SERVICE OF WORSHIP
June 23, 2019 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
Miriam is one of the most important leaders of our ancient religious history. She is the first prophet named in the Hebrew Bible, and she appears in more biblical books than any other woman. It’s Miriam’s brother, Moses, we remember as the liberator of Israel. But without Miriam, could there have been a Moses? Without Miriam, could they have reached the promised land? Perhaps in this time of wilderness and division, Miriam can sing to us again of freedom, and remind us we only get there together.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters (9:30 a.m.)

Introit (9:30 a.m.)

Call to Worship

In the days of kings and pharaohs,
when power reigned and plagues disrupted,

the people sang, sang to the Lord.

When taskmasters scorned,
and midwives rebelled,
when a princess saved,
and the sister protected,

the people sang, sang to the Lord.

When the bush burned,
and miracles abounded,
when thrones quaked,
and death passed over,

the people sang, sang to the Lord.

When waters parted,
and chains were broken,
when wilderness was wandered,
and promise found,

the people sang, sang to the Lord.

So from the days of ancient exodus,
to our search for liberation here and now,

we will sing, sing to the Lord!

*Hymn, No. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID
*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us,
   for we have waited for bushes to burn with instruction,
   while ignoring songs of liberation in our midst.
We have left our tambourines silent and still,
   preferring solemn prayer over grateful praise.
We have treated life's journey as a race to be won,
   sought forward movement while leaving prophets behind.
Sing to us again, patient God.
Reteach us Your story,
   and help us find ourselves among those who dance for Your justice.
Free us from our limited learnings,
   and expand in us the truth of Your unlimited grace. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to 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
Sandy Wells (9:30 a.m.)
Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading
Exodus 2:1-10 (pg. 48)
Exodus 15:20-21 (pg. 61)

Sermon
Finding Miriam
Rev. Hallie Hottle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 805
Come Sing To God
ELLACOMBE

Offertory
Jesus Lay Your Head in the Window (9:30 a.m.)
arr. Moses Hogan; Summer Choir; Tami Morrow, alto and Dr. Carol Dale, flute
Jesus Lover of My Soul (11 a.m.)
arr. Ken Medema; Tami Morrow, soloist

*Response (from Hymn, No. 692)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 157
I Danced in the Morning
LORD OF THE DANCE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.

*Postlude
Allegro Maestoso e vivace from Sonata No. 4
by Felix Mendelssohn

*All who are able may stand
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WELCOME THESE MUSIC GUESTS TODAY

Today’s featured soloist, Tami Morrow, has been singing since she was five years old. Tami went on to sing in the Concert Choir at William Jewell under both Wes Forbes and Arnold Epley. She has sung with the Fine Arts Chorale and the William Baker Summer Singers of Kansas City, too. At Village Church, Tami is a member of the Village Choir and Chamber Choir. Thanks, Tami!

Dr. Carol Dale is a highly accomplished flutist who is also the music coordinator for Village on Mission. Prior positions include executive assistant to the dean of the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance and associate professor of flute at the University of Mississippi. She holds a DM and MM from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Music with honors from the UMKC Conservatory of Music. Thank you, Carol!
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, June 24  
Matthew 16:13-20

Who is he? Jesus is not asking a “fill in the blank” theological quiz. Jesus knows that our beliefs show up in our behavior. Who we believe him to be influences how we live. How would you describe him?

Tuesday, June 25  
Matthew 11:28-30

The yoke Jesus speaks of is his life. His life is not easy because he is always moving toward the cross. And yet, because it is his life, when we live it, he shares it with us.

Wednesday, June 26  
Psalm 91

It sounds like the scripture promises that nothing bad will happen to those who believe. That would be nice, but it doesn’t fit with our experience. We know that even the most faithful people still suffer. Trusting in God changes the perspective and power of suffering in our lives. No matter how fragile life becomes, there is a “refuge and fortress” that is trustworthy.

Thursday, June 27  
Matthew 12:1-14

The people are questioning Jesus’ practice of the faith. He didn’t seem to be following the rules. Jesus responds by showing that the word of God is always good news. If we follow our faith and it does not bring life to us and others, we are likely to be missing something.

Friday, June 28  
Micah 6:1-8

This text begins with God reminding his people how God has already blessed them. The prophet reminds them of the Exodus. Then the prophet says that God wants his people to respond. With what shall we come before the Lord? Justice, kindness, humility in the presence of God.

Saturday, June 29  

“Teach us to pray,” the disciples asked. Jesus says, pray for the kingdom of God. Kingdom of God or reign of God or promised day of God is the language Jesus used to describe the life God intends for the whole world. Don’t be afraid to pray big prayers. What is your biggest hope? Pray about that. And be persistent in your prayers.

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.
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.
7 p.m. - rehearsal with Will Breytspraak
8:30-9 p.m. - full sing-through with narration and featured soloists (all are welcome to sing or listen from the pews for any portion of the evening!)

Join Us for the
Single Adult Ministry Summer Speaker Series

A Culinary Trip Through Italy
with Chef Instructor Rachel Ciordas

6-8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 9
Room 232 at Village on Mission
RSVP to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org
More details at villagepres.org/single-adult-ministry
TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

JOIN US TODAY – After the 9:30 a.m. service, please stop by our Children & Family Ministry lemonade stand and bake sale (set up on both the north and south sides of the church). In Kids Kingdom this summer, we are learning about being good neighbors as we explore Jesus’s words to, “Love God. Love each other.” We are partnering with three local non-profits this summer (one for each month) as we learn to be good neighbors in our city. This morning, not only will the lemonade and baked goods taste amazing… you will have the opportunity to join us in being good neighbors by donating to Operation Breakthrough.

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.

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

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

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – 10:45-11:45 a.m. now through Aug. 18, Rooms 126 & 127. Every Sunday, different teachers will guide us as we study the passage preached that day. We will explore the context for the passage, how the preacher proclaimed the passage, how other scholars have interpreted the passage, and how the passage helps us live more faithfully as followers of Jesus Christ. All are welcome from the novice Bible reader to the biblical scholar. Today, our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. John P. Borden, retired Presbyterian pastor. Next week, on June 30, our guest speaker will be Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care.

TECH TALK WITH TONY – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, in Room 316. When you create material using your digital data, how do you share it securely? Tony will discuss the use of a repository for this material, ways to organize it, security settings and how to use the Cloud to share this material with family and friends.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL "SUNDAY FUNDAYS" – Kindergarten-6th grade – Join us this summer during the 9:30 a.m. service as kids K-6th grade 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 focus for the month of June is Operation Breakthrough.

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 ADULTS SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES "A CULINARY JOURNEY TO ITALY" – Join chef instructor Rachel Ciordas from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, in Room 232 at Village on Mission for a culinary journey to Italy filled with delicious, simple recipes as dinner for one or to size up for company. The evening begins with Rocket Salad with Pecorino and Salami. After that, it’s on to Pasta Arrabiata which can be made in just one pan. Next, she’ll make Saltimbocca, a main dish; concluding with Strawberry Pazzo for dessert. RSVP to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org to reserve your spot.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

CRETACEOUS-PALEOGENE EXTINCTION EVENT – 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, July 1, Room 127, at Village on Mission. The Environmental Action Committee is co-sponsoring "The Hour When Everything Changed," by retired Village pastor Rev. Dwight Tawney. This presentation will focus on the episode known as the Cretaceous-Paleogene Extinction Event (precipitated by the Chicxulub asteroid) and will reveal lessons it may hold for the management of our own fragile earth.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

SPOTLIGHTING THE VILLAGE CHURCH FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET – Stop by the display outside Friendship Hall and remember to donate food and other items during these summer months.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The Food Pantry truly cannot have too many canned lunches for the children of the clients. Those favorites that you feed your children are also favorites of the clients' children – please put some extras in your carts to share at the Pantry – perhaps, put in some crackers also. The Clothes Closet, besides needing all sizes of summer clothing, also needs hats, sunglasses and towels. Thank you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SING WITH THE SUMMER CHOIR – It’s not too late to sing with 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 now through July 28. Contact Will Breytspraak at william.breytspraak@villagepres.org or 913-671-2345 for more information.

COMMUNITY SUMMER SING: MUSIC OF AMERICA – 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. Let's celebrate the songs we know and love in anticipation of Independence Day. Will Breytspraak will lead a short rehearsal, and then we'll sing through stirring and light-hearted American classics. All are welcome to sing or listen from the pews for any portion of the evening.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAITH & GRIEF LUNCHEON JULY 2 – Join us for Faith & Grief lunch from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, in Friendship Hall when Rev. Keith Hohly shares his thoughts about “Life in the Shadow of Death and Resurrection.” Lunch and informal facilitated table conversation follow his reflection. Registration is helpful; go to www.faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

CONSIDER BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER – If you have the desire to help others, you'd be a great Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are lay people who receive 50 hours of training (including the art of listening, prayer, confidentiality, etc.). A Stephen Minister then spends one-on-one time with someone who is experiencing divorce, the death of a loved one or other life challenges. If you are interested in finding out more about Stephen Ministry, contact Rev. Becky Chamberlain at 913-671-2327 or becky.chamberlain@villagepres.org.
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? This summer we’re exploring that question while we practice finding one another in small groups. Small Groups have started, but there’s still room to sign up. Email hallie@villagepres.org or check out more info at VillagePresYA.org/smallgroups

FAMILY DINNER NIGHTS – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. 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 child care while parents connect with each other. Sign up required! VillagePresYA.org/parents

YOUTH MINISTRY

WEEKLY SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

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.

We Invite You to Help Us Celebrate

Village on Antioch’s Second Birthday Anniversary

10 a.m. Sunday, June 30

Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick is preaching about The Unnamed Ethiopian. Enjoy birthday cake and other refreshments following worship.
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…
Front Porch Alliance’s Neighborhood Families program focuses on supporting low-income children and families through evidence-based home-visits, intensive support models to help them build knowledge and access resources for family and child wellbeing.

Data tracked results in 2018 showed that 100% of parents increased understanding of their child’s developmental progress: 100% of families increased positive parent-child interactions, using educational materials, books and toys: and 85% of children ages birth to five demonstrated age-appropriate development, measured by developmental milestones.

Your generosity is at work throughout our community.

Thank you for your generosity.
UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

People Like Us  
June 16-Aug. 18

The Bible is filled with stories of people. Some of them are of amazing and inspiring folks. Others’ stories tell of folks in desperate need. Many tell of ordinary times. These people we discover in pages of sacred scripture are, however, people like us. They endeavored to live as God’s children amidst the realities of their place and time. Some provide inspiring examples of faith. Some walk paths we should avoid. Many were mixtures of belief and unbelief. This summer we will meet – or meet again – a collection of people who can serve as examples as we seek to live as God’s children amidst the realities of the world in our time and place.

June 16  Joseph: A Man of Righteousness - Rev. Tom Are preaching  
June 23  Miriam - Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching  
June 30  Hannah - Rev. Sally Wright preaching  
July 7  A Woman Known Only By Her Illness - Rev. Tom Are preaching  
July 14  Cain: More than He Could Handle - Rev. Tom Are preaching  
July 21  Barrabas: Rebel and Son of God - Rev. Tom Are preaching

Get the full series listing at www.villagepres.org/peoplerikeus.

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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