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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 8, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

## ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

How well do you know God? Because God is God and we are not, we must admit that we only know God a little. Yet, to say that God is never fully known does not mean we know nothing. For most of us, we need help. So, God has sent us prophets. They sometimes remind us what we have forgotten. They sometimes inspire us with new insight. And they always tell us the truth. The simple truth they proclaim is that we are God's children, but seldom do we live like God's children. Their words are sometimes hard to hear, but they are always spoken in love.

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# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Sarabande from Partita No. 2 in D minor*  
by J.S. Bach; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Why Village Matters

Presbyterian Women

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

You are here again, O God.

**You have chosen to meet us in these moments.**

And we are here again, O God,

**for apart from You, we are lost.**

Hymn, No. 1 (Congregation remain seated until directed to stand for v. 4)

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who was and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

**Holy, Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;**

**Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of surprising grace,**

**We bring to You the broken parts of our lives:**

**moments of which we are not proud,**

**relationships about which we have been too casual,**

**faith which we have taken for granted.**

**We want to be whole, but we know we cannot be whole without You.**

**We bring You the truth of who we are,**

**and trust ourselves to Your redeeming truth.** (Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response (from Hymn, No.641)

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!**

**Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!**

**And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

\*Passing of the Peace

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Musical notation for the first part of the call to prayer, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics "Qui - et-ly, peace - ful-ly let me rest in you." are written below the notes.

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Musical notation for the second part of the call to prayer, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics "Qui - et-ly, peace - ful-ly lead me back to you." are written below the notes.

Qui - et-ly, peace - ful-ly lead me back to you.

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

*Allemande* from *Partita No. 2 in D minor*  
by J.S. Bach; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.); Sandy Wells (9:30 a.m.); Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13 (pg. 708)

Sermon

*Fire Shut Up in My Bones*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 451 (v. 1,3 congregation; v. 2 choir only)

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
OPEN MY EYES

Offertory

*Every Time I Feel The Spirit*  
by Moses Hogan; Village Choir; Anthony Perkins, Jr., solo

\*Response (from Hymn, No. 708)

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
HYMN TO JOY

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Three Fold Amen*

\*Postlude

*Toccata* from *Suite circulaire*  
by Carson Cooman

\*All who are able may stand

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## MUSIC NOTES

Pioneering musician and American violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen is the first-ever artist, alongside pianist Heather Adelsberger, to record and release the complete works of Bouquet Américain by Henri Vieuxtemps – A collection of witty and virtuosic pieces based on familiar folk melodies, written in the classical music tradition with a charming nod to American Fiddling. These works are featured on her 2018 world premiere album, Classical Cowgirl ~ Bach to Barn Burners™. Also a gifted teacher, Destiny has taught and given masterclasses for schools across the United States, and founded Village Church's own "Village Players," a chamber music program that seeks to connect youth and adult instrumentalists in a fun and enriching environment. Destiny is giving a highly anticipated free concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary, which will be the festive kick-off to Village's 2019-20 concert season.

Anthony Perkins Jr., was born in Los Angeles and moved to Kansas City in 2016 after obtaining a degree in vocal performance from Wichita State University. Being in Kansas City, Anthony has worked with and would like to thank Village Presbyterian Church, Matthew Shepard, Jackson Thomas, Johnathan and Christina Ray, Will Breytspraak and Tony Maglione for providing various singing opportunities and encouragement. Now that he's finding a great niche of resources in the Kansas City area for musical outlets, he's more than thrilled to have been cast with the newly founded Landlocked Opera Company. He was cast as chorus in the first production of "Trial By Jury" and now as Don Pedro in "Beatrice et Benedict," which opens Sept. 20.

Today we celebrate the return of the Village Choir to worship, as we begin our 2019-20 season. With a rich history of inspiring worship and concerts dating back to Village Church's earliest years, the ministry of the volunteer-based Village Choir is central to the spiritual and musical life of our church and community. This year's highlights will include many special services, and three concerts benefitting and highlighting the work of local non-profits. Please know, and spread the word, that all are welcome to join the Village Choir, especially tenors!

## A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY . . .

There is a very surprising theme that shows up among the prophets: God hates church! Amos proclaims this word from God:

*I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.*

This is a surprise. What do you suppose would have to occur in worship that would make God rather be elsewhere? Come next Sunday and we will talk about it.

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of September 9, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Hallie Hottle 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. 9**

**Psalm 145**

We root our week in a psalm of praise. Meditate on these words today. Allow yourself to wonder, where has God's goodness found you this past week? Offer up some praise for what has been good, and root yourself in hope for the week to come.

### **Tuesday, Sept. 10**

**Amos 5: 21-24**

This is the first part of our sermon text for this week. The prophet Amos has some hard words for God's people. This is always true for our prophets. They tell us what we need to hear, but rarely what we want to hear. It doesn't make them the most popular part of their communities. Amos' words are especially hard for those of us who gather regularly for worship. Is God critiquing what we do here? Well, that depends. Does what we do in worship, stay in worship? How do you live out what we practice in the Sanctuary?

### **Wednesday, Sept. 11**

**Isaiah 58:1-3**

This is our other sermon text for this week. It's always the case that we wonder where God is in the hard stuff. It's harder to hear God asking us the same thing. Consider how Isaiah's hard, holy words might be speaking to you this day.

### **Thursday, Sept. 12**

**Isaiah 58:4-8**

Isaiah is speaking to our early faith ancestors, prodding their piety for substance. Through him God asks, "Is this the fast I choose?" The question is alive in still alive in our midst. Looking at your own faith practices, are these the ones God would choose? Or are you going through some motions that have lost their faithful center? Examine your own heart this day.

### **Friday, Sept. 13**

**Isaiah 58:13-24**

Keeping the sabbath day holy is an early commandment. I suspect our prophet is lifting up its importance here because it was an easy commandment to break. This remains true. It's fairly easy to observe the command to not kill. But the sabbath? We're busy, and that's a hard one to break. Challenge yourself to make some space and time this weekend to remember that God has marked our time as holy. Perhaps you just might find some "joy" in the Lord.

### **Saturday, Sept. 14**

**Psalm 104**

We end our week with another psalm of praise. Our author offers an accounting of God's presence in the world. Do the same. How has God's presence been evidenced in your week? Offer it up as praise.

**SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS EMAILS**

**Subscribe now at [www.villagepres.org/subscribe](http://www.villagepres.org/subscribe). Emails arrive first thing in the morning Monday through Saturday.**

**Kids  
10 & Under**

**EAT  
FREE!**

**STARTING  
SEPT. 11**

Friendship Hall

VILLAGE ON MISSION  
PRESBYTERIAN (USA)

See the menus and RSVP at  
[villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners)

**MUSIC SEASON  
KICKOFF CONCERT**

with Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin  
and Heather Adelsberger, piano

**7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 13**

**Village on Mission  
Sanctuary**

**FREE ADMISSION**

VILLAGE CHURCH  
MUSIC MINISTRY

## TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Today is Peanut Butter Sunday, the third Food Drive of the Food Pantry. Peanut butter is a staple in the diet of the Pantry's clients - it's rich in protein and vitamin B-6, high in antioxidants and it tastes so good! All varieties of peanut butter are welcome. If your peanut butter is sitting on your kitchen table, you can bring it to church on your next visit - or cash and checks are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF** – Fall kick-off is TODAY. After Sunday school, 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.

**SCRIPTURE READERS WELCOME** – Interested in reading scripture during worship on occasion? There is room to add more readers into the rotation at all services. Contact Matthew Shepard to get signed up at matthew@villagepres.org.

**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 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 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

**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](https://soundcloud.com/villagepres_heritage).

**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.

### VILLAGE U UPCOMING CLASSES:

**BELIEVING AND BELONGING** (Part One for New Members: Meet New Friends, Building Tour, Spirit Gifts and Spiritual Practices) 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Room 232 at Village Church on Mission. Learn about the story of Village Church, the way around the building and meet others on this journey. RSVP by registering online. RSVP for free child care (seven days advanced notice required) to Marjean at marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322.

**CHURCH: WHAT IT IS AND IS NOT: HOW IT GOT HERE AND WHAT'S NEXT** – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25 & Oct. 2, in Room 126. This two-session class led by Rev. Dr. John P. Borden will trace the formation and development of the church through time, relating the journey to scripture, as well as looking at what is next as we seek to understand, worship and serve God.

**DOCUMENTS, SPREADSHEETS AND PRESENTATIONS** – 1-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Room 316. In today's world, delivering presentations isn't limited to our professional life. Through volunteer work, we may be called upon to present information to others. This class explores using a combination of document creation, spreadsheets and presentation software to easily create powerful presentations. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available.

**YARNWORKS CIRCLE** – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Dec. 11, in Room 206. Join us for Yarnworks and learn about basic stitches that will enable you to make hats, blankets and more for yourself or loved ones. Join this group for friendship and fun that grow from crafting and creating together. Class will not meet Nov. 27.

**FINDING THE RIGHT CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE** – 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Rooms 126 & 127. Learn how to care for medical needs beyond what routinely can be managed at home or in another living situation, it can be a daunting task to find and evaluate the available choices. Child care is not available.

**ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES** begin today. 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** – Today 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.

**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. **K-6th grade**—Kids' Kingdom Sunday school meets on the third floor. Registration and grade specific room assignments are posted outside Room 307. Room information is also posted outside Room 207.

**NEW THIS YEAR, WE ARE DOING ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Visit our link to register your child – <https://vpcpvks.brushfire.com/childrens/457086>

**MORNING STARS** – Kick-Off for Morning Stars is on Sunday, Sept. 15. Come visit us for more information at the Sunday school Kick-Off Event on the south lawn today!

**BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES** –The last baptism of the year is scheduled for 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).

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**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. The menu for Sept. 11 is beef brisket burnt ends, BBQ pulled chicken, baked beans and cheesy corn. Reservations required by noon tomorrow, Sept. 9. Contact Liz: 913-671-2359, or email [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org), or go online [villagepres.org](http://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](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org).

## MISSION

**OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM** – Read to an Operation Breakthrough preschooler on Wednesday mornings at Village on Mission from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 23. Contact Cindy Whitham [ciwhitham@aol.com](mailto:ciwhitham@aol.com) (913-262-3062) for more info. Child care? Call Pam at 913-671-2352 to make a reservation by the Wednesday 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](mailto:nngatewood@gmail.com).

**VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES** - Friday, Sept. 13, 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. Cookie donations 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](http://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. Admission is free.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**TAIZÉ IS THIS TUESDAY** – Take a moment for yourself and come to the Taizé worship service at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Village on Mission Chapel. Relax, enjoy music and partake in communion.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CLASSIC CITIZENS CELEBRATION** – Join us from 1:30-3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, in Friendship Hall for our annual Classic Citizens Celebration. Rev. Tom Are will speak and answer your questions. Enjoy good food, entertainment and fun with your friends. Rides are provided on request. Contact Linda Alley if you can join us at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**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](mailto:sneegi@kc.rr.com) or 913-209-9608.

**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 today and Sept. 15. For another payment option and for more information, contact Martha Tatman at [matatman@hotmail.com](mailto:matatman@hotmail.com). Payments must be received by Monday, Sept. 16.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

**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](http://VillagePresYA.org/thursdays)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES STARTING TODAY** – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check [villagepresyouth.org](http://villagepresyouth.org) for more details.

**SUNDAY MORNINGS** – 9:30 a.m. 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 TODAY** – You can now 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). 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](http://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](http://villagepresyouth.org/forms) for more information.

### Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Sept. 15

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Sept. 15. This meeting will take place at both campuses immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service at the Village on Mission Sanctuary, the 9:30 a.m. service at Village on Antioch and after The Gathering at 5 p.m. at Village on Mission. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new church officers for the positions of elder, elder/trustee and deacon. At-large members of the Nominating Committee will also be elected. Ordination of new church officers will take place in early January 2020.

## 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      A Light To the Nations (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
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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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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](http://villagepres.org).*

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

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