



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 1, 2019 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Together early Christians studied teachings, fellowshiped, prayed and broke bread together. They were bearing witness to the ways that Christ was present in their midst. These are the ways that we meet God, who shapes us and forms us. In each new moment, encounter and interaction we get to know God anew.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

The Entertainer

a Scott Joplin Rag arr. by Arthur Frackenpohl; Brass Quintet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sally Wright

Call to Worship

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your might.**

Keep these words in your heart. Recite them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,
and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

–Deuteronomy 6:4-6

*Hymn, No.610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
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*Prayer of Confession

adapted from Psalm 51

Steadfast and merciful God,

**Give mercy to all of us because You are steadfast in Your love;
because of the wideness in Your mercy, wash away our offenses.**

**Through our actions and our inactions,
we have sinned against You and our neighbors.**

We admit that we have done what breaks Your heart.

**Wash us from our wrongdoings, cleanse our hearts
and put Your own spirit within us**

so that we can show Your love to the world. (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

Time with Children

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 voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

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

American Spirituals Medley
by Jerry Nowak; Brass Quintet

Prayer for Illumination

Jeff Busche (9:30 a.m.)

Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-4; 41-47 (pg. 992)

Sermon

Not Especially Memorable

Rev. Sally Wright

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

Offertory

Scherzo

by John Cheetham; Brass Quintet

*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. 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah!

arr. J. Bert Carlson

**All who are able may stand*

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THANKS TO TODAY'S BRASS QUINTET

Wayne Bates, trumpet
Stan Chappell, trumpet
Matthew LaMar, french horn
Kerry Kinkelaar, trombone
William Buchanan, tuba

A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

On Sept. 8 we will begin a new sermon series, "God May Not Be Who You Think She Is." (The list of sermon topics is found on the last page of your worship bulletin). This series will consider the message of the Old Testament Prophets, and next Sunday we will reflect on the call of the prophets. Being a prophet is a job that no one wants. Jeremiah said it would be better to never be born than to be called as a prophet. And yet, this calling was all consuming. The prophets told the truth, not because they were judging their neighbors, or because they were angry, but because love demanded it.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of September 2, 2019)

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, Sept. 2

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Ancient and modern Jewish people literally affix the Ten Commandments to their doorposts and wrap leather boxes of the Law on their arms and head when they pray. This is a literal understanding of these verses. In what ways do you live out the spirit of these commands from God to the Israelites?

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Psalms 19:1-10

The Psalmist speaks of God's law as perfect, reviving, clear, enlightening. Yet, today it can be hard for us to return to study the Bible with such joyous passion. How would you describe the study of God's law? What descriptive terms would you use?

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Luke 18:15-17

Children can understand who Jesus is at very early ages. At only 18 months old, my daughter could indicate that she wanted to read the Jesus-book (her language for the kids' Bible we have). Yet, our understanding of Jesus and faith changes as we mature. Take a few moments to write down different understandings of Jesus and faith you have had throughout your life.

Thursday, Sept. 5

1 Tim 2:1-7

Prayer is an important part of our relationship with God. It seems as if we pray before and after we meet. Are you making regular prayers and intercessions and thanksgivings for "everyone"? It seems like a big task that Paul is asking of Timothy and of us.

Friday, Sept. 6

2 Tim 3: 10-17

In these verses we read Paul encouraging Timothy to read scripture, have faith in Jesus Christ and observe how Paul has lived out his faith. These are the same ways that we as the church live out our faith: we read, study scripture, we listen to stories and see how others in time and history have wrestled with the same questions that we too are asking today.

Saturday, Sept. 7

Psalms 119:97-112

The Psalmist writes about how important God's commandments are to everyday life, making him wiser than enemies, providing understanding, holding him from evil ways. In what ways has God's Word been applicable to your daily life and routines?

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.

PEANUT BUTTER

Sunday

Please bring jars to church
for the Village Food Pantry

Sept. 8



Kids
10 & Under
**EAT
FREE!**

**STARTING
SEPT. 11**
Friendship Hall

See the menus and RSVP at
villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners

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 Mardel Lillard by her family.

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.

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 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 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

TECH TALK – 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, in Room 316. Tony Liu will explore methods, including user IDs and passwords, of staying organized using various Smart devices. He will discuss the use of historical data when synchronizing internet browsers or apps on various Smart devices. Tony will demonstrate safe ways to authenticate and access your internet tools using a Smartphone, tablet or computer.

ELECTRIC CAR EXPO – 4-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, Village on Mission south parking lot. Local electric car enthusiasts will display their all-electric and plug-in hybrid/electric vehicles and answer questions. The expo is free. Bring friends. Questions? Contact Al Pugsley at apphs58@yahoo.com.

HUNGRY? COME TO THE FEAST! – Back by popular demand - The Feast. Begins with a Saturday retreat on Oct. 19 and continues with four Saturday morning sessions. If you want to deepen your spiritual life as a follower of Jesus Christ through a variety of spiritual practices, we invite you to join us at the table. Judy Cooper, Ed Dexter, Bob Fletcher, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Michelle O'Neal and Susan Satterlee are the leadership team. For more information, contact Sunni at sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE – Sermons of our founding pastor, Dr. Robert Meneilly can be heard on the Village Church Sound Cloud. It can be found at: https://soundcloud.com/villagepres_heritage.

VILLAGE U UPCOMING CLASS:

ROMANS: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25, & Oct. 2, 9, 16, in Rooms 232 & 233. Over four sessions, we will explore the major themes of Romans and will read through all of the letter. We will come to understand how this work speaks to our lives today even as we claim our identity in the God “who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever! Amen!” Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES begin on Sunday, Sept. 8. Please note that Growing Together will resume on Oct. 13. Adult Sunday Morning Classes meet from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

THE FAITH JOURNEY AND VILLAGE FORUM - On Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, we will be expanding the discussion begun last spring by Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, based on the book, "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism" by Robin J. DiAngelo and Michael Dyson. Facilitated by Gus Breytspraak and Kathy Ray in Rooms 126 & 127.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – Led by Rev. Dwight Tawney, the focus of this class will be "From Lucy to Sargon the Great." Genesis 10 presents the lineage of the sons of Noah after the flood as progenitors of all known human culture. Through October, this class will trace the story of our human family's evolution in Africa, through its settling in the fertile crescent, its adoption of religious expression and its development of urban society. Facilitated by Diann Markley in Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER – You are invited to join us in New Testament Bible study. We look for stories in the Bible and make connections using the What? So What? Now What? Framework. We are growing together in faith by applying these stories in our lives today. You will find an intimate group who uses video and discussion to make the Bible come alive. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre in Room 124. Growing Together will resume on Oct. 13.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

TODAY IS FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY – Children are invited to worship with their families. Fall kick-off is at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday, Sept. 8. And after Sunday school, please join us for ice cream sundaes on the playground. We're celebrating an end to our "Sunday Funday" summer programming with actual SUNDAES! Bring the whole family...because ice cream for breakfast (once a year) is a really good idea.

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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

CASUAL GOLF OUTING – The monthly outings are a four person scramble format. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church to participate. The next outing is at Ironhorse on Tuesday, Sept. 10, with an 8 a.m. with a modified shotgun start. RSVP by today. Sign up by contacting Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY 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! Now with a children's play area. Credit cards accepted. Menus: www.villagepres.org, Sunday bulletins, & weekly eNews. Reservations required by noon every Monday. Contact Liz: 913-671-2359, or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org, or go online villagepres.org.

VILLAGE CONNECT (SMALL GROUP MINISTRY) – Trained leaders are provided, along with a video study developed by Rev. Tom Are. 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.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Sunday, Sept. 8, is Peanut Butter Sunday. All donations will benefit the clients of the Food Pantry. Peanut butter is a staple in the diet of our clients' families. It is a good source of protein and vitamin B-6, high in antioxidants, simple and versatile. And delicious! Be generous and bring several jars with you to church. The Clothes Closet is asking for towels and washcloths, sheets and pillowcases, etc.

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. For more information, contact Lora Garrison at 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 at 913-908-4742 or charlottesdavison@gmail.com for more information.

OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM – Make a difference in a child's life! Wednesdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 23. Read to an Operation Breakthrough pre-schooler on Wednesday mornings at Village on Mission from 9:30-11 a.m. Contact Cindy Whitham ciwhitham@aol.com (913-262-3062) for more info. Child care? Call Pam at 913-671-2352 to make a reservation by the Wed. prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

BACKSNACK SIGNUP IS COMING – For the past 10 years, Village Church has participated in the BackSnack program, which provides food items to low-income children for the weekends. During the school year, Village volunteers pack and deliver food weekly to 80 children at Overland Park Elementary and Nieman Elementary. If you are interested in helping, call Nancy Gatewood at 913-638-1922 or nngatewood@gmail.com.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – Friday, Sept. 13, Village will cook for 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. We also need cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12. Sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL NEW SEASON BEGINS SEPT. 12 - You won't want to miss the season kickoff of our Second Thursday Recital Series, featuring one of Kansas City's favorite singers, Sarah Tannehill Anderson, with pianist Jessica Koebbe. They'll perform a recital of Debussy and Fauré arias that will melt your heart. The 12:15 p.m. concert in the Village on Mission Chapel is only 30 minutes long, leaving you time for the Meet-the-Artists reception afterward. Admission is free.

MUSIC SEASON KICKOFF CONCERT – Join us at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for our Music Season Kickoff Concert and reception. Our featured performers are Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin, and Heather Adelsberger, piano. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – The last 2019 session of "Growing Through Grief" starts this coming Wednesday, Sept. 4. The class meets Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Sept. 4-Oct. 9, in Room 124. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

FAITH AND GRIEF IS THIS TUESDAY, SEPT. 3 – Rev. Suzi Drury will be our speaker at the Sept. 3 Faith and Grief lunch. She will share her experience as a nurse in a community hospital. Join us at noon in Friendship Hall. Lunch is provided. Register at www.faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

TAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF AT TAIZÉ – Come, relax and breathe during the evening candlelit Taizé worship service on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Held at 6:30 p.m. in the Village on Mission Chapel, Taizé includes scripture, song, moments of silence and communion.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

FALL GET-TOGETHER – 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. Join Amazing Graces at the home of Patty Zender (6529 High Drive, Mission Hills) for a soirée and guest speaker Rev. Sally Wright. Reservations taken after services Sept. 8 and 15. For another payment option and for more information, contact Martha Tatman at matatman@hotmail.com. Payments must be received by Monday, Sept. 16.

WOW LUNCH AT YA YA'S – Women of Wisdom (WOW) warmly welcomes all ladies to a noon lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Ya Ya's Euro Bistro in Corbin Park, at 135th and Metcalf. RSVP by Monday, Sept. 16, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

CELEBRATE SUMMER COOK OUT – 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, to come and celebrate the end of summer together! Location and RSVP online at VillagePresYA.org/calendar/cookout.

THEOLOGY THURSDAY – We resume at 7 p.m. Sept. 12, for our fall series, "Confession in a Chaotic Age." On any given day, we can find ourselves thinking...what new dumpster fire is this? We are living in chaotic days. And it's in days like these when we can start to wonder, what is real? What is good? Where is the hope? We're not the first to wonder here. This fall we'll dive into our historic confessions, and together find some new solid ground to stand on. More info and locations at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES STARTING SEPT. 8! – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

SUNDAY MORNINGS – 9:30 a.m. today, Youth Loft (Room 333) for middle school, Upper Room (319) for high school.

SNL (high school youth group) – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program) – 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Youth Loft (Room 333).

GPS (middle school youth group) – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333), with rides to school available.

TRIPS REGISTRATION OPENS SEPT. 8 – You can register for the high school ski trip (Jan 18-22), middle school ski trip (Feb.15-19), and Spring break Dominican Trip (March 14-21) starting on Sept. 8! Ski Trip forms are only available at youth programs for the first two weeks before online registration begins, Dominican trip is online only. Visit villagepresyouth.org/forms for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT SEPT. 21-22 – Join us as we take time away from our normal routine for a fun off-site overnight! Visit villagepresyouth.org/forms for more information.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

God May Not Be Who You Think She Is

Sept. 8-Oct. 27

This is a study of the Prophets. Sometimes the Prophets critique those who do not trust in God, but usually, they are correcting (or reminding) people's confused understandings of God. That's something all of us suffer from at times. Our understanding of God is never stagnant, or at least it shouldn't be. The prophets try, often unsuccessfully to push God's people toward greater faithfulness.

Sept. 8	Fire Shut Up in My Bones
Sept. 15	This Is Real Life
Sept. 22	We Have Been Here Before
Sept. 29	Isn't God Supposed to Bless Me?
Oct. 6	The Infinite and Finite (World Communion Sunday)
Oct. 13	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
Oct. 20	Someone's Crying, Lord
Oct. 27	I Don't Care What Other People Think... Too Bad

On Sunday, Sept. 8, we return to our regular Sunday worship schedule of 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Village Church on Mission, and 9:30 a.m. at Village Church on Antioch.

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

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."

The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live at 8 a.m. beginning 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.