# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 21, 2019 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

## ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

We don't know much about Cain except that he went to church with his brother, Abel, and that's when things fell apart. It seems that God did not get what he wanted from Cain; but in reality, it is more likely Cain did not get what he wanted from God.

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# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
arr. David Ritter; Matt & Laurel Schaich, violin; Elisa Bickers, piano

Words of Welcome Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit (9:30 a.m.) *Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
arr. Brant Adams; Matt Schaich, violin & Laurel Schaich, piano

Call to Worship Rev. Sally Wright

Lord God, when we are weak,
**be our strength.**
When we are weary,
**renew our spirits.**
When we are broken,
**gently mend us.**
When we are afraid,
**comfort us.**
When we are sinful,
**redeem us.**
**You alone are our God.**

*Hymn, No. 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
SOLID ROCK

*Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, in the world of our living,**
**our story seems to repeat itself:**
**brothers battle, families are fragile,**
**we settle for getting through the week.**
**It is hard to think of a new way.**

**Forgive our lackluster faith and our dull imagining.**
**Give us grace that we might imagine what You already know to be true;**
**and lead us in the ways of Your truth.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

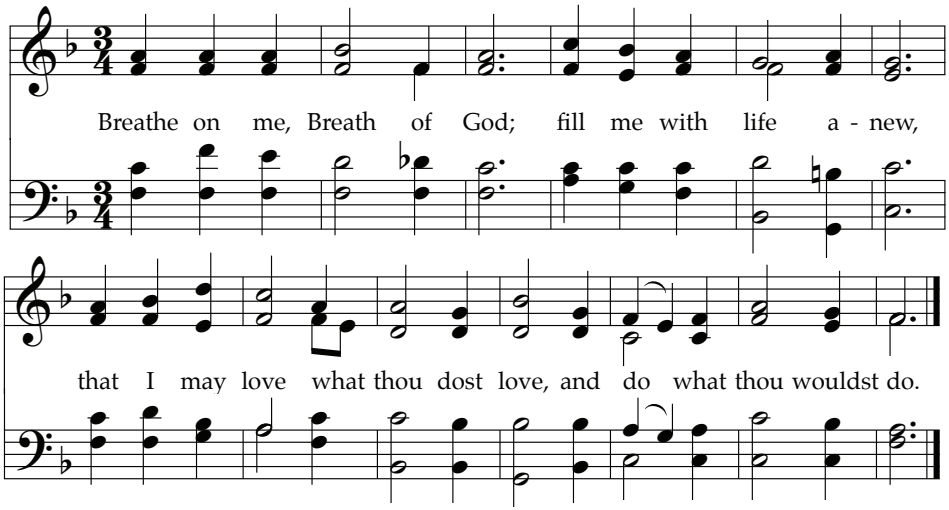
**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!**
**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!**
**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

*Passing of the Peace

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

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.**

Time with Children

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Response *Baptized in Water*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;**
**Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Prayer for Illumination — Laura Edgington (9:30 a.m.)
Sarah Dornbusch (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading — Genesis 4:1-16 (pg. 3)

Sermon *Cain: More Than He Could Handle* — Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*
AR HYD Y NOS

Offertory *What is the World Like* (9:30 a.m.)
words by Adam Tice; music by Sally Ann Morris;
Summer Choir with Matt and Laurel Schaich, violin

*Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* (11 a.m.)
arr. Brant Adams; Matt Schaich, violin & Laurel Schaich, piano

*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. 298 (v. 1-3) *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*
ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."**
**Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,**
**and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:**
**with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

*Postlude

*Postlude on "Joyful, Joyful"*
by Brenda Portman

**All who are able may stand*

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## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Matt and Laurel Schaich have both played piano and violin since childhood. They both received undergraduate music degrees from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studying under the mentorship of Dr. Paul Barnes. Professionally, Laurel is an environmental engineer at CDM Smith and Matt is a Ph.D. candidate in biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. At Village, Matt and Laurel are actively involved in several music groups, including the Village Players ensemble, Alegria Choir and assisting with the monthly Taizé service. Thank you, Matt and Laurel!

# THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of July 22, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker 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, July 22** **Amos 8:1-12**

These verses sound bleak to our modern ears: words from a God who is frustrated with an unfaithful people. A prophet's message is rarely easy, and Amos voices the pain of a people and culture who have turned their backs on God. But these verses also remind us that our God is not an unfeeling God. We have the capability to let God down and our actions have meaning.

**Tuesday, July 23** **Genesis 18:1-10**

Here we find Abram's response to strangers at his door. We all cross paths with strangers in the course of our days and weeks. What is our response to them? Do we look for the presence of God's Spirit in them? And do we treat them accordingly? How might you demonstrate your own faithfulness to a stranger in the coming week?

**Wednesday, July 24** **Colossians 1:15-28**

In these verses Paul speaks of who Christ is and of the relationship we have with and through Christ. When you read these verses, how might God be calling you to demonstrate the love of Christ to someone today?

**Thursday, July 25** **Psalm 15**

This psalm begins with a question: who may abide in your tent, O Lord? It answers the question with a list, and it does us good to pause and consider that list. It is tempting to see others as violating the list, but we are by no means blameless. What might it look like to confess where we fall short, and then be open to grace and mercy? Our desire (and God's) is that we would abide in that tent.

**Friday, July 26** **Luke 10:38-42**

Mary and Martha. We are often tempted to scold Martha in our own mind, but I empathize with her. She is doing her job and is aimed at being productive, yet she is the one Jesus chastises in the story. It is a constant reminder of how easy it can be to lose perspective on what is important in life. It is so easy, in fact, that we can be convinced that we are doing a good thing and still be off the mark.

**Saturday, July 27** **Galatians 5:1**

Christ has set you free but our temptation is to be in slavery to something or someone else. What is tempting you in your life? What would it take to help remind you that Christ came to set you free?

**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.**

## Village Welcomes Bob Sperry as Interim Director of Finance

Village Church member Bob Sperry will serve as part-time interim director of finance after Kathy's last day on July 26. Bob has been coming to Village since he was five years old when his parents joined the church. He spent 39 years in banking before his retirement in 2008, and has served the church in a variety of ways.

"I've been on about every building committee that Village had from the year 2000 on," said Bob. "I've been in the choir for 43 years. I run the sound booth for weddings and fill in on Sundays. I play the pipe organ and was on the organ committee for 8½ years. I'm treasurer of the pastoral care & counseling committee, so I'm familiar with the church's bookkeeping system. I think it will be a smooth transition."

"The Personnel Committee has already established a search committee to find our next director of finance and administration," said Rev. Tom Are. "I hope that happens by year end at the latest, but I am thrilled that Bob will be with us during the interim."

# 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 Thelma and David Evans by Doris Evans Williams.

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY** – Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children, at **9:30 a.m.**: Alice Lynn Gamble (Lindsay and David Gamble, parents); Kellie Jeanne Sargent and Madison Lauren Sargent (Laura and Patrick Sargent, parents); and Dempsey Scout Scott and Scout Maxine Scott (Lindsay and Ryan Scott, parents). **11 a.m.**: William Rhys Mizell (Lora and Michael Mizell, parents); and Henry Joseph Pattison (Sally and Joe Pattison, parents).

**DISCOVER VILLAGE KIOSKS** – Located at the North Welcome Center entrance and in Friendship Hall, Discover Village is a place where people can share conversation, ask questions of our hosts and enjoy a cookie. Whether you are newer to Village or a long-time member and have an interest in serving, connecting, or growing, come to the Discover Village kiosk. I hope to see you soon! (Cindy Wilcox, director of connectional ministries)

**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. Today, our guest speaker is Rev. Jay McKell. For next Sunday, our guest speaker will be Rev. Ky Weekley.

**TECH TALK WITH TONY** – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Room 316. Tony Liu will lead a discussion of ways to use your Smart TV "smarter." Learn how to access "over the air" free TV programs. Explore alternatives moving from cable or satellite TV to Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube or other internet streaming services. Discover how streaming players such as Roku can make a "smarter" TV experience.

# 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.

**BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES** – The next baptism dates are Sept. 15 and Nov. 17. 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.

**MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)** registration is now open at bit.ly/vpcmops. MOPS meet the first and third Tuesday mornings of the month at Village Church on Mission September through May. We gather for breakfast, coffee, and connecting with each other while hearing and discussing topics relevant to our mom life. We host monthly play dates and Mom's Nights Out to connect with each other outside our meetings. Fees for the 2019-20 MOPS year are $60. The child care fee is $25 per child per semester (child care spots are limited).

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**CASUAL GOLF OUTING** – All are invited to our monthly golf outings that a four-person scramble format. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Longview/Fred Arbanas on Tuesday, Aug. 13, with 8 a.m. starting tee time. RSVP by Aug. 2. Contact Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net to sign up.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Everyone's feeling the heat and thirst! Please be generous in your donations to the Food Pantry in July of bottles and cans of fruit juices, Gatorade, iced tea, etc., to hydrate the clients and their children. Deodorants, soaps, sunscreens, bug repellents are also needs of the clients. Besides the Clothes Closet requests for hats, visors, sunglasses, sandals, they are also hoping for more housewares to stock their shelves. Thanks for all your donations.

## 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.

**KANSAS CITY BAROQUE CONSORTIUM CONCERT** – Join us for the second offering in the KC Baroque Consortium's 2019 Summer Series "Women of Note." The Woman's Voice as Composer, Patron, and Performer in the Baroque Era concert is at 7:30 p.m. this Friday, July 26, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. The program includes music of Corelli, Handel, Purcell and Scarlatti. Tickets are availableat kcbaroque.org. Single tickets are $30 for reserved seating, $22 for general admission (plus online transaction fees). The Kansas City Baroque Consortium is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**LIFE CAN BE CHALLENGING SOMETIMES** – If you are going through a difficult time, you don't have to face the challenges by yourself. A Stephen Minister can walk with you during the tough times. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide weekly one-on-one support to anyone dealing with the death of a loved one, divorce, illness, unemployment and more. For more information, contact Rev. Becky Chamberlain at 913-671-2367.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**WOW JOINS VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AT PANERA** – Women of Wisdom (WOW) announces an opportunity for ladies at VOM to join ladies at VOA at 6 p.m. tomorrow, July 22, at Panera, 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 today, July 21.

**MISSION SEWING** – Mission Sewing needs Christmas fabric. Minimum one-yard pieces, please. Drop-offs at the switchboard, marked Mission Sewing or on Tuesdays in Room 115, the sewing room.

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

**FAMILY DINNER NIGHTS** – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 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 ASAP! 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.

## Village Cup Summer Break

**July 29-Aug. 2 and Aug. 5-9**

The Village Cup will be closed for summer break weekdays July 29-Aug. 2 and Aug. 5-9.

The Cup will be open for its regular business hours on Sundays.

We will return to our full schedule on Monday, Aug. 12.

The VILLAGE CUP
COFFEE SHOP

## What a great opportunity to make a tax-free gift to Village Church!

If you are age 70½ or older and you have a traditional IRA, you are required to take a mandatory distribution from your IRA known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

You can take advantage of a tax-free opportunity by directly transferring your required minimum distribution (RMD) to Village Presbyterian Church. Any amount you have directly transferred to Village Church will not be taxed as income.

> *I have my required minimum distribution sent directly to Village Church to fulfill my annual commitment. By doing this, I not only complete my commitment to Village Church for the year, but I also benefit from not having my RMD taxed as income.*
>
> *Barbara Anselmi*

Please consult with your professional tax or legal counsel to see if this law will benefit you.

Contact Molly Sirridge at molly.sirridge@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325 for more information.

VILLAGE COMMITMENT

## 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 of our website at 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.

# 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.

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| 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 | Remembering Names – 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. 11 | Joseph of Arimathea: A Man of Hope – Rev. Tom Are preaching |
| Aug. 18 | The Stranger – Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching |
| Aug. 25 | Youth Sunday Sunday at VOM; Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick preaching at VOA |

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# 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

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