



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 2, 2020 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the “synoptic” Gospels, which means they “look alike.” Of course, we know they are not the same, but because both Matthew and Luke borrow so much from Mark, they do tell the story of Jesus in much the same way. But John is different. He is not as dependent on the synoptics to tell the story of Jesus. John states clearly that the purpose of Jesus was to give his life for the world. This act of sacrificial devotion glorifies God.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Fuga in g
by Jan Adam Reincken

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Why Village Matters

Pastoral Care & Counseling

Introit (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Higher Ground
by Carol Strommen; Village Voices

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

There is water here.

It is the water of love which calls us by name.

There is a cross here.

**It bears witness to a love that forgets every failing,
and holds fast to all that is good.**

There is a holy word declared here,

**that all are claimed,
all are called,
all are welcome in this place.**

*Hymn, No. 301 (v. 1-3)

Let Us Build a House
TWO OAKS

*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and grace,
You have granted us this new day, a day we have never lived before.
And yet, we know what this day is for:
To love You with all that we are,
and our neighbor as ourselves.
Help us to be true to the purpose of this day. (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

Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.)
Andrew Orr (9:30 a.m.)
Robby Parrott (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11 (pg. 967)

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.**

Scripture Reading

John 12:12-24 (pg. 967)

Sermon

John: The Man of the Hour

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, No. 726*

Will You Come and Follow Me
KELVINGROVE

Offertory

Laudate Dominum

by James Bingham; Roslinde Rivera, mezzo soprano & Village Choir

Praise the Lord, all ye nations.

Praise God, all ye peoples.

For God's loving kindness has been bestowed upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity.

*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. 301 (v. 4-5)

Let Us Build a House
TWO OAKS

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (from Hymn, No. 547)

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

*Postlude

Toccata in Seven
by John Rutter

**All who are able may stand*

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A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

From the Gospels, we turn to the book of Acts. Acts begins with the ascension of Jesus, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is so present in the early church, that often Jesus' disciples end up looking exactly like Jesus himself.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 3, 2020)

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, Feb. 3

Psalm 62

"...my soul waits in silence..." I've been reminded recently of the power of silence. As our world grows noisier, and opportunity for distraction is high, silence becomes more uncomfortable. How can you reclaim some moments of silence for yourself this week? It doesn't have to be long. Sit with this psalm, read and allow yourself to reconnect with some silence.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

John 6:41-51

Warning: this story our lectionary leads us through this week is a weird one. It's kind of John's version of the "who do they say that I am?" story of the other three gospels informing this sermon series. Jesus has just fed the 5,000 and walked on water. People are confused by who he is. The language he gives them isn't literal, and that confuses some of them even more. If you had to describe who Jesus is using artistic language like he does, what would you say?

Wednesday, Feb. 5

John 6:52-59

John's story continues, and grows more weird from here. Jesus is referencing what we've come to know as "Communion." It's something we participate in throughout the year (every week in the Gathering). It's something we often don't reflect on outside of worship. Use the strange language of this story as an invitation to consider your own understanding of Holy Communion. Maybe get some bread and juice, eat while you meditate, and invite Jesus to abide with you.

Thursday, Feb. 6

John 6:60-71

John's story continues. Now it's not just the crowds, but the disciples who are complaining. They're offended by the difficulty of Jesus' teaching. When we're honest, I think we are too. Allow yourself some space today to consider a time when you yourself wrestled with Jesus' way. What complaints might you have against Jesus' teaching here and now? Offer it all up as prayer, remembering Jesus is never the one to walk away.

Friday, Feb. 7

John 7:1-13

We end this week in John's story, with some language we heard this past Sunday. Jesus speaks of "the hour." Timing is important for him. It is for all of us. But how do we know when the time is right? Conclude your week with silence, and listen for the Holy in it.

Saturday, Feb. 8

Psalm 63:1-8

We root our weekend in this psalm of seeking. As you read it, let it become your prayer. What is your soul thirsty for in this season?



Super Bowl Watch Party Potluck Today!

Friendship Hall at Village on Mission

Come cheer for our Kansas City Chiefs!

Let's worship together and watch The Big Game! Come for The Gathering service at 4 p.m. today, 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.

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SERMONS

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TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

THE FOOD PANTRY – Today is Souper Bowl Sunday - the Food Pantry's first Food Drive of 2020. If you brought your cans of hearty soup (and some crackers) today, the Pantry is so thankful. We hope all your donations will fill the truck in the parking lot. If you left the soup on the kitchen table, you can bring them to church on your next visit or we will gladly accept cash or check. Either way, thank you!

THE GATHERING – Reminder! Today we'll gather at 4 p.m. instead of 5 followed by the Super Bowl at 5:30 p.m. on the big screen in Friendship Hall.

GLOBAL MISSION OFFERING TODAY – 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 today 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.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT TODAY – Join us at 2 p.m. today 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.

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 – This week the news has been focused on the trial of President Trump occurring in the U.S. Senate. There have been calls from some churches for their members to send notes of support for the president to their senators. Other churches have told their members to continue to pray that God's will be done. So what do we as Christians do when it comes to politics? What about the separation of church and state? 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 for more information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH REV. TOM ARE – This 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.

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 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 Feb. 5. The menu is chili, chicken chili, cornbread, vegetable. 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 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – Join us from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in the Village on Mission Chapel for a recital with accordionist and singer Jane Christison. Her performances are filled with personality and an enthusiasm for playing the accordion that shines through.

LANDLOCKED OPERA-FOR THE LOVE OF SINGING: CELEBRATING LOVE THROUGH SONG – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in the Village on Mission Chapel. Kansas City's newest opera company will feature many voices in a true celebration of love through a wide variety of wonderful songs. Admission is free, with a free-will offering for this organization.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS! We are incredibly grateful for the 235 volunteers who make Village the compassionate, caring church it is. If you have helped with a memorial service, made a telecare call, delivered flowers, sung at retirement communities, made a meal, serve as a Stephen Minister, or help in other important ways, we'd like to say THANK YOU. Come to the Welcome Center between any of today's services and pick up a small token of our appreciation.

KC STAR COLUMNIST MELINDA HENNEBERGER HERE TUESDAY, 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 or 913-671-2327.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON FEB. 18 – All women are welcome to join Women of Wisdom, (WOW) for lunch at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Jack Stack Barbecue in Overland Park. Located at 9520 Metcalf, Jack Stack features salads, soups, sandwiches, and especially its award-winning barbecue. RSVP by Feb. 17 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 – 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!

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.

PARENTS CONNECT – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. Every third Wednesday we eat together in Friendship Hall for Family Dinner, then kiddos are invited to child care while parents have some time to connect about life and faith. If you need a little room to breathe in this season of life, join us. RSVP: VillagePresYA.org/parents.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

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

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

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

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

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

CONFIRMATION – Confirmation meets at 11 a.m. in Rooms 232/233. You can still join the class! Register at villagepresyouth.org/confirmation, or email 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 to sign up, or email 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
Jan. 26	Luke: The One From the Future
Feb. 2	John: The Man of the Hour
Feb. 9	Acts: Repeating Jesus

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

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.