SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 6, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

The prophets tell the people that they are chosen by God. But they also say that the grace in their lives was not for their benefit alone. No, the prophets proclaim God’s children are to be a light unto the nations. Today, on World Communion Sunday, we will recognize the work of grace that happens through this church family and reaches around the globe.
Prelude
Elevation
by François Couperin
Somebody's Knocking (11 a.m.)
by James Clemens; Hallelujah Choir

Words of Welcome
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit (11 a.m.)
Bless You!
by Anthony Kouri Williams; Prelude Choir & Angel Choir

Call to Worship
Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

The old prophet said,

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

And we have seen the light, but not for our benefit alone,
for the old prophet promised:

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

*Hymn, No. 619
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA

*Prayer of Confession

God of unending grace,

When You breathed the breath of life that very first time,
did You know how good Your children would be at dividing ourselves
by race,
by class,
and by culture?

On this day, stretch our hearts to remember that all of life comes from You,
and every person is Your child. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Diann Markley (8 a.m.)
Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)
Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading
Isaiah 42:1-7 (pg. 657)

Anthem
For Everyone Born
arr. Tom Trenney; combined Choirs & Trilla Ray-Carter, cello

Sermon
A Light Unto the Nations
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 532 (v. 1 solo; v. 2-4 congregation)
Sheaves of Wheat
UNA ESPIGA

Commissioning of Global Mission Travelers

Offertory
E Na Lima Hana (The Working Hands) (8 a.m.)
by David Haas; More Love Chorale; Jamie Leonard and Pat McGee, solos

Draw The Circle Wide (9:30 a.m.)
by Mark A. Miller; Village Voices; Katie Hull & Sky Thao, solos

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (11 a.m.)
by Mark Sedio

*Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

   (At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread
   together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ’s body.
   You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Response

   *Hymn, No. 538 (Refrain, verse one, and refrain)  
   Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
   HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

   *Benediction

   *Benediction Response

   Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.
   Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

   *Postlude

   Allein Gott in der Höh sei her (All Glory Be to God on High)
   by Georg Böhm

* All who are able may stand
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A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

The prophet Micah teaches us that God has requirements: to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Next Sunday, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will speak about what it means to live out these virtues in our lives.
ABOUT TODAY’S MUSIC

In some Christian traditions, the “elevation” is the very moment at which ordinary bread and wine are lifted above the priest’s head and physically become the actual body and blood of Christ. This transformation is known as transubstantiation. During the Renaissance and Baroque periods, church musicians would play a very particular type of music to aid in this process. It was quietly dramatic, with soaring melodies and mysterious harmonies reflecting the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in her work of transforming the eucharistic host. This morning’s prelude is from a Mass by François Couperin, specifically labeled for use during the Elevation. In our Presbyterian understanding, there is no transformation of the bread or cup, but rather we understand the Spirit of Christ to be found in the people as we share the ordinary elements of bread and cup. As this prelude is offered, perhaps we will sense the Spirit of Christ elevating us.

Today the Morning Stars Children’s Choirs bring the gift of music to our worship for the first time this fall! Our Angel Choir is a preschool choir for three and four year olds led by Jenny Hull. The Prelude Choir is for Kindergarten through 2nd grade and is led by Rebecca Enslow and Kate Beebe. The Hallelujah Choir, for 3rd through 6th graders, is led by Will Breytspraak. It’s not too late to join – just contact Jenny Hull, music coordinator, at 913-671-2385 or jenny.hull@villagepres.org. We are thankful for all of our children at Village, and are so glad they are with us in worship today!

THE KANSAS CITY CHORALE
with Organist Elisa Bickers

7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25
Village Church on Mission
FAURÉ, BRAHMS AND MOZART

Get tickets at kcchorale.org
THE CHURCH’S BOOK  (Week of October 7, 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, Oct. 7

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul was many things to many people. In this letter to Timothy we see Paul acting as a mentor, giving encouragement and support. Who are some people in your life you have the opportunity to mentor? How might you give encouragement to those around you?

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Habakkuk 2:1-4

I took a class on the minor prophets, and Habakkuk was one of my favorites. God speaks through Habakkuk in these verses, telling him to write on tablets “so that a runner may read it” – sounds almost like a billboard, right? When are there times in your life that you think God has attempted to put a billboard in front of you so you can’t miss it?

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles ask for something all of us have asked at one time or another: “Increase our faith!” Jesus has a strange response, hinting that there is much “doing” in having faith. In times when we wish for more faith, perhaps there is wisdom is going out to serve others as a way of rekindling a connection with God.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Psalm 37:1-9

This psalm begins with a theme of patience. It encourages us to trust in God, and trust that God is in fact working in and among us. Sometimes that means we must be willing to hold to the promises of God, even as we make requests in prayer and hold on to hope.

Friday, Oct. 11

Lamentations 3:19-26

What is it mean to say that the Lord is enough? These verses speak to that question, especially when we are in a difficult time. God is steadfast. God’s mercies renew every morning. It is good to wait on the Lord. What are the things you do when you need to get through a hard time? In what ways do you invite God into those things?

Saturday, Oct. 12

Philippians 2:1-13

Paul gives this encouragement that we are to look to Christ when we wonder what to do (kind of a long way of saying, “What would Jesus do?”). When we apply that advice, it is no wonder that Paul also advises us to work out our salvation “in fear and trembling.” Whenever guess at what someone would do, especially Jesus, we should be very humble, knowing the difference between “what Jesus would do” and “what we think Jesus would do.”

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Subscribe now at www.villagepres.org/subscribe. Emails arrive first thing in the morning Monday through Saturday.
5:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

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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 James Henry Patterson by Alison, Bill & Elie.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. All kids (kindergarten through 6th grade) will have the opportunity to go with their classes into the sanctuary to participate. For some kids, this will be their first time to experience communion.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING AND GLOBAL WITNESS (WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY TODAY) – This special offering is used for the following: 50% enables the Peacemaking Program to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the Presbyterian Church; 25% is given to our presbytery and synod for their peacemaking efforts; 25% is retained by Village Church for our own peacemaking ministry. White envelopes for this offering reside in the hymnal slot in front of you.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. tonight in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for the first concert of the 2019-20 season. Admission is free. The program includes music by Bernstein, Verdi, Giroux, Sheldon and Gustav Holst.

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 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

THE FEAST – Do you want to learn how to pray more faithfully? To be more welcoming? To grow in your walk with Jesus? The FEAST is a journey that begins with a day-long retreat on Saturday, Oct. 19, and continues for four Saturday morning sessions. Engaging and very practical, you will grow not only in your relationship with God but also with others. Contact Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka at rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org for more info.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES – Four ongoing adult classes learn and grow together 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. From studying the New Testament to exploring the ancient biblical world to deciding how Christians live faithfully given today’s complex challenges. For more information, talk with a Discover Village guide at our north and south entrances.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

MEN’S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH REV. TOM ARE – 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 8-29, & Nov. 5, 12, in Room 228. Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible Study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast. To make a reservation for breakfast, register online. Cost: $6. Child care is not available.
RESEARCHING YOUR HOME – 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Rooms 126 & 127. Learn how to examine land data and historic maps and navigate through county registers of deeds, historical societies and other defenders of local history. Presenter Diana Staresnic-Deane is the executive director of the Franklin County Historical Society and the Old Depot Museum in Ottawa, Kansas. Child care is not available.

INTERMEDIATE PRESENTATIONS – 1-2:30 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Room 316. This class explores how to utilize the features found in standard presentation software to enhance your presentation. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available.

CLIMATE CHANGE – 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in Room 127. Climate change is coming but changes to halt climate change are slow. Why? This session will include a presentation and discussion on the following: a review of regulations that work and regulations that never get in place, a simple explanation of the science behind climate change, and more. Child care is not available.

MACARTHUR & THE US OCCUPATION OF JAPAN: CONSOLIDATING VICTORY ONE CONVERT AT A TIME – 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, in Rooms 132 & 133. MacArthur expresses his ardent belief that the crux of rebuilding Japan lay in the spiritual domain. McArthur’s faith was inseparable from this worldview, and his framing of the problem of rebuilding Japan reflected his religious outlook. Facilitated by Chris Johnson, assistant professor of military history at the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

MEDICARE 101 AND MEDICAID 101 – 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, in Room 232. These important government programs can be confusing. This basic overview will also touch on Veteran's benefits and scams related to all these programs. Child care is not available.

FACING THE REFUGEE CRISIS: CARING FOR THE LEAST OF THESE – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 16 & 23, Room 133. In this two-session class, participants will come to understand the true plight of refugees and ways we can help welcome them just as Christ called us to be in ministry with the “least of these.” Facilitated by Neil Douthat, Village Church member and volunteer in the Refugee and Immigration Services Program of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

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 – 3-year-olds through 6th graders are welcome to join and sing. We meet from 10:30-11 a.m. Angel Choir (3 to 4-year-olds) meet in Room 204; Prelude Choir (K-2nd grade) meet in Room 201; Hallelujah Choir (3rd-6th grade) meet in Room 304. Pick up for all children is outside of their Morning Stars room. To register your child for Morning Stars, visit: https://vpcpvks.brushfire.com/childrens/457086

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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS – 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 Oct. 9 is taco buffet; hard and soft beef & veggie tacos, Spanish rice. Reservations required by noon tomorrow. Contact Liz at 913-671-2359 or email liz.middelton@villagepres.org or go online at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners.
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

PARIS TO PITTSBURG – 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, in Room 127. This climate change documentary will be screened followed by a discussion facilitated by Al Pugsley. This video celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions to confront the severe health and economic threats of climate change.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Autumn is here with cooler temps and less fresh produce. To make up for less fresh produce the Food Pantry is asking for a variety of canned vegetables - potatoes, spinach, black beans, carrots, etc. The Clothes Closet is requesting warmer clothing for the cooler temps - sweaters, jackets, scarves, warm socks. Change of seasons means time to clean closets - the Pantry's clients would love any items you no longer wish to keep. Thank you.

WORSHIP, EAT, SERVE: BE THE CHURCH SERVICE WEEK – Want to give back to the community? Join Village on Mission, Village on Antioch and other Presbyterian churches in the area for Be the Church Service Week, Oct. 20-27. Village on Mission will be hosting its activities on Sunday, Oct. 27, after the 5 p.m. Gathering service and pizza dinner. Learn more and register at bethechurchservice.com. The direct link to online registration is bit.ly/bethechurch2019. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 with questions.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE (CIH) SEEKING HOST FAMILIES – This cultural exchange program that hosts international college students over the holidays is seeking volunteers to serve as a day host or as a host family. Beginning Dec. 18-28, families may host for one or two weeks. Contact Judy Miller at judy.miller@evergy.com or 816-651-5387 or Jan Liu at janliu_ks@yahoo.com or 913-269-6333 for more information.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

TAIZÉ IS THIS TUESDAY – Relax, enjoy music, listen to scripture and partake in communion at our Taizé worship service. Join us at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Village on Mission Chapel.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SEEKING PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS – Submit candidates for the 2019-20 Honorary Life Membership award to be given at the Celebration of Faithful Women Event March 21, 2020. Submit nominations by Oct. 15 to Ann Flanders, 913-558-2155 or Niki Krenzel, 315-767-6629 or VPCPWHLM@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) LUNCH AT CHARLESTON’S – Women of Wisdom (WOW) invites all ladies to a lunch at noon Tuesday, Oct. 22. We’ll be dining in a semi-private room at Charleston's, 8817 State Line Road. We welcome all to join us for fellowship. RSVP by Oct. 21 to Marvie Sneegas at 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.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – Every Thursday at 7 p.m. This week at 31 W. 31st St., Kansas City, Missouri. Jump into our fall series, “Confession in a Chaotic Age.” This week we’ll talk about Nazis. They’re the worst. And when the faithful tried to stand against them, they were often killed. This week we’ll talk about the cost of confession, and see what we can learn from the resistance of our ancestors. More info and locations at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

COUPLES CONNECT – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9. Couples! Join us for a new thing. Every second Wednesday we’re getting together for food and conversation to reconnect with our partners and with each other. Relationships are easier when we have friends to journey with. Don’t miss it. RSVP required: VillagePresYA.org/couples.

FAMILY DINNER + PARENTS CONNECT – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. Join us for family dinner in Friendship Hall, then kiddos will go downstairs for child care and play time while parents stay to study and connect. We reconnect every third Wednesday! RSVP required at VillagePresYA.org/parents.
YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES – 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. 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.

MS EMERALD CITY (OCT. 10) & HS TOP GOLF (OCT. 11) – Celebrate the end of the quarter with special events happening in October! Middle school is going to Emerald City from 9-11 p.m. Oct. 10 (Cost: $20) and high school is going to Top Golf from 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 11 (Cost: Free!). Top Golf needs no registration (just show up). Register for Emerald City at https://www.villagepresyouth.org/forms.

Holiday Greenery Fundraiser

The Boy Scouts of Troop 91 will be selling beautiful Holiday Greenery from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 & 27. This annual event is the main fundraiser for the Troop. You will find the Scouts located at north and south entrances. Stop by and choose from long lasting evergreen wreaths, garland and centerpieces. Greenery will be delivered at the church on Nov. 24 and Dec. 1.

Village on Antioch Fall Festival

3-5 pm. Saturday, Oct. 26

Please join us for this family friendly community event. Enjoy bounce houses, lawn games, face painting, live music, fall drinks and more! Admission is free.

Flu Shots

Get your flu shot between 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, in Friendship Hall. One morning only this year. Please bring your insurance member ID card.

Are you 70½ and have a traditional IRA?

You know then that you are required to take a mandatory distribution from your IRA known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year. You can take advantage of a tax-free opportunity by directly transferring your required minimum distribution to Village Presbyterian Church. Any amount you have directly transferred to Village Church will not be taxed as income.

For more information, contact Molly Sirridge, molly.sirridge@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.
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.

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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.*
*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.*
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