



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 13, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The gospel writers tell us very little about Jesus' growing up years. Only Luke provides this glimpse into Jesus as a boy. Early New Testament scholars titled today's scripture reading, "Jesus is Lost in Jerusalem," but more contemporary scholars point out that Jesus knew all along where he belonged – in the temple. The learning here comes from Jesus and his faithfulness to his calling as well as from his mother, Mary. It is her faithfulness, in particular, that offers us a way to live with hope and courage in these early days of this new year.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Gloria Peru
by Emily Maxson Porter

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

From all that dwell below the skies,

let the Creator's praise arise.

How good and lovely it is

to live together in unity.

The whole universe belongs to God,

the earth and all its creatures.

God joins love and faith together,

justice and peace join hands.

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

till suns shall rise and set no more.

*Hymn, No. 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Confession

Caring and compassionate God,

We enter this sanctuary set apart for Your worship,

**knowing that at moments this week we have failed to see You
at school, at home, at work, and in the many places of our lives.**

We have ignored Your presence around us, in earth and sky,

in plants and creatures, and in the people who surround us.

We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith.

**We have chosen to be weighed down by what we lack,
rather than rejoicing in Your generous love for us.**

**We have chosen to focus on what divides us,
rather than affirming what we share in common.**

**Forgive us, Mother God. Draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day
that You are with us, wherever we go.**

Nurture us, so we may grow to treasure You, ourselves, others and all creation.

(Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Peruvian Folk Song

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen!
Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen!

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 288)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.)
Kevin Hennessy (9:30 a.m.)
Beth Winetroub (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52 (pg. 934)

Sermon

Treasure in Our Hearts

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No.5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains
JENNINGS-HOUSTON

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers (9:30 a.m.)

Offertory

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
arr. Don Michael Dicie; Village Choir

*Response (from Hymn, No. 694)

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!
FESTAL SONG

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (from Hymn, No. 547)

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**All who are able may stand*
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Discover Village Information Center

A place for you to connect and ask questions. You're invited to stop by our Discover Village desk, between worship services, at the north Welcome Center entrance. Hosts will be available at the desk every Sunday morning; a place where you can share conversation and enjoy a cookie. We look forward to meeting you!



Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner

This year an annual meeting will take place at both the Mission and Antioch campuses. You are welcome to attend the meeting at either location. Rev. Tom Are will provide a review of 2018 and plans for 2019. The Session will present the budget for 2019.

MISSION CAMPUS – The Annual Meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on **Tuesday, Jan. 29**. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. **Seating is limited.** If you plan to attend, please advise Marsha Hansen no later than Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 913-671-2341 or marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.

ANTIOCH CAMPUS – The Annual Meeting begins at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 6**, preceded by a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please advise the Antioch location at 913-681-8180 or email office@villageantioch.org no later than Monday, Jan. 28.

Winter Weather Advisory

If the weather forecast is to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. worship service at Village on Mission will be cancelled.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of January 14, 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, Jan. 14

Isaiah 40:12-24

Last week the "Epiphany word" I received was "praise." I'll be meditating on this throughout the year, and today's lectionary reading is a great place to start. Our author is extolling the greatness of God. "It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers." How fantastic is that? How are you offering "praise" this new year?

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Mark 1:14-28

Sticking with our theme of praise, we come to the story of Jesus calling the disciples. They drop their nets and follow. People were "astounded" at his teaching, and "amazed" at how he exercised spirits. What nets might you need to drop this year, in order to experience the astounding, amazing work of God?

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Psalms 147:1-11

The Psalms are an easy help in learning how to praise. Today's begins with it. What would it look like, in your daily routine, to begin with praise?

Thursday, Jan. 17

Ephesians 2:11-22

I find this letter to the Ephesians helpful in this day (and really every day). We read it to remember that God desires unity for God's people, that we are meant to find ways to be one body, together. But it might also be read as a litany of praise, with less instruction to us, and more a recounting, remembering of all God has done so that we can do more. What might your litany of praise sound like?

Friday, Jan. 18

Psalms 148

This is the Psalm I have flagged for myself this year. When praise feels abstract, I read this. When I'm confused about how to praise, I offer up these old words, until mine return. Put a bookmark here, and trust praise is never far away with an ancient song to rely on.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Mark 2:23-3:6

Have you ever set a new goal for yourself, with the best of intentions, only to later realize you're more into accomplishing the goal than experiencing whatever you hoped to experience by achieving it? Jesus is struggling with some old religious rules that did the same. This is a good story for a new year. How might you pray for freedom from hardness of heart this year, that all your good work might lead to life abundant, and not just more checked boxes?



Village Church Single Adult Ministry

2019 Special Speakers Series | 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5-March 5

See the list of topics and speakers at villagepres.org/single-adult-ministry

Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org with questions.



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 loving memory of Carol Pendleton by Jim Pendleton Sr., and family.

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.

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 Feb. 3, April 7, June 2, Aug. 4, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for info.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Registration is now open for church members for spring classes. Registration opens tomorrow for community members. Upcoming Village U classes include:

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH TOM ARE – Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study where he reflects on passages from scripture. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast. Invite a friend and join the fellowship on Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, call 913-671-2333. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5-26 and March 5-26, Room 228.

ART WORKSHOP – Did you love art classes in high school or college? Would you like to renew those skills with other creative people? Then unpack your pastels, paints or pencils and join us for an 8-week workshop. There will be no formal instruction - just encouragement, laughter and sharing of talents and techniques. Facilitated by Susan Webb. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 6-March 27, Room 233.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION – If you're interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation. You will be welcomed on the first Tuesday of each month. Led by Jane Abildgaard. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7, Room 127.

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday classes include:

FAITH JOURNEY – In January Walt Grainger has agreed to lead the discussion for "Vanishing Grace" (Whatever happened to the good news?) Author Philip Yancey explores the desperate need our world has for grace, and how Christians can truly make the gospel good news again when research shows that favorable opinions of Christianity have plummeted drastically—and opinions of Evangelicals have taken even deeper dives. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH offers challenging discussion of a wide range of topics based on presentations by visiting teachers or video-discussion format. Class members are singles and couples, who enjoy participating in discussion and exploration of new ideas while welcoming a diversity of perspectives. Facilitated by Darryl Bertsch. Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER – Each week, we are growing together in faith by digging into the stories behind Apostle Paul's letters. We seek to understand the relationship he had with the letter's recipient. We seek to understand the mindset he had when he wrote the letter. And we seek to discover the story that the letter tells us about early Christianity. You are invited to drop in at 9:30 a.m. in Room 124 for a mixture of video content and group discussion as we bring alive the stories of the New Testament. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

VILLAGE FORUM welcomes Dr. Leslie Smith, professor at Avila University, for Sundays in January. She will be helping us understand current theory and issues regarding gender and race. Room 126. Today: Intro to Gender Theory; Jan. 20: Intro to Race Theory; Jan. 27: What Do I Do Now? Organizing an Ethical Response?

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.

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 203; Prelude Choir (K-2nd grade) meet in Room 201; Hallelujah Choir (3rd-6th grade) meet in Room 204. Pick up for all children is on the 2nd floor.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are March 17 and May 12. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member's arrival. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

VILLAGE PRESCHOOL ON MISSION enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year will begin tomorrow, Jan. 14, for current Preschool families and Village Church members. Enrollment opens to the community on Jan. 22. More information can be found on the Village Church website. Contact Sarah McKee with questions: 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org.

KIDS DAY OUT—The Child Care Department is pleased to offer our Kids Day Out program for the 2019-2020 school year. This program is for children ages 2-3 yrs. (may be 2 yrs. by Dec. 1). KDO is offered on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. September-May. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where your child can grow and learn. We provide your child with many opportunities to explore and be creative while making new friends. We have a loving, energetic staff that will make your child's experience a positive one. Spring enrollment is from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 11, for Village Church members, KDO Alumni siblings and Village Preschool families. Enrollment for community members is from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 25. See villagepres.org for full information. Contact Marjean at 913-671-2322 with any questions.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Throughout January, children and families are encouraged to bring cans of soup to Kids' Kingdom and Preschool Sunday School. This mission project shows kids they can make a positive difference in the world.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Jan. 16 is beef stew, vegetarian stew, mini corn dogs. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar and dessert is \$7. Salad bar and dessert is \$6. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and children age 3 and under are no charge. Call Liz Middleton 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org to make your reservations by noon tomorrow.

AGE SPECIFIC DINNER FOR 70S+ LUNCH AT SALSA GRILL – You are invited to meet at the Mexican restaurant Salsa Grill to enjoy lunch with Village Church friends. We'll gather at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the restaurant at 6508 Martway in Mission. Enjoy the fellowship of friends and a wonderful meal! Each person pays for their meal. RSVP to Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org.

"ALL-CHURCH" BOWLING EVENT – Mark your calendars! 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at Ward Parkway Lanes, 1523 W. 89 St. (89th & State Line). We have lanes specifically reserved for Village Church at a special rate of \$5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. Indoor fun for all ages in the midst of winter. RSVP to Liz Middleton at liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – During the month of January, the Food Pantry is asking for donations of all kinds of rice, dried beans and boxed dinners-all staples in the clients' diets. The Pantry also wants to give you a heads up that Souper Bowl Sunday is Feb. 3, and it's never too early to shop for sales on hearty soups. The Clothes Closet received lots of winter clothing during the holidays, for which the Closet and the clients were very thankful. Now their requests are for bath and kitchen towels.

BLOOD DRIVE – Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon today and Jan. 20. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com for more information.

HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW? The Village Church Community Garden is looking for a volunteer to help coordinate the seasonal maintenance of our garden at 99th and Mission Road. This coordinator would communicate with a team of volunteers to schedule watering and harvesting of crops during the growing season. Takes less than one hour per week. All produce goes to our Food Pantry. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

ACCEPTING LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS – The Village Church Mission Committee is now accepting applications for local community grants in the areas of homelessness, hunger, and adult education (ages 16 and older). Grant sizes range from \$2,500 to \$5,000. More information on the grants is available on the application form on the Village website under Mission in the menu bar. The deadline is Feb. 28. For more information, contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

COME MAKE MUSIC WITH US – Are you interested in singing, ringing or playing in one of our many music ensembles in the new year? Or would you like to volunteer with the music ministry in other ways that reach out to the community? If so, contact any of the music staff including Will Breyspraak, director of music, at william.breyspraak@villagepres.org and Carol Dale, music coordinator, at carol.dale@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

TODAY IS DATES AND DONUTS – Would you like to deliver flowers and a little cheer to those who are hospitalized or cannot make it to church anytime throughout this year? Come and find out more at the annual Dates and Donuts today between services (9-9:30 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m. and noon-12:15 p.m.). Nancy Skidmore will be in the Welcome Center so please stop by, get information, a schedule and a donut!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

TOUR CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION'S SACRED WINDOW – Join us Feb. 6 when Amazing Graces tour the stained glass window at Church of the Resurrection. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.; the tour starts promptly at 6 p.m. Afterwards we'll convene at the home of Martha Tatman for refreshments. Tickets are on sale between services every Sunday through Feb. 6 or you may send your \$10 check, payable to Presbyterian Women, to Dee Gound, 8208 Cherokee Circle, Leawood, KS 66206 by Feb. 1.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Village Presbyterian Church (3rd floor). We begin this new year with Her Story. In this era of #MeToo, we're revisiting some of our lesser-known, most fascinating biblical stories with female leads. This week: Fear of the Feminine Origin Story: Eve. More online: VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY – 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 16, at Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Let's start the new year with some artistic inspiration! We'll meet at Quay Coffee at the Nelson at 9:30 a.m., then tour the museum together. Child care available with an RSVP by Jan. 18. RSVP online: VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

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.

ALPHA & OMEGA (middle and high school Sunday mornings) – 9:30 a.m. today, Youth Loft (Room 333).

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, in the 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, at Zach's house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN – The Confirmation Class is open to all students in 9th grade, or older if they have not yet taken the class. Forms and schedules can be found on the youth website: villagepresyouth.org/forms.

SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION OPEN – You can now register for all of our summer trips: San Francisco, a local KC trip, HS Montreat, and the MS Float Trip! Just head to villagepresyouth.org/forms or pick up a hard copy by the youth offices or in the Youth Loft.

Join Us in Welcoming 13 New Stephen Ministers

Today we celebrate the commissioning of our new Stephen Ministers. These faithful individuals have received more than 50 hours of training so that they may walk alongside those who are grieving and facing life's transitions. We are truly grateful for the spirit of grace and truth in these new Stephen Ministers:

Renny Arensberg, Barb Bennett, Al Eidson, Andy Harris, Pat Harris, Steve Howard, Lisa Huhman, Lisa Mann, Bud Mackey, Michelle Mook, Melinda Tiemeyer, Kathy Wells and Anne Yarnevich. We have also delighted in having with us Cherie Daly, Jean Pyle and Brenda Richardson from neighboring congregations.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

I Wish the Preacher Would Talk About . . .

In December the church family was invited to share topics to be included in a sermon series. Hundreds of responses were received. The following sermons have been taken from the most frequently requested topics. Other suggestions will, no doubt, be helpful in formulating future sermon series at Village, but for now the most commonly submitted topics were these:

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| Jan. 20 | Predestination: Does That Sound Like Good News To You? |
| Jan. 27 | The World is a Mess. Why Doesn't God Do Something? |
| Feb. 3 | Can We Really Trust that We Will Go to Heaven? |
| Feb. 10 | The Earth is the Lord's (a Word about Climate Change) |
| Feb. 17 | Why Did Jesus Talk So Much About Money?
(Doesn't He Know that Makes Us Uncomfortable?) |
| Feb. 24 | Do We Need The Book of Revelation? |
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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. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care

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 ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care

Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration ❖ Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music ❖ Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission

Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ 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. 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.