ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

Paul’s description of the resurrection is eloquent. The thought and language of the last few chapters of 1 Corinthians soar. Paul concludes, “Where, O death, is your sting?” From the depths of such mystery, Paul turns to instructions on how to take the offering. Some see this change of topic as somewhat abrupt. But perhaps Paul has not changed the topic at all. What might that mean?
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude
Variations on The King of Denmark’s Galliard (8 a.m.)
by Samuel Scheidt
Scherzo (9:30, 11 a.m.)
by John Cheetham; Brass Quintet

Words of Welcome
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship
Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Christ humbled himself,
taking on the form of a human being,
to live every moment in love.

We are here,
claimed by the love of Christ, 
to live every moment shaped by love.

*Hymn, No. 687 (Choir only v. 3)
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
You are the sculptor of the mountains.
You are the Promised Day drawn near.
You are the one who brings life from death.
We have forgotten all of that this week,
and we have made faith about small things.
Forgive us. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response
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!
Anthem

All That Hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye The Lord
by René Clausen; Karli Cabrera, soprano; Village Chamber Choir

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia!
Praise the Lord with joyful song, sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, alleluia, praise Him!
Unto thee, O Lord, have I made supplication, and cried unto the rock of my salvation;
but thou hast heard my voice, and renewed my weary spirit.
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation.
Praise Him, laud Him, praise Him, laud Him, alleluia!

-Text adapted from Psalms 96 & 22

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)
Laura Edgington (9:30 a.m.)
Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 50-55 (pg. 1049)

Call to Prayer (8, 9:30 a.m.)

Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.

Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.

Call to Prayer (11 a.m.)

Fruits of the Selfless Heart
words: Mother Teresa; music: Elizabeth J. Atkinson; Alegria Young Adult Choir
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.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 16:1-8 (pg. 1050)

Sermon Because He Lives Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm REPTON

Offertory O Clap Your Hands by R. Vaughan Williams; Village Chamber Choir

O clap your hands, all ye people;
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible.
He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God; sing praises.
Sing praises to our King; sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth.
Sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen.
God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

*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
A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

As we gather for Thanksgiving, many of us are making lists of foods for the table. Some of us start with turkey, gravy, dressing and sweet potatoes or yams. Others of us have prime rib and mashed potatoes or salmon and fried rice or a beautiful vegetarian feast. For the new community of Christians in Rome, the Apostle Paul also created a list. He composed a list of what it means to be a true Christian. His list shows us how to treat others. At a time when our nation seems more starkly divided and when too many Thanksgiving tables are filled with tension and arguments, the Apostle points the way to a celebration where all are truly welcome. Next Sunday, we will explore how God calls us to love one another at the Thanksgiving table and beyond!
THE CHURCH’S BOOK (Week of November 18, 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, Nov. 18
Psalm 103
To bless is to give what is needed. God blesses us by providing for our needs. We bless God through a spirit of humble service and praise. Our lives rest in the grace of God: Bless the Lord.

Tuesday, Nov. 19
Isaiah 40:1-11
The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. The world is a changing place. In the midst of great changes and fragility, the steadfast love of God is reliable. God’s love creates a world-view that can be trusted in every generation. Our accomplishments, our ideas, our deeds will pass like flowers of the field, but God’s love for us will endure forever.

Wednesday, Nov. 20
Matthew 13:44-45
Sometimes we are surprised…like stumbling on a hidden treasure. Other times the gospel comes only as a result of perseverance. The treasure/pearl proves to be the source of our deepest joy. What is it that gives you deepest joy? What is it in your life that is worth giving yourself to?

Thursday, Nov. 21
Matthew 14:13-21
When we think of how little we have, we will be anxious. But when we can imagine the twelve baskets left over, who knows what we might be able to do? The text invites us to trust God with all of our lives.

Friday, Nov. 22
Luke 14:7-14
There are many times we serve because it is fulfilling for us. We engage in mission because it makes us feel alive. This is a good thing. But there is more. When we are able to engage in living for what it does for another, then we know something of what full life is really like. It’s not evil to do that which makes us feel good; but it’s not the highest moral motivation either. Humbling yourself is wise counsel.

Saturday, Nov. 23
Matthew 14:22-33
This is not a story about magic tricks. It is a text about discipleship. Walking in the way that Jesus walks may seem impossible to some, even deadly, but it is better than being safe in the boat. What is God inviting you to risk?
Village Church Goes to the Movies!
“A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”
2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
AMC Town Center 20

Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers in “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,” based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. A private theater is reserved for Village Church for a showing of the movie at the AMC Town Center Theater at 117th and Nall. There are a limited number of tickets available on a first-come basis for a reduced cost of $5. Village on Mission folks, email cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for tickets. Village on Antioch folks, email laura.patton@villagepres.org or brandon.frick@villagepres.org to reserve your seat.

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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.

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 Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, caring and welcoming of all people. We are one church worshiping at two campuses. Our Overland Park Campus is located at 14895 Antioch Road. If you would like a tour of Village Church 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

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES – Four ongoing adult classes learn and grow together 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. Classroom discussions range 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:

BASIC INTRODUCTION TO THE JEWISH SCRIPTURE/OLD TESTAMENT – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, 11, 18, in Room 127. This course will begin by exploring how the Bible was formed, along with biblical inspiration and the various principles of biblical interpretation. The classes will provide a basic introduction to each of the books of the Old Testament. Taught by Biagio Mazza, pastoral associate at St. Sabina Parish.

HOUSING OPTIONS – PART II: NAVIGATING THE DECISION TREE – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Room 127. The Education Group is dedicated to providing education about issues related to aging and to helping others avoid common pitfalls in decision-making. We will lead you through the eleven senior housing options for independent living that currently exist in our area plus compare the five options available for advance care. Taught by Don Williams and Evie Curtis.

MAIL MERGE – 1-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Room 316. Just in time for the holidays! Learn to easily convert a simple spreadsheet into mailing labels. This skill can be used both at home and in the workplace. A basic understanding of spreadsheets is helpful. A sample spreadsheet and mailing labels will be provided. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available.

FROM DUST TO DUST – DEALING WITH THE END OF LIFE – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, in the Village on Mission Chapel. The poet writes in Ecclesiastes 3:20, “All go to one place; all are from dust, and all turn to dust again.” The words are true for all creatures but especially for those who are facing the end of one’s life here on earth. What decisions confront us both as individuals and as caregivers? How do we make faithful decisions for the end of one’s life? Taught by Rev. Sally Wright, interim pastor for pastoral care.

JESUS CHRIST IS BORN! THE MIRACLE OF INCARNATION – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, in Rooms 232 & 233. In these three classes in the weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas, we will explore the doctrine of the incarnation and how the early church struggled to form this key tenet of Christian faith. We will examine the controversies around the immaculate conception and ultimately realize how the birth of Jesus transforms our lives today. Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka.
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. – Infants and Toddlers Rooms 114 and 111. 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—The Lighthouse 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–bit.ly/vpcchildren

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 bit.ly/vpcchildren

FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY NOV. 24 – Next Sunday is Family Worship Sunday when we invite children to join their families in worship. There will be no Sunday School but child care will still be provided.

MESNER PUPPET THEATER – Join us at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, in the Sanctuary for a family-friendly puppet show, "The Cat Came Back." Based on the folk song made popular by Fred Penner, this performance tells the tale of Mister Johnson and a mysterious cat who keeps returning to his doorstep. Free and open to the public.

ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP – Mark your calendars for this fun family tradition from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Join us in Friendship Hall for cookie decorating, popcorn and fun crafts for all ages.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The first baptisms of 2020 are scheduled for Jan. 19 and March 15. 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 – No dinners Nov. 20 or 27. Dinners resume on Dec. 4.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Today is the final collection day for the food items needed to fill the Food Pantry's 600+ Thanksgiving baskets for the Pantry's clients. If you forgot your items, you may drop them off at the Pantry this week, or if you prefer, $30 will cover the cost of one Thanksgiving basket. Checks should be made payable to "Village Church Food Pantry" and may be dropped off at the Pantry or the church business office. Beginning Nov. 24, the Clothes Closet will be accepting Christmas decorations (small items - no trees, please). Thank you for your generous donations!

PRAYERS FOR GIVETHANKS MISSION TRIP – Twenty folks from Village Church leave Friday morning, Nov. 22, to spend five days in the Dominican Republic on Village's first Givethanks mission trip through the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP). Rev. Tom Are, Emma Barickman, Andrea Chamblin, Jim Galliher, Ellen Gatewood, Cameron, Lora, Ash & Francie Garrison, Barbara Jaeckel, Linda Knox, Lauren & Lindsay Packer, Karen Sherwood, Jean Slentz, Trenton Smith, Jenna Solty, Deborah White and Bella & Diane Tegtmeier will support health education efforts of DRMP's local partner organization, Light A Candle Foundation (LAC). The team will also help with construction of the LAC's new Community Health Center. Please pray for their safe travels.

OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH HOLIDAY STORE – If you missed the opportunity to adopt a family for Christmas, you can still participate by purchasing an individual toy(s) for the Operation Breakthrough Holiday Store which serves 750 children who don’t attend Operation Breakthrough (OB) but live in the same urban community. Pick up a wish list of toys from the Discover Village information kiosk at the north and south entrances. Toys must be delivered to OB truck by the morning of Dec. 8. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org for more information.
CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE NEEDS DRIVERS – Do you want to partake in our exchange with international students over the holidays? Christmas International House needs drivers on Dec. 21, 23, 24 and 26, to take the students in the church van to a variety of holiday activities around the city. As the driver you could also partake in a tour of the World War I Museum, pickle ball, ice skating or bowling. If you would like to help out, contact Judy Miller at judy.miller@evergy.com or 816-651-5387 or Jan Liu at email-janliu_ks@yahoo.com or 913-269-6333.

MUSIC MINISTRY

TE DEUM PRESENTS “PEACE AND JOY” – 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Te Deum’s annual Christmas concert will give special attention to local Kansas City composers and feature world premieres by composers Ed Frazier Davis and Geoff Wilcken. Tickets are $15 online at te-deum.org or $20 at the door. Te Deum is a proud member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE NAMES DUE THIS TUESDAY, NOV. 19 – If your loved one passed away during 2019 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be included in the Remembrance Service program. If you would like to include any other names, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2367 or linda.alley@villagepres.org by noon this Tuesday, Nov. 19. The candlelit Remembrance Service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to come to this special service.

POINSETTIA SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK! Be a part of a Village Christmas tradition by delivering a poinsettia or two to homebound members who cannot physically be at the church for the Advent season. You can either come at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, or between any of the Sunday services on Nov. 24. Questions? Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Helping families when they have lost a loved one is a gift from the heart. If you would like to assist with ushering for a memorial service or serving as a host at a memorial reception, we would gladly welcome you. Volunteers serve as their schedules permit, helping for about 2-4 hours at the most. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more info.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR "ADVENT: A HOLY INVITATION" – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Village on Mission. All women are invited to an inspiring, inter-generational evening as we begin the Advent season. Our guest speaker is Rev. Sarah Are. We will have heavy hors d’oeuvres in Friendship Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. We will move to the Sanctuary for the program portion of the evening. Reservations are $18 and can be purchased between services today, and online through Nov. 24 at villagepres.org/pw. For child care reservations, email pam.southerland@villagepres.org by Nov. 26.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 7 p.m. this week at Village Church, upper room. We continue our study of the Confessions, by beginning to confess ourselves. Just what is it that we believe? More info. at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

FRIENDSGIVING – 1 p.m. today, Nov. 17. What makes Thanksgiving better? Friends! Sign up online to bring some food and come enjoy a day of thanks together! VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

FAMILY DINNER+PARENTS CONNECT – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20. 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.
**Christmas Poinsettias**

Celebrate the Advent and Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Make your check ($10) payable to Village Church, clearly printing the memorial name with your donation. Send to the church, Attn: Janice Gill by Friday, Dec. 6. Call 913-671-2362 for more information.

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**2020 Commitment Sunday**

Your gift to the 2020 Village Church annual commitment will help ensure the resources necessary for our ministries and missions. It is an act of faith that bears fruit in ways sometimes known only to God.

If you have already made your pledge, thank you. If not, please know that your gift will be a blessing to many. Complete your commitment card and return to the church or go online to villagepres.org/giving, click on Continue to Commitment Form, complete and click send.

We’re so grateful for your commitment and generosity.

Your commitment committee,
Suzanne, Gina, Jack, Jennifer and Melanie

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**Village Church Single Adult Ministry French Cooking Class**

**6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Room 232.** Join Rachel Ciordas, chef instructor, for a French dinner! Come enjoy crisp autumn salad of French greens with walnuts and “fromage bleu,” flavorful Beef Burgundy served with silky potatoes, and ending with sweet, creamy chocolate mousse! The cost is $10. RSVP is required to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org
SERMON SERIES

I Believe. Help My Unbelief.

Nov. 3-17

Church should be about the big things in your life and heart. It should be about joy and failure, about social struggles like poverty and racism, about ultimate questions like forgiveness and heaven. These are not questions that we face individually. God intended that there be a church because we cannot explore these questions apart from community. But it's not just any community. This is the body of Christ.

Because of the size of the issues and the expectations of our calling, Christian faith is always something that we will embrace with a degree of question or wonder. We will never move from a place of I believe, help my unbelief to a place of I believe 100%. Unbelief is a given with this gospel.

Nov. 3 One Day Closer
Nov. 10 What Does Love Look Like?
Nov. 17 Because He Lives
Nov. 24 A Thanksgiving List - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching

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
Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications   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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Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org/online.
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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