



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 10, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Of all the topics submitted for this sermon series, the most frequent request was for a sermon on climate change. It's a scientific matter as well as a theological matter. The same Creator who fashioned you and me has also created the earth itself; the earth and the earthling are tied together. Human choices always have consequences, and some of those consequences can be harmful. The threats to life in future generations is something people of faith must always consider, and the specifics of such threats in our time requires our attention. Today we will remind ourselves that we worship a God who has created the whole earth and a Christ who has died to redeem the whole creation.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Adagio
by Felix Mendelssohn

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Why Village Matters

Visiting Scholar: Mary Lehoczky

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our creator.

In God's hands are the depths of the earth;

and the heights of the mountains are his.

**The sea belongs to the living God,
and the dry land which his hands have formed.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our creator;

**for the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
the sheep of God's hand.**

*Hymn, No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth
DIX

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and love, make us new.

We come before You with prayers too shallow to express our grief,

with hearts too prideful to admit our guilt,

and with eyes too dim to see Your work of redemption.

Redeem us, that we may pray truthfully,

love faithfully,

and see clearly Your purpose in our world. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Peruvian Folk Song

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen!
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*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Diann Markley (8 a.m.); Fred Logan (9:30 a.m.); Patricia Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18-25 (pg. 1030)

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

God, Who Touches Earth With Beauty
music: Dale Ramsey; Village Choir and Village Players

God, who touches earth with beauty, make
my heart anew. With your Spirit recreate me
pure and strong and true.

Like your springs and running waters, make
me crystal pure. Like your rocks of towering
grandeur, make me strong and sure.

Like your dancing waves of sunlight, make me
glad and free. Like the straightness of the pine
trees, let me upright be.

Like the arching of the heavens, lift my
thoughts above. Turn my dreams to noble
action, and to ministries of love.

God who touches earth with beauty, make
my heart anew. Keep me ever, by your
Spirit, pure and strong and true.

– Mary S. Edgar, 1925

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:57-62 (pg. 945)

Sermon

The Earth is the Lord's (a Word about Climate Change)

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Prayer for Creation

BEACH SPRING

**O, Creator of the cosmos,
We present our hearts in prayer.
We are awestruck by your glory,
Which surrounds us everywhere.
From the birdsong of the morning
To a stormy sky at night,
You reveal yourself in Nature,
In its gentleness and might.**

**Through each rainbow that you send us
You renew your covenant
With the earth and all life on it,
Telling us of your intent
That each living thing should flourish,
In its own way, in its place.
You call us to new awareness
Of our neighbors and their space.**

(Choir only)

We seek mercy, we seek vision,
And the courage we will need
As we work to help the victims
Of the sins of human greed.
By our choices, in our actions,
May we be part of your plans.
Help us gently till the Garden
You've entrusted to our hands.

**Finding strength in common purpose,
May Your faithful people be
Voices for a new perspective,
Leaders in simplicity.
Give us guidance, O, Creator.
Give us power to achieve
True compassion for Creation
As the legacy we leave.**

Offertory

Basse et Dessus de Trompette (8 a.m.)

by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Send Down the Fire (9:30 a.m.)

music: Marty Haugen; Ken Foley, conductor; Village Voices

Living Water (11 a.m.)

text: Helen Kennedy; music: Tom Trenney; Jan Kraybill, pianist; Alegria

*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. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

For the Beauty of the Earth

by John Rutter

*Postlude

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

by Aaron David Miller

**All who are able may stand*

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MUSIC NOTES

Today's offertory anthem, "God Who Touches Earth with Beauty," celebrates the inspiration we can find in God's creation. Village Choir member Dale Ramsey originally composed the anthem for choir and organ, and we are grateful that he answered the call to expand the orchestration for the Village Players.

Today's middle hymn, "Prayer for Creation," was written by Cathy Yost of Kirkwood, Missouri. It begins at the cosmic level, but quickly focuses on planet Earth. The hymn acknowledges the way human life has impacted the environment, while resolving to be hopeful and compassionate for creation.

Thank you to today's Village Players instrumentalists: Laurel Schaich and Larry Williams, violin; Bruce Williams, viola; Jenny Hull, cello.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 11, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker 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. 11

Isaiah 6:1-13

Many prophets have a story involving their reluctance to accept the task God sets before them, and this is Isaiah's. It is a comfort to me that even the wisest of prophets felt unable to do God's will on their own; it makes me wonder if we are the best judge of our own capabilities, or, more likely, perhaps we are to trust in God's knowledge of us and vision for us. Take heart, for God is calling you. All you have to do is reply, "Here I am."

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Luke 5:1-11

This is one of my favorite stories in Luke. Notice how Jesus starts with a small ask – to teach from the boat – and this becomes casting out into the water, and then going into deep waters. How much do we allow Jesus to ask small things of us? And once we do that, how might those small things prepare us for bigger things later? Listen for something Jesus might be asking of you today.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Psalms 138

Read this Psalm 138 and Psalm 23 together. There is similar language here, and the idea is the same: even in the depths of trouble, God is with us. God's steadfast love endures forever. How might your life change if you were to lean into this promise?

Thursday, Feb. 14

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul's writing here is reminiscent of testimony: remembering what Jesus has done, and in particular what Jesus has done in your life. Paul knows that he has been the recipient of many gifts, even in and through his hardships. How has that been true in your life? How might the Spirit have been at work?

Friday, Feb. 15

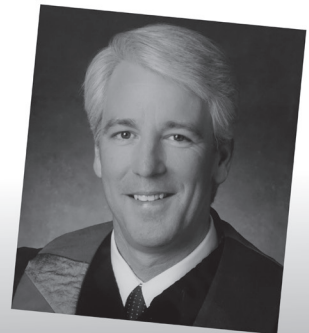
2 Kings 2:1-12

This is both a strange and inspiring story. Elisha keeps telling Elijah, "I will not leave you." But, we see at the end of the story that Elisha, through no fault of his own, is unable to keep this promise. Life will do that to us. There are things we simply cannot control, and so perhaps all we can do in such moments is give ourselves over to God in our grief. There is nothing shameful in this. Rather, it can in itself be holy.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Matthew 5:13-20

You are the salt of the earth. You have the ability to demonstrate uncommon and gracious love for the sake of others. We strive to always share such a love with others, not for our own sake, but to reflect the love of God to a world that desperately needs it. How can you be a beacon of love's light today?



1949-2019

70th Birthday Celebration Sunday, Feb. 17

Birthday treats, historical displays and more!

VILLAGE YOUTH



**5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27
FRIENDSHIP HALL**

Tickets on sale after Sunday services in Friendship Hall and at Wednesday Night Dinner!
\$10 per person
(\$35 max per family)

ENTER A CHILI
(traditional, non-traditional, spicy, vegetarian OR enter a crockpot dessert)
and receive **2 FREE TICKETS**

Entrants are also eligible to win prizes!

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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.

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.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. tonight in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for a free concert with the Kansas City Wind Symphony. The program will open with Jack Stamp's exhilarating "Gavorkna Fanfare," and feature music by Grainger, Dello Joio, Ticheli, Shostakovich and Ewazen. The performance will conclude with Malcolm Arnold's "Four Scottish Dances."

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, providing leadership for the transformation of our communities and serving the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshipping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park). If you would like a tour of Village on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village welcomes new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. Join us April 7, June 2, Aug. 4, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for info.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

MENEILLY VISITING SCHOLAR EVENT – A reminder that if you want child care for the March 1-2 Visiting Scholar event with Dr. Warren Carter, the deadline to register is Feb. 15. Dr. Carter's presentations will focus on "Telling Tales about an Elusive God: Reading the Gospels." There is no charge for reservations, but it will help us to know you plan to attend. Learn more and register at www.villagepres.org/visiting-scholar. You may also call 913-671-2333.

HUNGRY? COME TO THE FEAST! – Adult Educational Ministries is launching a new spirituality initiative called "The Feast!" The Feast begins with an overnight retreat March 8-9 and continues with four Saturday morning sessions to help you grow in your faith. If you want to deepen your spiritual life as a follower of Jesus Christ through a variety of spiritual practices, we invite you to join us at the table. Judy Cooper, Ed Dexter, Bob Fletcher, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Michelle O'Neal and Susan Satterlee are the leadership team. For more information, contact Bob Fletcher at rfletcher4@kc.rr.com.

To register for Village U classes, visit villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes:

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH TOM ARE – Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study and hot breakfast. Invite a friend and join the fellowship. Call 913-671-2333 to make a reservation for breakfast. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 12-26 and March 5-26, Room 228.

THE POINTER SISTERS (NEEDLEPOINT) – Learn basic stitches and peruse materials that will enable you to make beautiful and creative projects for you and your family. Sewing and fellowship will be top priorities. Facilitated by Linda Pierpoint, 9:30-11:30 a.m. now-May 15, Room 133.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION – On the first Tuesday of each month, come discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation. Led by Jane Abildgaard. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 5, April 2 and May 7, Room 127.

DR. AMY-JILL LEVINE ON INTRIGUING FIGURES FROM SCRIPTURES – Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Levine has twice visited Village Church through the Visiting Scholar program. The class will view Dr. Levine's lecture then, led by Rev. Dr. John Borden, will discuss and reflect together. Feb. 13–John the Baptist, Feb. 20–Doubting Thomas. 10:30–11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 13 & 20 in Room 132.

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

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

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – Rev. Dwight Tawney is teaching “Looking Towards the Heavens,” exploring a variety of cosmologies that have helped people fathom the deepest mysteries that surround them. Facilitated by Diann Markley. Room 15.

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

VILLAGE FORUM – In February, we’re exploring Warren Carter’s “Telling Tales About Jesus: An Introduction to the New Testament.” Each will be devoted to one of the Gospels and Dr. Carter’s insights into why each of the Gospel writers tells the story the way he does. Gus Breytpraak will lead the classes today and Feb. 17 on Matthew and Luke. Rooms 126 and 127.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:25-10:30 a.m. – **2 to 4-year-olds/Pre-K**—Preschool Sunday School meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107. **K-6th grade**—Kids’ Kingdom Sunday school meets on the third floor. Registration and grade specific room assignments are posted outside Room 307. Room information is also posted outside Room 207.

MORNING STARS – 3-year-olds through 6th graders are welcome to join and sing. We meet from 10:30-11 a.m. Angel Choir (3 to 4-year-olds) meet in Room 203; Prelude Choir (K-2nd grade) meet in Room 201; Hallelujah Choir (3rd-6th grade) meet in Room 204. Pick up for all children is on the 2nd floor.

KIDS DAY OUT – The Child Care Department is pleased to offer our Kids Day Out program for the 2019-2020 school year. This program is for children ages 2-3 yrs. (may be 2 yrs. by Dec. 1). KDO is offered on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. September-May. Spring enrollment is from 8 a.m.-noon tomorrow, Feb. 11, for Village Church members, KDO Alumni siblings and Village Preschool families. Enrollment for community members is from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 25. See villagepres.org for full information. Contact Marjean at 913-671-2322 with any questions.

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

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Feb. 13 celebrates Valentine’s Day—chicken breast caprese, rice pilaf, vegetarian entrée, strawberry shortcake. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar and dessert is \$7. Salad bar and dessert is \$6. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and children age 3 and under are no charge. Call Liz Middleton 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org to make your reservations by noon tomorrow.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY SPEAKERS SERIES – Single adults age 40 and up are invited to this series of presentations suited for singles at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 230. Feb. 12- Lisa Ball offers travel suggestions for singles wishing to travel solo or in a group. More info at www.villagepres.org/single-adult-ministry.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Thank you for your donations last Sunday on Souper Bowl Sunday. We collected 975 pounds of soup from both campuses, and it continues to trickle in. Because of the importance of hearty soups and crackers in the Food Pantry's clients' diets, the Pantry is continuing to ask for hearty soups and crackers during February. We literally cannot have too many hearty soups! The Clothes Closet has a need for large, x-large and xx-large clothing.

HELP FILL HILLCREST'S LINEN CLOSET – Village on Mission is sponsoring a linen drive for our Hillcrest Transitional Housing apartment. Hillcrest provides temporary housing for homeless families. A shopping list with the needed items is available at the north and south reception desks. Drop off donations at the receptionist desk at the south entrance of VOM by Friday, Feb. 15. Call 913-671-2369 for more info.

GRANDVIEW PARK PRESBYTERIAN KITCHEN FUNDRAISER – 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Dalton's Flowers (8135 Santa Fe in Overland Park). Join us for "Love Revolution," a dinner and dancing fundraising event featuring the Kansas City Latin Jazz Orchestra. All money raised goes to Grandview Park's kitchen renovation project. This project began last year through collaboration with our Gathering worship service to ensure Grandview Park Pres. can continue their food ministry to the 100+ community children it feeds through after school & summer programs. Tickets available online at VPCTheGathering.org/love.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – Organist Ann Marie Rigler will be performing from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Professor of Music and College Organist at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, Ann Marie enjoys a multi-faceted career in the Kansas City area. Her program will include music by J.S. Bach, Paul Hindemith and Stephen Paulus.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

TAIZÉ IS THIS TUESDAY – Join us Tuesday evening, Feb. 12, for our Taizé worship service. Taizé includes prayer, scripture, songs and communion is always served. Come to the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. and experience this moving service.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Village Church on Mission (3rd floor). In this era of #MeToo, we're revisiting some of our most fascinating biblical stories with female leads. This week: Valentine's on the Threshing Floor: Ruth & Naomi. More online: VillagePresYA.org/Thursdays.

COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, Heritage Dining Room. Come for family dinner at 5:30 p.m., and stay for Bible Study while your kiddos go downstairs for lessons of their own. RSVP by tomorrow: VillagePresYA.org/couples. All 20's and 30's with children welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for any of our weekly activities – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

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

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

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

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

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, at Zach's house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!

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

ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF FEB. 27 – Join us for the annual Youth Chili Cookoff from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in Friendship Hall. The cookoff will be in place of Wednesday Night Dinner. Tickets are \$10/person and \$35/family and raise money for our mission trips each year. You can purchase tickets in Friendship Hall after morning worship services or you can purchase online: vpcpvks.brushfire.com/youth/450753.

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.

Daily Bible Readings Emails Launch Tomorrow, Feb. 11

Subscribe now to receive Daily Bible Readings written by our Village Church pastors. Emails will begin on Monday, Feb. 11. Sign up to receive Daily Bible Readings emails at www.villagepres.org/subscribe. Emails will arrive first thing in the morning Monday through Saturday.

Discover Village Information Center

Stop by the Discover Village desk in the Welcome Center today to talk with current Sunday school teachers and learn more about how your family can be a part of our Sunday school program.



Your Stewardship HEART at Work...

200+ members participated in "Be the Church Service Night" supporting 10 non-profits.

Thank you!



SERMON SERIES

I Wish the Preacher Would Talk About . . .

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

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

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breyspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care ❖ Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch

Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care

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

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

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

Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org.

Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."

The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

Please note that additional parking is available across Mission Road in the Prairie School parking lots.

If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.