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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 11, 2019 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Joseph of Arimathea may be the most hopeful person known. He was a member of the Jewish council, but he, for reasons unknown, opposed the crucifixion of Jesus. He was outvoted. When Jesus died, Joseph asked for his body that he might bury Jesus in proper fashion. Even as he holds the lifeless body of Jesus, in one of the most hopeless moments in history, we are still told that he is waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Lobe Den Herren*  
by Wayne L. Wold

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are

Why Village Matters

Celebration Dominicana

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

In this moment we are reminded what is true:

**Our lives are not in vain**

**for God's love is real,**

**and it is that holy love that gives meaning to this day and every day.**

\*Hymn, No. 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*  
LOBE DEN HERREN

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of grace,**

**We want to be more faithful than we are.**

**Unlike Peter the apostle,**

**we do not feel sturdy in our faith.**

**Unlike Hannah,**

**we seldom trust You with our most honest prayers.**

**Unlike Joseph of Arimathea,**

**we do not have hope persistent enough to stare down death.**

**Surround us once again with Your story, O God,**

**so that Your truth would be the truth we live by. (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 a - new,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with accompaniment in the Bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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

*Thy Will Be Done*  
by Joyce Eilers; Carolyn Baruch, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.)

Patricia Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:50-56 (pg. 963)

Sermon

*Joseph of Arimathea: A Man of Hope*

Rev. Tom Are

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 731

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm*

REPTON

Offertory

*Only By Grace Can We Enter*

by Gerrit Gustafson; Tami Morrow and Carolyn Baruch, soloists

\*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. 772

*Live into Hope*

TRURO

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Alleluia*

by Larry Gatlin; Tami Morrow, Carolyn Baruch, Will Breytspraak soloists

\*Postlude

*Postlude on Two Spirituals*

by Charles Callahan

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Carolyn Baruch has been singing since first grade when she joined the Village Church kids choir and had her first solo in this sanctuary. She currently sings in the Village Choir and Chamber Choir as well as two small ensembles outside of church. Since getting her Music Therapy degree from KU, she's sung in numerous groups in the Chicago and Kansas City area. Carolyn and her husband, Jeff, own a Medical Website Design company. Thank you, Carolyn!

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!

### **About today's opening hymn, "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty":**

At Village, we strive to honor both the long heritage of the church and the ever-evolving understanding of the nature of God. As such, we are attentive to the language we use to speak of God. Today's opening hymn, "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty," contains gender-specific language which identifies God as male. The theological intent of this personal language is not to indicate the gender of God, but rather personal language is used to speak of relationship and connection with God. The language we use today is more diverse and less exclusive. One of the challenges of selecting good music for modern worship is that not all good music is modern. The history of the church is long, and thousands of songs of praise have been created in the course of her journey. Throughout that journey, God's people have used different kinds of words to describe God. All such language has made its way into the hymnody of the church. When we sing the hymns that prior generations have gifted to us, we acknowledge that older vocabulary may not be the words we would choose today, but we still sing the hymns knowing that even with outdated language, they point us to the praise of a God who loves us even when our understanding of Her is limited or even flawed.

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 12, 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, Aug. 12**

**Romans 12:9-21**

This text reads like a “to do” list 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. Making choices like the apostle encourages gives expression to our trust in the Gospel.

### **Tuesday, Aug. 13**

**Acts 16:1-5**

Paul and Timothy shared in ministry of the early church. Paul, was converted on the Damascus Road in dramatic fashion. (That story is in Acts 9). 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. It must be lived that was as well, both in the dramatic moments of our lives and in ordinary time.

### **Wednesday, Aug. 14**

**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 may be.

### **Thursday, Aug. 15**

**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, Aug. 16**

**Psalms 100**

The Lord is our maker. The reason to sing is because God's choice to create means life is a gift. You did not have to be, but God imagined you into being. That is reason enough to make a joyful noise.

### **Saturday, Aug. 17**

**Psalms 124**

Again the psalmist praises the work of the creator. We belong to the one who made us, so we have reason for hope, even in times of 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.

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Monday through Saturday.**

Join Us for the  
**Single Adult Ministry Summer Speaker Series**

**“Understanding More About  
Social Media Platforms”  
Presented by Dee Couch**

**6-8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Aug. 14  
Room 232 at Village on Mission**



**PEANUT BUTTER**  
*Sunday*

**Please bring jars to church  
for the Village Food Pantry**

**Sept. 8**



## 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 Greg Colston by Ann, Jessica, Kevin, Kellyn and Clive.

**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 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](mailto: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 Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto: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. Dr. John Borden. Next week, the guest speaker will be Rev. Jay McKell.

**FALL VILLAGE U** – The Fall Village U Catalog is now available. Registration for church members begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, and for the community at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26. **Online registration is encouraged.** Some of the upcoming classes are:

**VILLAGE WORDSMITHS** – 4:15-5:15 p.m. Mondays, Aug. 26-Oct. 7, in Room 132. Village Wordsmiths is an afterschool creative writing program for seventh and eighth graders. The goal is to have fun, make friends, boost creativity, critical thinking, and analysis through prompted and free writing drills. Cost is \$85. Payment is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Scholarships are available. Class will not meet on Sept. 2.

**ITALY IN TRANSLATION** – 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Oct. 3, 10, in Room 232. This fall, we will examine the culture and character of Italy through a variety of different mediums, culminating in a trip to Rome and Tuscany in 2020 for interested participants. Our exploration will begin with an overview of films from and about Italy from the mid-20th century, with particular attention paid to the work of Italian Neorealists.

**MONDAY HANDWORKS AND E-WORKS** – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 23-Dec. 9, in Room 127. Enjoy community and fellowship while doing projects you want to finish but can never find the time. Everything from crocheting to recipe organizing to catching up on phone calls and emails while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities in a wonderful child care setting.



**WEDNESDAY HANDWORKS AND E-WORKS** – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Dec. 11, in Room 233 (Room 15 for Sept. 25-Oct.23). Enjoy community and fellowship while doing projects you want to finish but can never find the time. You will see everything from crocheting to recipe organizing to catching up on phone calls and emails while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities in a wonderful child care setting.

**FRIDAY HANDWORKS AND E-WORKS** – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 27-Dec. 13, in Room 127. Enjoy community and fellowship while doing projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time. Everything from crocheting to recipe organizing to catching up on phone calls and emails while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities in a wonderful child care setting.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

**BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES** – The next baptism dates are Sept. 15 and Nov. 10. An education class is offered for all members who are planning to baptize their children at Village. 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](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

**MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)** registration is now open at [bit.ly/vpcmps](http://bit.ly/vpcmps). 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

**UNDERSTANDING MORE ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS** – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, in Room 232 at Village on Mission. Join long-time Village Church member and computer ministry volunteer/leader Dee Couch for a general overview of social media. Dee will offer a presentation on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. There will also be time for questions/answers. RSVP to Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331.

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS, SEPTEMBER 2019-MAY 2020** dinners begin Sept. 11. People of all ages can gather before class, choir practice, or just take a night off from cooking. Chef Emily prepares a hot buffet, salad bar & dessert (\$7) or salad bar & dessert (\$6). Children ages 10 and under are free! Credit cards accepted. Menus: [www.villagepres.org](http://www.villagepres.org), Sunday bulletins, & weekly eNews. Reservations: required by noon every Monday. Contact Liz: 913-671-2359, or email [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org), or go online [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org).

**2019-2020 VILLAGE CONNECT (SMALL GROUP MINISTRY)** is a way to strengthen faith through conversations, while making and deepening friendships. Trained leaders are provided, along with a DVD video study developed by Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Open to the congregation and community, the groups include: couples, women and mixed (men & women). Each group decides frequency, location, time for meetings. If you would like to participate, contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org).

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Summer is coming to an end for the clients' children and school is starting. The Clothes Closet has a need for NEW underwear and socks for children in all sizes. They are also collecting school supplies - the basics: pencils, crayons, notebooks, glue, etc. The Food Pantry wants a large variety of cereals on the shelves - Kix, Oatmeal Squares, Cap'n Crunch, Rice Krispies, Raisin Bran, Granola, etc. Your generosity is so gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit [esavealifenow.org](http://esavealifenow.org) and use sponsor code of “villagepres” or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon today and Aug. 11. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or [acolston1113@gmail.com](mailto:acolston1113@gmail.com).

**TOURS OF KANSAS CITY NONPROFITS** – The Mission Committee and any interested Village members are invited to tour several agencies this fall to learn more about the organizations’ work in our community. The dates and times are as follows: Literacy KC - 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22; SAVE, INC - 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22; After the Harvest - 12:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22; House of Hope - 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23; River of Refuge - 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6. RSVP to Deborah White at [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2369 if you are interested in joining the tour.

**DRMP’S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, CELEBRATION DOMINICANA** – Join the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church for its festive annual fundraiser, Celebration Dominicana at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the historic Madrid Theatre, 3810 Main St. in Kansas City, Missouri. Tickets are \$75 each and includes dinner and drinks; ages 18 and under \$25. For tickets and sponsorships, visit [www.villagepres.org/CD](http://www.villagepres.org/CD). For more information, contact Lora Garrison at [lora.garrison@villagepres.org](mailto:lora.garrison@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2390.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH AND FAXON** – Front Porch Alliance PAL volunteers go to Faxon Elementary School one hour per week to help two children (K-6) with their math and reading. Volunteers choose age of the child and day and time. Contact Charlotte Davison, 913-908-4742 or [charlottesdavison@gmail.com](mailto:charlottesdavison@gmail.com) for more information.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**CHOIR LOCK-IN** – Noon, Saturday, Aug. 24–noon on Sunday. Village Voices starts the year with an overnight lock-in full of games, food and singing. All students in grades 7-12 with an interest in joining the choir are invited to come and experience the lock-in, which ends with leading worship for Youth Sunday on Aug. 25. Contact Matthew Shepard at [matthew@villagepres.org](mailto:matthew@villagepres.org) for more information.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**TRY TAIZÉ THIS TUESDAY** – Join us for a worship service filled with song, scripture, moments of quiet reflection and communion at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, Aug. 13, in the Chapel.

**IF YOU ARE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE** – The last 2019 session of Growing Through Grief begins Wednesday, Sept. 4. The six-week class will meet from 5:30–6:45 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 9 in Room 124. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) for more information or to register.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL EVENT: "Reflect and Connect"** – 10 a.m. - noon Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Friendship Hall at the Village on Mission Campus. Women of all ages are invited. Together we'll reflect upon our hopes and dreams for this coming year and infuse our lives with hope and courage as we reflect God's light! To register, email [sunni.battin@villagepres.org](mailto:sunni.battin@villagepres.org) by Aug. 20. Contact Kathy Ray at [kathydray@gmail.com](mailto:kathydray@gmail.com) or Susan Satterlee at [sgsatterlee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgsatterlee@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

## 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, Aug. 14, 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

**BOULEVARD BREWING CO. TOUR** – 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. Come tour our city's biggest brewery. We'll enjoy the beer hall together after the tour. \$5/each. Child care provided! Sign up required.

VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**YOUTH SUNDAY IS AUG. 25** – Join us as our youth lead us in worship on Sunday, Aug. 25 at all Village on Mission worship services.

**PROGRAMS RETURN SEPT. 8** – Weekly programs start back up the Sunday after Labor Day with SNL (Sunday night high school youth group), Lofternoons (Tuesday afternoon middle school after school program), GPS (Wednesday night middle school youth group), and Early Table (Thursday morning high school devotional).

### **Volunteers Wanted at the Village Church Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is looking for two strong, energetic and reliable volunteers to help at the Pantry and drive the truck. Must have a good driving record and be able to lift 50 lbs.

**Shifts Needed:**

Thursday mornings (8-11 a.m.): drive the truck to Trader Joe's and help unload large Harvesters deliveries.  
OR Friday morning (8-10 a.m.): assist on the truck, picking up donations from several retail stores

Interested? Contact Susan Webb at [susan.webb@villagepres.org](mailto:susan.webb@villagepres.org).

## 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	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: Signs and Numbers – Rev. Zach Walker preaching
Aug. 4	Peter: A Person Like Us – Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick preaching
<b>Aug. 11</b>	<b>Joseph of Arimathea: A Man of Hope – Rev. Tom Are preaching</b>
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

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music

Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments ❖ Bob Sperry, interim director of finance

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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*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.*