



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Mark said Jesus is most clearly found in the wilderness. Matthew knows Jesus as a teacher. For Luke, there is an urgency to his ministry. John says Jesus is the savior of the world. Today we turn to Acts, the story of the early church. What we discover is that sometimes Jesus' followers live so faithfully that they appear to be, what one scholar has called, "repeating Jesus." Could that happen here?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude	<i>The Peace May Be Exchanged</i> by Dan Locklair
Words of Welcome	Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Why Village Matters	Meneilly Visiting Scholar
Introit	<i>I Am the Light & Walk As Children of Light</i> (9:30 a.m.) by Terry Taylor; Morning Stars Angel & Prelude Choirs <i>Sing to the Lord!</i> (11 a.m.) by Noel Goemanne; Alegría Choir
Call to Worship	Rev. Zach Walker

On the first day, God said, "Let there be light,"

and there was light — enough light to show us the way.

On this day, God says, "You are my child."

By the love of God we are claimed, redeemed and made whole.

In every tomorrow, God promises, "I will be with you always."

**So, we will greet each day with praise,
each relationship with love,
and each moment with worship.**

*Hymn, No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

**It is not only our sin which we need to confess,
but also, our fatigue.**

**It is not only our selfishness that controls us,
but also, our fear.**

**It is not only our skepticism that challenges us,
but also, our pain.**

In Your mercy, O God,

**take the varied pieces of our lives
and remake us to be wholly devoted to You. (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)

**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

Take My Life and Let it Be (8 a.m.)
by Thomas Keesecker; More Love Chorale

Come with a Grateful Heart (9:30 a.m.)
by Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo; Morning Stars Hallelujah Chorus;
Carol Dale, flute; The Music Interns: Claves, Shakers and Hand Drum

What Does the Lord Require of You? (11 a.m.)
by Mark Miller; Alegría Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Dee Couch (8 a.m.)
Laura Edgington (9:30 a.m.)
Ron Witzke (11 a.m.)

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. 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper
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Offertory

Lighting the Way
by Will Todd; Combined Adult Choirs

*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. 733

We All Are One In Mission
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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

With You I'm Lighting the Way
by Will Todd

*Postlude

Allegro, BWV 1052
by J. S. Bach

**All who are able may stand*

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A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

The title of this sermon series comes from a very important question that Jesus asked his followers. Jesus wanted them to reflect on how other people were thinking of him: who do they say that I am? But then Jesus asked a harder question: Who do you say that I am? Next Sunday, Rev. Hallie Hottle will preach from this important passage.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 10, 2020)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick 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. 10

Luke 15:11-32

We often call this the "Parable of the Prodigal Son." Do you think the parable is focused on him? How about his father? Or brother? How else might we name this parable to get at its primary focus?

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Luke 15

There are three parables of the "lost" in this chapter. In each parable identify the God/Christ figure. How do their different identities shape or challenge your idea of who God is and How God acts?

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Luke 15:11-24

Focus on the younger brother. Is "prodigal" the right word to describe him? What other word might we use? What do you think led him to leave his father's estate? Do you think his words "I am not worthy to be called your son..." are sincere or is he manipulating his father? Do you sympathize with him or find him hard to take?

Thursday, Feb. 13

Luke 15:11-32

Focus on the older brother. What do you think it was like when his little brother left? Do you sympathize with his protest or find him hard to take?

Friday, Feb. 14

Luke 15:11-32

Focus on the Father. Is he gracious or gullible? Would you be capable of welcoming someone who had left you (like his son did) with such extravagance? Should you do that?

Saturday, Feb. 15

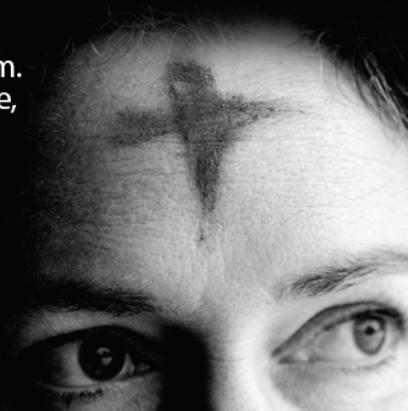
Luke 15:11-32

Who do you most identify with in this parable? Who do you wish you were more like? Why? If you had to sum up the meaning of the parable in twenty words or less, what would it be?

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Village on Mission-8-8:30 a.m. in the Chapel with a continental-style breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m. 7 p.m. traditional service with the More Love Chorale, Village Voices, Hallelujah Children's Chorus and string quartet

Village on Antioch-7-8 a.m. Ash-N-Dash in the parking lot. Ashes, prayer and coffee delivered to your car. 7 p.m. traditional service



Wish Dr. Bob Meneilly a Happy 95th Birthday!

Dr. Bob Meneilly, founding pastor of Village Presbyterian Church, celebrates his 95th birthday on March 5. We'd like to help him celebrate with birthday cards from his friends at Village Church. We're asking folks to bring a birthday card for Dr. Bob to church by Sunday, March 1. Place your card in one of our Dr. Bob Meneilly 95th Birthday Card drop boxes near the south reception desk and north Welcome Center reception desk at Village Church on Mission. We also have a drop box at Village Church on Antioch.



Or, you can mail a birthday card to:
Happy 95th Dr. Bob
Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208



Rev. Tom Are will hand deliver all the cards to Dr. Bob.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

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

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 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 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

MENEILLY VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE SERIES – Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary professors The Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer and The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Helsel will lead us in a study on March 6 & 7 entitled "Impolite Dinner Conversation: The Politics of Christ and the Church." In this lecture series, our speakers invite us to consider what the gospels say about the politics of Jesus and how the church has tried, and often failed, to live into Jesus' political vision for this God-beloved world. Admission is free. We do ask you to register online at www.villagepres.org/visiting-scholar. You can also make "in person" reservations today in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission.

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.

11 A.M. ADULT CLASS: IS THE CORONAVIRUS A SIGN OF THE END TIMES? When Jesus describes the signs for the "end times," the end of the world, he describes the coming of plagues and earthquakes and famine. So is the emerging coronavirus pandemic an indicator? All are welcome to this 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 runs through 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 in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission.

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 now through 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. tomorrow, Feb. 10, in Room 132.

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. 12 will be the founder and president of Sound Products, Inc., Robbin Reynolds, the president and CEO of the REACH Healthcare Foundation, Brenda Sharpe, and the president of Holland 1916, Inc., Mike Stradinger. Register online under Village U. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 12 and 19, in Rooms 126-127.

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 ages meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107. **THIRD FLOOR K-6th grade** – Elementary ages 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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS – Take a night off from cooking! Our next dinner is Feb. 12. We will be honoring Chef Emily Berns. The menu is chicken breast caprese, rice pilaf, macaroni & cheese, strawberry shortcake. 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.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

HAPPY 71ST BIRTHDAY VILLAGE CHURCH! Thursday, Feb. 13, is the 71st anniversary of the founding of Village Presbyterian Church. The Heritage Committee invites you to come view the display at the south entrance at Village on Mission. For more information about the work of the Heritage Committee, contact chairperson Judy Cooper at judycooperjc@gmail.com.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Thank you for your generous donations of hearty soups and crackers on Souper Bowl Sunday. Results will follow. During February the Food Pantry will be asking for donations of all varieties of canned fruits-the clients love variety. The Clothes Closet is asking for linens-warm blankets, sheets, pillowcases and towels. Maybe there are some hiding in your linen closet that are not being used.

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.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES: ORGAN CONCERT WITH JEANNINE JORDAN – 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Come, folks of all ages, to travel the globe through organ music and projected images. This concert is sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

NEED A MEAL? If you are recovering from a hospital stay, just home with your new baby, or have another reason why preparing a meal right now is a challenge, the church is glad to help. Let Pastoral Care know and we can set up a meal train for you. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or at linda.alley@villagepres.org.

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.

WWS AT THE BREW LAB – Join Women with Spirit at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb.29, at the Brew Lab at 7925 Marty Street in downtown Overland Park. Bring your spouse, a friend or come alone. Step out for a super casual night to enjoy drinks, food and connection! Contact Shelby Krumm, shelbykrumm@yahoo.com, with questions and to RSVP.

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN – Presbyterian Women will hold the annual Celebration of Faithful Women luncheon at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21, in Friendship Hall at Village Church on Mission. We will celebrate all women of Village Church and recognize the outstanding individual contributions of four Village Church members: Dee Couch, Patty Grossman, Michelle O'Neal and Kelly Thomason. Our keynote speaker is Rev. Sally Wright, whose presentation will address "Divine Scheduling." Online reservations (\$16) open tomorrow, Feb. 10, at www.villagepres.org/pw. "In person" reservations will be taken in Friendship Hall starting next Sunday, Feb. 16, and each Sunday through March 8.

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!

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.

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.

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.

Taizé Worship: Prayers for the World

From the coronavirus in China to wildfires in Australia to the drug epidemic in South America, this world is desperate for prayers. This week's Taizé service will focus on people in such places, giving space for spoken and silent prayer for our worldly neighbors amid meditative music and a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Join us for stillness, silence and song at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the Village Church on Mission Chapel.



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
Feb. 16	Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching
Feb. 23	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist ❖ Will Breytspraak, director of music
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
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.