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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 26, 2020 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

An aspect of Jesus that Luke knows about is Jesus' insistence that things need to change. We may be more comfortable with tradition, or habit, or with a mindset that accepts "that's just the way it is." But Jesus insists, things need to change.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Allegretto* (8 a.m.)  
by Felix Mendelssohn

*Appalachian Hymnsong* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
by Kevin Paul; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Scout Sunday (9:30 a.m.)

Tom Pistorius

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**For this day is a new day, a holy day,  
a day of fresh beginnings.**

**The grace of God is always making things new.**

\*Hymn, No. 610

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
AZMON

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of unending patience,**

**There is so much that has gone wrong in the world.**

**There is so much that has gone wrong in us.**

**We yearn for things to be better in both.**

**By your Spirit, empower us to begin with ourselves.** (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

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.)  
Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.)  
Beth Winetroub (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:16-20 (pg. 936)

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.**

Anthem

*I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*  
by Moses Hogan: Judy Bliss, soprano (8 a.m.)  
Rachel Priest, soprano (9:30, 11 a.m.); Village Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37 (pg. 946)

Sermon

*Luke: The One From the Future*

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 allowed 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

*Take My Hands*  
by Adam Tice & Sally Ann Morris



1. Take my hands, oh, take my hands. Take my hands, oh,  
2. Guide my feet, oh, guide my feet. Guide my feet, oh,  
3. Tune my heart, oh, tune my heart. Tune my heart, oh,  
4. Bless my soul, oh, bless my soul. Bless my soul, oh,



take my hands. Let them bless; let them  
guide my feet. Help them move; help them  
tune my heart. Make it sing; make it  
bless my soul. I am yours; I am



o - pen wide. Take my hands, O God.  
lead the way. Guide my feet, O God.  
full of love. Tune my heart, O God.  
in your hands. Bless my soul, O God.

Offertory

*Ricercare* (8 a.m.)

by Carson Cooman

*How Great Thou Art* (9:30, 11 a.m.)

arr. Keith Kunda; Village Brass

\*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. 772

*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Amen*

by John Rutter; Village Choir

\*Postlude

*O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

arr. Barbara Harbach

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

Next Sunday we turn to the Gospel of John. Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the “synoptic” gospels, because they share so much in common they “look alike.” John is different. He shares much that is not included in the synoptics. Yet, they all agree: Jesus Christ is God’s son and our savior.

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of January 27, 2020)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Melanie Hardison 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. 27**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

In this story the prophet Jeremiah experiences God calling him to be something more than Jeremiah believed he could be. At first Jeremiah resists, but God says "do not be afraid... for I am with you." In fact, over and over again in scripture we hear the words "do not be afraid." Have you ever trusted God to get through a situation in which you were afraid? How might you trust God now?

### **Tuesday, Jan. 28**

**Psalms 71:1-6**

The writer of this psalm entreats God to save, deliver, and rescue. God is described as a rock, a fortress, and a refuge. Although these metaphors for God are related, each is unique and points to different characterizations of God. Which metaphor for God appeals most to you: rock, fortress, or refuge? Why?

### **Wednesday, Jan. 29**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Often heard at weddings, Paul's words about love are familiar to most of us. Read this passage slowly today, contemplating each statement about love on its own. Do any phrases stand out to you? Which part of this text speaks most powerfully to you today?

### **Thursday, Jan. 30**

**Psalms 100**

This psalm of praise proclaims God's faithfulness and steadfast love. What does steadfast love mean to you? How might you become more steadfast in your love for God? For others? For yourself?

### **Friday, Jan. 31**

**Ephesians 4:1-7**

Paul lifts up several characteristics for which Christians are called to strive in the life of faith. He also says that "each of us was given grace." What does grace mean to you? What does it mean to receive grace when we feel that we fall short of leading a life "worthy of the calling to which we have been called?"

### **Saturday, Feb. 1**

**Matthew 4:18-23**

Walking the banks of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus invites two sets of brothers, who were all fishermen, to follow him. The text says that all of them (Simon, Andrew, James, and John) immediately dropped their nets to follow Jesus. What was it about Jesus that compelled them to follow him? How might their faith in Jesus inspire you today?



Let's worship together and watch The Big Game! Come for The Gathering service at 4 p.m. next Sunday, Feb. 2, 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](mailto: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.

**ALL-CHURCH WINTER BOWLING EVENT TODAY** – 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](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org).

**DISCOVER VILLAGE KIOSKS** – Located at the North Welcome Center entrance and in Friendship Hall, Discover Village is a place where people can share conversation, ask questions of our hosts and enjoy a cookie. Whether you are newer to Village or a long-time member and have an interest in serving, connecting, or growing, come to the Discover Village kiosk.

**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](http://VPCTheGathering.org). Reminder! Because we love the Chiefs, but love Jesus more, we'll gather next Sunday at 4 p.m. instead of 5. Stay after to enjoy some recreation with your community.

**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 worshipping 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](mailto: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** – This week, thousands rallied in Virginia in favor of gun rights while there were two murders here in Kansas City. Where do Christians stand on gun ownership and gun violence? What does the Bible say? Is there any middle ground here and should there be? 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** – Registration is open. Visit [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://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. The panel on Feb. 5, will be the mayor of Overland Park, Carl Gerlach, the mayor of Prairie Village, Eric Mikkelson and Senator Terrie Huntington, former Kansas state senator. 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.

**BATTLE OVER BALLOTS: VOTING IN KANSAS 2020** – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will facilitate an expert panel discussion regarding recent elections in Johnson County and Kansas. The topics will include voting procedures, voting accessibility and charges of voter fraud and suppression throughout the United States. Register online under Village U. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 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](http://bit.ly/vpcchildren).

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** – This is the last Sunday 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](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

**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](http://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. 29. The menu is beef pot roast, roasted potatoes & root veggies, vegetarian entrée, cherry cobbler a la mode. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m. and hot food bar is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$7 for the full meal and \$6 for salad bar & dessert only. Kids age 10 and under eat free. RSVP by noon tomorrow to [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2359.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

**SUSTAINABILITY IN JOHNSON COUNTY** – From 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in Room 232 at Village on Mission, commissioners Becky Fast and Janeé Hanzlick and Sustainability Manager Brian Alferman will discuss Johnson County's sustainability achievements to date, future opportunities for ongoing sustainability efforts within the county, and Johnson County's collaboration and involvement with metro area climate action initiatives. They will cover energy efficiency, renewable energy, food waste, stormwater management and more. There will be time for questions.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Next Sunday is Souper Bowl Sunday, the day when we try to fill the Village Pantry truck with hearty soups and crackers, which in turn will fill the Pantry's shelves for months to come. A warm bowl of hearty soups along with crackers is a comfort food during these cold months. Please be generous! The Clothes Closet is asking for bed and bath linens-warm blankets, sheets and towels are always in demand.

**GLOBAL MISSION OFFERING FEB. 2** – Every year, Village Church helps send volunteer teams to the Dominican Republic to provide surgical, medical and construction support. The proceeds from the global mission offering on Feb. 2 support the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership. DRMP provides health care services to Haitian families via partnership with the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic. proceeds also go toward the youth spring break international mission project. Yellow envelopes for this offering are available in hymnal slot in the pew in front of you.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT** – Join us at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for the third Kansas City Wind Symphony concert of the 2019-20 season. Admission is free! The program will include music by Steven Bryant, Charles Gounod, David Maslanka and a brand-new composition by local composer and educator Anthony Maglione.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**MELINDA HENNEBERGER IS OUR GUEST SPEAKER ON FEB. 4** – "Kansas City Star" columnist and editorial writer Melinda Henneberger will share her thoughts at the next Faith and Grief lunch at noon Tuesday, Feb. 4, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Ms. Henneberger has also been a reporter for "The New York Times" as well as a contributing editor for "Newsweek" magazine. Reservations are not required but helpful; contact Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**WOW LUNCH AT JACK STACK BARBEQUE** – All women are welcome to join Women of Wisdom, (WOW), for a warm, winter lunch at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Jack Stack Barbeque. Located at 9520 Metcalf, Jack Stack features a menu that pleases a large variety of tastes, including salads, soups, sandwiches, and especially its award-winning barbeque. We'll enjoy friendly fellowship in this warm, inviting atmosphere. RSVP by Feb. 17 to Marvie Sneegas at [sneegi@kc.rr.com](mailto: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** – 7 p.m. Thursdays, Village Church “Upper Room” (3rd Floor). We continue our new series, “Finding Jesus.” Meet some strangers. Create some friends. Find Jesus along the way. All 20's and 30's welcome. Pizza provided!

**YOUNG ADULT WINTER RETREAT** – Feb. 28-March 1. This winter we retreat together at Table Rock Lake. This retreat is currently full. If you'd like to be added to the waiting list (because, you know, life is weird, and plans can change) let us know at [VillagePresYA.org/retreat](http://VillagePresYA.org/retreat).

## 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](http://villagepresyouth.org) for more details.

**SUNDAY MORNINGS** – 9:30 a.m. Youth Loft (Room 333) for middle school, Upper Room (319) for high school.

**SNL (high school youth group)** – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

**LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program)** – 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Youth Loft (Room 333).

**GPS (middle school youth group)** – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

**EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food)** – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333), with rides to school available.

**CONFIRMATION BEGINS TODAY** – Confirmation meets at 11 a.m. in Rooms 232/233. You can still join the class! Register at [villagepresyouth.org/confirmation](http://villagepresyouth.org/confirmation), or email [madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org](mailto:madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org).

**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](http://villagepresyouth.org/forms) to sign up, or email [madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org](mailto:madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org).

### 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.

# SERMON SERIES

## 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.

Jan. 12	Mark: The Man in the Wilderness
Jan. 19	Matthew: The Teacher
<b>Jan. 26</b>	<b>Luke: The One From the Future</b>
Feb. 2	John: The Man of the Hour
Feb. 9	Acts: Repeating Jesus

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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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*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.*