ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

There was a woman who was sick. It’s seems people knew she was sick and they knew little else about her. But she was a remarkable woman and refused to let her life be defined by her illness. Soon, she became known not for her illness, but for her faith. She teaches us that sometimes the hardest things in our lives can also be important to our spiritual vitality.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Variations on “America” for organ
by Charles Ives

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Rev. Becky Chamberlain

If you come with doubts, there is a place for you here.
**Here we welcome honest questions and we value the journey.**

If you come and your heart is tender, there is a place for you here.
**There is a gentleness here, and the comfort of community.**

If you come with joy, there is a place for you here.
**For this is a place where songs are sung and prayers are heard.**

However you come, whoever you are, there is a place for you here.
**For we are God’s children and God is welcoming us home.**

*Hymn, No. 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
MATERNA

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
When we are lost in our fear and consumed by our pain,
we get our questions confused.
   We ask *why* is this happening?
   We ask *how* are we supposed to get through it?
   We ask *where* can we cast blame?
   We ask *when* will we know joy?
Forgive us, God, when we forget to ask who:
   Who can we trust?
   Who loves us?
   Who can save us?
   **Who is doing a new thing, even right now?** (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

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

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 (9:30 a.m.)

For the Beauty of the Earth
arr. Mark Hayes; Olivia Bock, dancer

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Lueckert (9:30 a.m.)
Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)
Scripture Reading  
Mark 5:24-34 (pg. 914)

Sermon  
A Woman Known Only By Her Illness  
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 792  
There is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain: Full Congregation
V. 1 – Sopranos and Altos of Congregation
V. 2 – Tenors and Basses of Congregation
V. 3 – Full Congregation

Offertory  
Hymn For America (9:30 a.m.)
by Stephen Paulus; Summer Choir

We have loved you for your rivers, We have loved you for your shores;
Every treasure you have shown us, Every seed that you have sown;
We have loved you for your mountains, For your prairies, for your fields,
All these gifts we have been given, All these glories that we share;
Now we thank you for these blessings, We, your people, everywhere.

Many are the stars of heaven, Many are the hopes of earth;
All around us, worlds unfolding, All around these dreams to grow;
From the moment of our rising Till we rest when day is done,
May we tell our hearts’ own story, Hearts that honor and believe,
Through our care for one another, For this life and land we love.

For the Beauty of the Earth (11 a.m.)
arr. Mark Hayes; Olivia Bock, dancer

*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. 327 (v. 1,2)  
From All That Dwell Below the Skies
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Benediction
ABOUT TODAY’S MUSIC

The prelude and postlude are arrangements of familiar patriotic songs. The poem “America the Beautiful” was penned by Katharine Lee Bates, a professor at Wellesley College, and was inspired by sights she beheld as she was traveling to and from Colorado Springs by train. Around the very same time, Charles Ives composed his “Variations on ‘America,’” which range from somber renditions to sprightly dances. Both pieces of music reflect the wide variety of traits of this country – her people are sometimes united and other times divided; proud and ashamed; lively and shy. Whatever your hopes are for this country, may they be guided by the ways of Jesus that are taught every week in this church.

OUR GUEST LITURGICAL DANCER

Sixteen-year-old Olivia Bock has been dancing since she was three. She is a sophomore at Blue Valley High School, where she is a member of the Blue Valley Tigerettes Dance Team. She studies at Denise’s Dance Academy, and especially enjoys contemporary and jazz dance. Thank you for sharing your gifts at Village Church, Olivia!

*Benediction Response

_Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Postlude

_America the Beautiful
arr. John S. Dixon

*All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns
The following are daily Bible readings offering 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 and our mission. Pray for God’s world.

**Monday, July 8**

What does it mean that John came to testify to the light? John’s calling was to enlighten the world about Jesus, who was both human and divine. In your daily life, how do you testify to the light? How do you share moments of God’s goodness and grace? The story did not stop with Jesus’ resurrection; think of ways this week to share the good news of the gospel with those around you.

**Tuesday, July 9**

John’s role in the gospel story is to proclaim the coming of Jesus. In this testimony to the priests and Levites, John references the prophet Isaiah, and assumes the role of the “voice”. Read Isaiah 40, and reflect on the ways in which the prophesies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus Christ’s birth, life, death and resurrection.

**Wednesday, July 10**

Jesus is known by many names. In this passage alone, he is referred to as “Lamb of God,” “Rabbi,” “Messiah,” “Son of God,” and “King of Israel.” The attribution of these titles is part of an ongoing process of understanding and proclaiming Jesus. As the disciples become acquainted with Jesus, more of Jesus’ nature is revealed to them. How do you view Jesus’ role in your life? What title would you give to Jesus?

**Thursday, July 11**

Just as Jesus transforms water into wine at the wedding in Cana, so are our lives entirely transformed when we follow Christ. All is renewed in Jesus Christ. Spend time today noticing all of the things around you that point to God’s presence in your life, and pray a prayer of gratitude for the ways that God shows up each and every day.

**Friday, July 12**

In this passage, we find Jesus channeling righteous anger toward injustice in the temple. Pouring out coins and overturning tables, Jesus causes quite a ruckus. This protest is against Jewish religious cooperation with Roman imperial control, a violent and oppressive system. As Christians, we are called to set aside apathy and take action against injustice. What injustices do you see in the world today? How can you take action to help end injustice and oppression?

**Saturday, July 13**

Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews, comes to Jesus with many questions about how to live a faithful life. In response to Nicodemus’ many queries, Jesus speaks the words of John 3:16. God is love, and God loves. Therefore, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, we have an obligation to love and to stand for love in the world. How will you show God’s love in the world today?
Join Us for the
Single Adult Ministry Summer Speaker Series

A Culinary Journey 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

Join us for a
Farewell Reception
for Kathy Lueckert

Following the 11 a.m. worship service

Sunday, July 21

Friendship Hall - Village on Mission
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 Marjorie “Mardie” Kirkwood by Tom Kirkwood.

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. Sundays, through 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. Today, please join us as our guest speaker is Rev. Kathryn Bates. On July 14, the guest speaker will be Rev. Sally Wright, interim pastor of pastoral care.

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.

SUNDAY FUNDAYS – 9:30 a.m. K-6th grade. This month we are partnering with a new local non-profit, the Ronald McDonald House and Foundation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT VILLAGE ON MISSION – We could use your help at VBS from 9 a.m.-noon July 15-19. Will you consider coming to spend time with preschoolers that week? They are darling, fun and enthusiastic…and they need leaders. We’d love for you to volunteer with us. It’s going to be a fantastic week! Sign up online at villagepres.org/summercamp2019 or call Brooke Latas at 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 ADULTS SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES "A CULINARY JOURNEY TO ITALY" – Enjoy a free Italian dinner with chef instructor Rachel Ciordas, from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, in Room 232 at Village on Mission. The evening begins with Pecorino/Salami Rocket Salad. Then one-pan Pasta Arrabbiata. Next, she’ll make Saltimbocca, a main dish; concluding with Strawberry Pazzo for dessert. Throughout, Rachel will discuss simple dinner recipes for one or a group. No cost to attend. RSVP to Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331.
MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Cans or bottles of fruit juices or Gatorade are the requests of the Food Pantry for the month of July - to cool and hydrate the Pantry's clients and their children. And the heat also causes a need for soap, deodorants, sunscreen and bug repellent. Please be generous! The Clothes Closet needs more summer clothing, hats, sunglasses and the housewares section of the Closet is looking sparse. The two drop boxes at Village Church on Mission are just inside the northwest and the south entrances. Thank you.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – Friday, July 12, Village will cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. Drop off cookie donations at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, July 11. Sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2.

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.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

TAIZÉ IS TUESDAY – Join us where it is cool, quiet and peaceful during the evening Taizé worship service at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, July 9, in the Village on Mission Chapel. Modeled after worship from the Taizé community in France, the service includes scripture, song, silence and communion.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW JOINS VOA PREBYTERIAN WOMEN AT PANERA’S – Women of Wisdom (WOW) is delighted to announce an opportunity for ladies at VOM to join ladies at VOA at 6 p.m. Monday, July 22, at Panera’s, 135th & Metcalf (where the Antioch dinner group meets monthly and includes women in a wide age range). All women are invited to share a casual dinner, and a blending of fun and fellowship between the two Village campuses. VOM women RSVP to dianelee@att.net or 913-432-4321 by Sunday, July 21.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is for all people in their 20’s and 30's.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY – Loose Park! 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 13. Bring your favorite park accessories and let’s enjoy a summer Saturday together.

FAMILY DINNER NIGHTS – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, 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

PARENTS NIGHT OUT – 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 26. Parents need summer break too. Drop off kids here at the church, and go do something to fill your soul. Sign up required by July 18! 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.

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**Village On The Go**

**Take Village with You on Your Summer Vacation**

Did you know our Sunday morning Sanctuary worship services at Village on Mission are livestreamed each week? So even if you can’t be here in person, you can still worship with us! Join us online Sundays at 9:30 or 11 a.m. by clicking the LIVE SERMON & SERMON ARCHIVE button in the middle of our home page at www.villagepres.org.

**Village Sermons on Demand**

Unable to attend church or watch the livestream? Our 9:30 a.m. sermons are available online, too. See who is preaching each Sunday and watch the Summer Sermon Series “People Like Us” at www.villagepres.org/peoplelikeus.
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...

In Emergency Assistance, 814 individuals received utility, rent and other emergency assistance, including 321 children.

Your generosity is at work throughout our community.
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 of them 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  Shiphrah and Puah – Rev. Becky Chamberlain preaching at VOM; Esau – Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick preaching at VOA
July 21  Cain: More than He Could Handle – Rev. Tom Are preaching
July 28  Gideon – Rev. Zach Walker preaching
Aug. 4  Peter – Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick preaching
Aug. 18  Bathsheba – Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching
Aug. 25  Youth Sunday Sunday at VOM; Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick preaching at VOA

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.