SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 19, 2020 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

If you want to learn to be a grown up, you are going to need a teacher. At least that was the assumption for Matthew and for many in his time. If you are going to live a good life, you will need an example to instruct and inspire you. For Matthew, Jesus was the best possible teacher.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (8, 9:30 a.m.)
arr. Aaron David Miller and Michael Burkhardt

Coleraine (11 a.m.)

Irish Traditional; Village Players; Erika Kauffman Wheeler, flute; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

Words of Welcome
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship
Rev. Sally Wright

Like a mother calling all her children to the dinner table,
God calls us, in this moment, to worship.

This is our home,
for every one of us is a child of God.

*Hymn, No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
Too often we ignore what is important
and are consumed by trivia and insignificance.
We need guidance.
Remind us of the purpose of our days. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response (from Hymn, No. 582)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 288) (8, 9:30 a.m.)

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 (8, 9:30 a.m.)

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.

Time with Children (11 a.m.)

The Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.)

Baptismal Response

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children, Joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

Anthem (11 a.m.)

*Sí Beag, Sí Mór*  
Irish Traditional; Village Players Anne Sneller, oboe; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)  
Gary Anderson (9:30 a.m.)  
Lisa Veglahn (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 5:1-12* (pg. 880)

Sermon  
*Matthew: The Teacher*  
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith, from *A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus lived a truly human life.
Jesus was what we are.
He grew up in a family and a society
   troubled by the common problems of the world.
His knowledge was limited
   by his time and place in history.
He felt deeply the joy of friendship
   and the hurt of being rejected.
Jesus prayed,
   struggled with temptation,
   knew anger,
   and was subject to suffering and death.
He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be.
He served his Father with complete trust
   and unwavering obedience.
He loved all kinds of people
   and accepted their love.
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
   Jesus allows no temptation or threat to keep him
   from loving God with his whole being
   and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.
He demonstrates the new humanity
   God promises to give us through him.

*Hymn, No. 177

I Will Come to You
YOu ARE MINE

Offertory

Beatitudes: VI. The Pure in Heart
by Patrick Hawes
A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

Things are going to change. At least that is something Jesus taught Luke. God will not give up on the world or on us, so things are going to change.

*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. 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing
LIFT EVERY VOICE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
by Peter Lutkin; Village Choir

*Postlude

Improvisation on “We Shall Overcome”
arr. Carl Haywood

*All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns
Monday, Jan. 20

This is a passage about hope. So, it is interesting that the writer of Hebrews reminds the church of their past. But hope is like that…it grows in the soil of memory. As Christians, remembering the stories of God’s faithfulness yesterday nourishes our hope as we look to tomorrow. What Biblical stories encourage you?

Tuesday, Jan. 21

This is a song of praise declaring that God is God. The scriptures speak of the constant temptation to prioritize insignificant things. The Psalmist speaks of true life resting in God’s purpose for us all. Every day is a collection of choices, all of which reflect what we believe to be important. Let your choices today be a song of praise to the living God.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

The reading from Monday includes a recital of the stories of God from days gone by. The reading today illustrates the struggles the disciples have when they cannot/ do not remember what Jesus had done among them. Think about your own journey of faith: when has God blessed you? How does that encourage you today?

Thursday, Jan. 23

Knowing who Jesus is matters. But following Jesus is what really matters. Of course, we cannot follow him without knowing him, but the goal is to follow. Following is the difficult part because we cannot control where he goes.

Friday, Jan. 24

The joy in this text echoes many places in scripture. The people of God have passed through the storm or made it through the difficult season. From the other side they see that God has been faithful, and they offer this as a hymn of praise. We all walk through storms. When we are wise, we take time to recognize the power that brings us through.

Saturday, Jan. 25

All of chapter 11 is a recital of the heroes of the faith. The letter to the Hebrews wants us to remember those who have gone before us in faith. Of course, there are many more saints of the faith since this letter was written. If you were to write a story of saints who have influenced your life, who would be part of your cloud of witnesses?
Heartland Presbytery Invites you to
Rev. Sally Wright's
Service of Installation
6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21
Village Church on Mission Sanctuary
Reception to follow in Friendship Hall

Let’s worship together and watch The Big Game! Come join us at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2, for The Gathering service, followed by the Super Bowl at 5:30 p.m. on the big screen in Friendship Hall. Bring a hearty potluck dish to share. We will provide drinks, popcorn and hot dogs. No reservations needed. Just come have fun! Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org with questions. This event is sponsored by the Connectional Ministries Committee.
TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Dottie & Deke Harberts by their children.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY – Welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children at 11 a.m.: Callahan Krause, (Jennifer and Adam Krause, parents) and Emma Jo Krigbaum (Rachel and Tim Krigbaum, parents).

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.

THE GATHERING – Every Sunday at 5 p.m., join us for an alternative style of worship in Friendship Hall with music by Becky and Nathan Bliss and the same preaching as morning worship. To see more and listen in, check out VPCTheGathering.org.

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.

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.

NEW 11 A.M. ADULT CLASS – Is God rooting for the Chiefs to win today? Does God even care about football? For that matter, does God care about giving you a good parking space? What about a test result or the fires in Australia? All are welcome to this new six-week adult faith formation class. Each week we will explore events in the world through the lenses of our faith, scripture, and tradition. The class is taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 10:45-11:45 a.m. Rooms 132-133.

VILLAGE U COMMUNITY CLASSES – The Spring 2020 Village U course catalog is now online. Registration is open to all. Visit villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes for more information.

MEN’S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH REV. TOM ARE – This popular morning men’s Bible study returns for February and March with nourishment for the body and the soul. Chef Emily Berns prepares a hot breakfast as Senior Pastor Tom Are leads a study of the Gospel of Mark. Register online under Village U. Breakfast is $6. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 4-25 and March 3-24 in Friendship Hall.

BEING A SERVANT LEADER IN BUSINESS, THE CHURCH, AND POLITICS – Brad Stratton is an elder, business owner, school board elected official and trustee for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System. He will gather panels of persons from business, religion and politics to explore what it means to be a servant leader like Jesus Christ in each of these arenas. Register online under Village U. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, in Rooms 126-127.
YOU JUST MIGHT BE A HERETIC – Throughout the nearly 2,000 years of Christianity, the church has faced many controversies. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore the top 10 heresies the church has confronted and in many cases, continues to deal with today. Register online under Village U. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, in Rooms 132-133.

TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS: REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT – Tony Liu will explore technology solutions that both reduce your carbon footprint and lower your electric bill. Drawing from personal experience, Tony will discuss products such as light bulbs, electric vehicles, solar panels and “smart” devices. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, in Room 316.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING: AN INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY – Throughout the spring, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead a study of the most popular introductory theology textbook in Presbyterian seminaries. Participants must purchase a copy of the book, “Faith Seeking Understanding” by Dr. Daniel Migliore and read a chapter in preparation for each session. Register online under Village U. 11 a.m.–noon Thursdays beginning Feb. 6 and ending May 7 in Room 132.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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.

THIRD FLOOR 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.

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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Throughout January, children and families are encouraged to bring cans of soup to The Lighthouse (both Preschool and Elementary grades). This mission project shows kids they can make a positive difference in the world.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The upcoming baptisms are March 15 and May 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.

VILLAGE ON MISSION PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT – Enrollment for the 2020-21 school year at Village on Mission Preschool begins in January. Contact preschool director, Sarah McKee with questions at 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org. Current VOM Preschool families enroll beginning Tuesday, Jan. 21; current KDO families and Village Church members enroll beginning Thursday, Jan. 23; former VOM Preschool families enroll beginning Friday, Jan. 24. Enrollment opens to the community at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 27.

VILLAGE ON MISSION KIDS DAY OUT 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT – This program is for children ages 2 years-3 years (must be 2 years old by Dec. 1, 2020). KDO is offered on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. September thru May. Enrollment for the 2020/21 school year begins Monday, Feb. 10, for Village Church members, KDO alumni siblings and Village Church on Mission Preschool families. Enrollment for community members begins Wednesday, Feb. 19. Get more info on www.villagepres.org. Questions? Contact Marjean at 913-671-2322.
CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS** – Take a night off from cooking! Our next dinner is Jan. 22. The menu is roasted pork loin, rice pilaf primavera and green vegetable. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m. and hot food bar is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is $7 for the full meal and $6 for salad bar & dessert only. Kids age 10 and under eat free. RSVP by noon Tuesday to liz.middleton@villagpres.org or 913-671-2359.

**ALL-CHURCH WINTER BOWLING EVENT** – 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at Ward Parkway Lanes. Connectional Ministries is sponsoring our annual All-Church Winter Bowling event for our Village Church family. Ward Parkway Lanes is located at 1523 W. 89th St. in Kansas City, Missouri. We have lanes specifically reserved for Village Church at a $5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. Come and join us for indoor fun for all ages. RSVP to Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org.

**MISSION**

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Souper Bowl Sunday is two weeks away-Feb. 2, 2020-the first Food Drive of the decade for the Food Pantry. The Pantry is hopeful that each person will bring several cans of hearty soup (and crackers!) to church that Sunday. Hearty soups are a staple in the Pantry’s clients’ diet. In the meantime, during January, the Pantry is asking for canned tuna and chicken and the Clothes Closet is asking for blankets, sheets and towels.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Village will host a blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, go to savealifenow.org/group and enter Group Code: BT or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall between 9 a.m. and noon today. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

**PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING**

**INTERESTED IN DELIVERING FLOWERS ON SUNDAY?** – Would you like to deliver flowers right after church to members who are hospitalized or cannot make it to church? Every Sunday volunteers take flower arrangements made from the Sunday chancel flowers. Come and find out more at the annual Dates and Doughnuts 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 to get information and a doughnut!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**WOW LUNCH AT CAFE PROVENCE** – All women are warmly invited to join Women of Wisdom, (WOW), for lunch at Cafe Provence at noon Tuesday, Jan. 21. A favorite of WOW, Cafe Provence is located at 3936 West 69th Terrace in the Prairie Village Shops. Cafe Provence serves exquisite French cuisine, prepared with seasonal, local ingredients. RSVP by Jan. 20 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** – Join us at 7 p.m. Thursday nights beginning Jan. 23.

**YOUNG ADULT WINTER RETREAT** – Feb. 28-March 1. This winter, we retreat together! Travel with us to a cabin near Table Rock Lake for a weekend of renewal. More information and sign up at VillagePresYA.org/retreat.

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**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.
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) will not meet today due to the High School Ski Trip.

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.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION OPEN – You can now register for Confirmation, which begins in Jan. 26. More information and registration can be found at villagepresyouth.org/confirmation, or email madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP – There are 95 adults and high schoolers in Colorado on the Winter Retreat this weekend. Pray for safe travels, safe skiing and a time of connection and discussion while our group is away.

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATIONS OPEN – Registration is now open for the Middle School Mission Trip, High School Montreat, and High School Boundary Waters Trip! Visit villagepresyouth.org/forms to sign up, or email madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org.
Who Do People Say That I Am?

The birth of Jesus comes with many claims regarding his identity. Who is this child? The Angelic choir called him the messiah. Gabriel called him God’s son. Some preferred the name Immanuel. All this and more to describe the child of manger straw. But how do we describe Jesus now? Jesus asked his own followers, “Who do you say that I am?” There’s not one answer to that question. Oh, it’s possible to answer it by quoting the creeds “his only son, our Lord.” But a survey of the Gospel writers reveals that each gospel writer speaks of Jesus differently. Over the next few weeks, we will listen to each Gospel writer’s response to the question, “Who do you say that I am?” We will end the series reflecting on how our understanding of who Jesus is influences our understanding of who we are to be.

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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
Emily Berns, director of food services  ❖  Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications
Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch  ❖  Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care
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
Robert Rumold, director of information technology  ❖  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, 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/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.
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.