, the Village Choir, and the Village Chamber Choir. Bruce is also a violinist with the Kansas City Civic Orchestra. Thank you, Bruce!
The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Sally Wright 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, June 3

These familiar words are filled with beautiful imagery and words. Yet, I wonder what the earth was like when it was “a formless void.” Do you sometimes feel as if you are walking through a formless void? I do. When we find ourselves in the times of darkness, we can remember that is was God who put order into creation and shed light into the dark, “Let there be light.” Ask God to bring light into your dark places and to give order to your life.

Tuesday, June 4

Samuel’s call story evokes the words of the hymn “Here, I am Lord.” These are words that we long to be able to utter every time God asks something of us. But does it seem as if Samuel might literally hear God talking to him. Thank goodness for Eli helping Samuel discern God’s voice among other voices. This is how it can be with us. We can hear God and not realize we are hearing God. So we turn to trusted pastors and confidants to help us know what is God’s voice.

Wednesday, June 5

God knew you before you were growing in your mother’s womb. How does it feel to be known so intimately by God that before your cells started diving and growing, that God knew you? At times this intimacy can feel scary and unnerving. There are other times when it can be a comfort to know that God is so closely connected to us. The times I am most comforted by God’s knowledge of me are times when I am sick or in the hospital. What are times that you are comforted by knowing that God knew you before you were formed in your mother’s womb?

Thursday, June 6

What does it mean that “the heavens and the earth were finished?” This creation account is one of deep comfort to many. I wonder if you might read this passage and consider that God’s is done with the action of creation. Or I wonder if you might consider the act of God’s creation to not be limited to this account in Genesis and for creation to be an ever-ongoing act of God in our midst. How do you see God work of creation in your own life?

Friday, June 7

Matthew was a tax collector, which was a moral and social outcast. And Jesus saw him sitting in the tax booth doing his job and says to him, “Follow me.” And Matthew just goes. I wonder if Matthew knew that his work was not seen in a good light. I wonder if this bothered him. I wonder if this tension is what allowed Matthew to simply get up and go when Jesus called him. May each of us be as willing at Matthew to follow Jesus when Jesus calls us.

Saturday, June 8

My children have a book at home called, “Just Like Me.” It is a simple book connecting Jesus to my children. It says among many other phrases, “Jesus was a baby; just like me.” When I read about Jesus getting baptized, I hear this in my head, “Jesus got baptized, Just like me and you.” It amazes me that God, found in Jesus Christ, needed the ritual, the meaning, the sacrament of baptism. What does your baptism mean to you?

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.
Why Can't We Get Past This? Sermon Series Talk Back

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, at Village on Antioch
7 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at Village on Mission

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.

Your’re Invited to

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

5-7 p.m. FRIDAY, JUNE 21
VILLAGE CHURCH ON MISSION ROAD

Ice cream, Kona Truck with Shaved Ice Drinks, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Inflatables and more!
Cost is $2 a person • Summertime fun for the whole family!
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 honor of the 65th wedding anniversary of Pat & Louise Woodward.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village will receive eight new members today. Village welcomes new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. The next 2019 joining date is Aug. 4. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for more information.

WITNESS OFFERING – This offering is divided among Village Church (40%) for programs focused on supporting youth in Village and Heartland Presbytery and General Assembly for children at risk advocacy (10%), ministries with youth (25%) and ministries with young adults (25%). Yellow envelopes are in the hymnal slot in the pew in front of you.

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 worshiping 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.

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 – Sundays, June 9-Aug. 18, Rooms 126 & 127. Join us as we gather to explore and reflect on the Bible passage that is 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. All are welcome from the novice Bible reader to the biblical scholar. Various teachers, all current or retired pastors, will guide us through the summer. Come and engage in conversation about the sermon and its meaning for our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:25-10:30 a.m. – 2 to 4-year-olds/Pre-K—Preschool Sunday School meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107. K-6th grade—Kids’ Kingdom Sunday school meets on the third floor. Registration and grade specific room assignments are posted outside Room 307. Room information is also posted outside Room 207.
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! Today-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

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; Learn more about upcoming speakers at www.villagpres.org/single-adults-ministry. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org with questions.

DO YOU LIKE A CASUAL GOLF OUTING? Then, these outings are for you! The monthly outings are a four person scramble format. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at St. Andrews on Monday, July 1, with an 8 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP by June 22 to Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – It’s June and the schools are out! The Food Pantry is asking for kid-friendly foods – such as SpaghettiOs®, ravioli, chili or beef stew. etc. – tasty foods that are easy to prepare. The Clothes Closet has a need for household pots and pans, dishes, linens and adult sized summer shirts, shorts and dresses in all sizes. Your generous donations are so appreciated by the clients. Thank you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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. 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.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

JIM WERST SHARES HIS GRIEF JOURNEY THIS TUESDAY – Join us for the Faith and Grief Lunch on Tuesday, June 4, to hear how after his son died from cancer, Jim Werst spiraled downward into depression, alcohol abuse and isolation. His renewed reliance in God and unexpected spiritual growth brought Jim back to a world full of wonder and love. All are welcome. The lunch is noon-1 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Contact Linda Alley with any questions at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH WISDOM (WOW) – Women of Wisdom invites all women to lunch at noon Wednesday, June 19, at Hereford House in Leawood’s Town Center (5001 Town Center Dr). We’ll be seated in a secluded solarium where we will enjoy warm fellowship and menu choices that include soups, salads, sandwiches and lunch-size entrees featuring poultry, fish and steak. Hope you will RSVP to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net or 913-432-4321, by Tuesday, June 18, because it would be so nice to see you.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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/smallgroups

FAMILY DINNER NIGHTS – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12. Young Adults with Kids! Every second and fourth Wednesday this summer we’re giving you a reason to not cook or clean. Come have dinner with us, then take kids downstairs for childcare while parents connect with each other. Sign up required! 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 – 9:30 a.m. – All summer long youth are invited to attend worship with their families (Sanctuary) or assist with children’s Sunday Fundays (Room 307).

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.
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…
This morning, Village Commitment will share with you a video portraying your gifts of generosity, talent and time. We are so grateful for your support. Through this video, we share with you your HEART at work and show just how widespread your impact is here in our church, our community or our world.

Thank you for your love, support and generosity!

A Community Summer Sing

MUSIC OF AMERICA

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26
Village on Mission Sanctuary

Stirring and Light-hearted American Classics to Celebrate Independence Day. Repertoire will include “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “Stomp Your Foot” and the “Promise of Living,” as well as some jazz favorites by Ellington and Gershwin.
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.

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.
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