



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 16, 2020 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

This is the story that has rooted our sermon series. Jesus asks, "Who do they say that I am?" The disciples have some answers. They've been listening. They know what people say. But Jesus isn't done. His next question is harder. This time only Peter attempts a response. It always comes to this. At some point in this life we're made to turn from information collection to a personal confession of faith. Jesus wants to know...but what about you? *Who do you say that I am?*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Adagio, BWV 1052 (8, 11 a.m.)

by Johann Sebastian Bach

Praise Be To God, My Friends (9:30 a.m.)

Irish Traditional; Evelyn Holmes & Destiny Ann Mermagen, Village Players violinists

Words of Welcome

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally Wright

The Messiah, the Beloved, our trouble-making teacher,

Rabbi, Son, the One the world awaited.

The Christ, our Lord, the bringer of final peace,

the Crucified, the Risen, the One we shall keep awaiting.

You, bigger than every name.

You, small enough to know our names.

It is You we come to worship.

It is You we seek to praise.

*Hymn, No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Jesus.

For it's hard for us to say who You are,

when it requires us to be honest

about ourselves.

It's hard for us to say who You are,

when we've seen Your beauty,

and not paused to praise it.

It's hard for us to say who You are,

when we've scoffed at brokenness,

and not recognized we created it.

It's hard for us to say who You are,

when it requires us to confess

that we know something of Your love

but fail to live like it.

Forgive us, Jesus,

and help us to turn toward You, again and again. (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.**

Time with Children (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
by Mack Wilberg; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)
Lyla Mayor (9:30 a.m.)
Jameson Baker (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-30 (pg. 919)

Sermon

But What About You?

Rev. Hallie Hottle

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. 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains
JENNINGS-HOUSTON

Offertory

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (8,9:30 a.m.)
by Sandra Eithun; Morning Bells & Village Ringers combined Bell Choirs
Partita No. 1 in B Minor, BWV 1002: Double (11 a.m.)
by J. S. Bach; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

*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. 630 (v. 1-3)

Fairest Lord Jesus
CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine!**

*Postlude

Allegro, BWV 1052
by J. S. Bach

**All who are able may stand*
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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's Village Choir Anthem, *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, features six different Village Players throughout the three services. Thanks to these Village Players instrumentalists for sharing the gift of music this morning!

8 a.m. Village Players: Anne Sneller, oboe & Carol Dale, flute

9:30 a.m. Village Players: Evelyn Holmes & Destiny Ann Mermagen, violins

11 a.m. Village Players: Erika Kauffman Wheeler, flute & Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY . . .

This sermon series on "Who Do People Say That I Am?" has keenly focused our attention on the identity of Jesus Christ. Jesus began the conversation with his disciples asking them who others say that he is. Then he turned to them and asked them "Who do you say that I am?" As followers of Jesus Christ, each of us must answer that question for ourselves. As Rev. Hallie Hottle explores that important question today, next Sunday Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will share his own answer. Through Jesus' three parables in Luke 15, we will discover that Jesus is the one who finds the lost and brings them home.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 17, 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. 17

John 9:1-17

This is an amazing story. We've spent this new year talking about Jesus' identity. In this story, no one understands. Even the man who has been healed doesn't get it completely right. As you read, imagine yourself as each of the characters in this story. Which one would you have been? Let your mind wonder, and offer it all up as confession, asking that God help you "see" in these days.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

John 9:18-41

This wild story continues. Here, the healed man is questioned by those in power. His confession is probably my favorite in all of scripture. He doesn't fully know who Jesus is (yet), so he says, "All I know is, I was blind, and now I see." It's true that in the end, our strongest testimony is what we have experienced. Spend some time remembering today, what you have experienced of God's love. Let your prayer be a rehearsal of those memories, and give thanks.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

John 10:1-18

Our last reading from John this week is a little confusing. If we were to search our collective understanding of who Jesus is today, I don't know if shepherd would be top of our list. The image was important to his audience at the time. Search this text to get behind the image, and look at who Jesus is telling us he is. How might you pray to our good shepherd today?

Thursday, Feb. 20

Psalms 27

Last Sunday in worship we talked a little on the theme of growing in your own relationship with God. As you read today's psalm, try reading it as prayer. That is, read it "to" God, instead of "about" God. Address your words to the Holy as praise and conversation. What else might you add?

Friday, Feb. 21

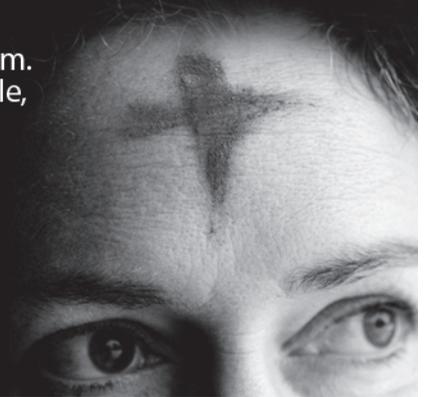
Psalms 139

This is my favorite psalm. It speaks to how God knows you. In all our search to know God, these words remind us that God already knows us. As we close this week, and look towards the start of Lent, I invite you to use this psalm as a prayer. What would it be like to invite God to know you even more?

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES | Feb. 26

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



Heartland Presbytery Invites you to the

Service of Installation for Rev. Melanie Hardison

2 p.m Saturday, Feb. 29

Village on Mission Sanctuary

Dr. Amy Plantinga Pauw, preaching

A reception will follow in Friendship Hall.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES: ORGAN CONCERT WITH JEANNINE JORDAN – 4 p.m. today 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.

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

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

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, caring and welcoming of all people. We are one church worshiping at two campuses. Our Overland Park Campus is located at 14895 Antioch Road. If you would like a tour of Village Church on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to enjoy during worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

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.

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: WHAT ABOUT THE BUMBLEBEES AND FIREFLIES? The news this week reported the devastating data that bumblebee populations in North America have declined by half in a generation. Fireflies are also under threat. Both declines are due to climate change. This week we will explore the impact of climate change and God's call to us all to be stewards of God's creation. 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.

THE QUR'AN AND THE BIBLE – The Qur'an, God's revelation to Muslims through the prophet Muhammed, shares many similarities with the Bible in terms of stories and persons. Biago Mazza, pastoral associate at St. Sabina Parish in Belton, Missouri, will lead this class in exploring the stories and persons that appear in both texts and discussing their similarities and differences. Register online under Village U. 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, March 2-30, in Room 126.

ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS – In “Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week,” the Vanderbilt professor and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine helps us explore the last days of Jesus’ life. Come see her each week on video and learn what this noted Jewish New Testament scholar wants us to contemplate this Lent. Discussion on each video clip will be led by Dr. Gus Breytspraak. Register online under Village U. 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 4-April 8, in Room 127.

SAINT JOHN’S BIBLE – ILLUMINATING WORD, ENRICHING FAITH – The Very Rev. Peter DeVeau will lead this class in exploring the themes and art of the Saint John’s Bible, a handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey. Select passages of illuminated scripture will serve as windows through which to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be baptized in Christ. Register online under Village U. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 4-25, 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.

TODAY IS FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY – No Lighthouse (both Elementary and Preschool) today due to the Presidents’ Day break.

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. 19. The menu is beef pot roast, roasted potatoes & root veggies, vegetarian entrée, cherry cobbler à 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 or 913-671-2359.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – For the remainder of February, the Food Pantry is asking for a variety of canned fruit. The shelves always have room for more canned fruit because it goes so quickly. The clients love variety. There is so much variety in the stores, we like that variety at the Pantry. The Clothes Closet always has a demand and consequently a need for linens - towels, warm blankets, sheets, etc. Thank you for your donations.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

PRAYERS ARE POWERFUL – The church publishes a new prayer list every Friday. We lift up those who have suffered a loss of a loved one, persons in the hospital, rehab or on hospice, men and women who serve in our military, and those who could use a prayer for any reason. To place someone on the prayer list, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org. Our process is to have a person’s name appear for one month; if you would like to have someone listed longer, let Linda know.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM LUNCH ON FEB. 18 – All women are welcome to join Women of Wisdom (WOW) for a lunch at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Jack Stack Barbecue in Overland Park. Located at 9520 Metcalf, Jack Stack features a menu that pleases a large variety of tastes and award-winning barbecue. RSVP by Feb. 17 to Marvie Sneegas at sneegj@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. Contact Shelby Krumm, shelbykrumm@yahoo.com, with questions and to RSVP.

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN – The inspiring Celebration of Faithful Women begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at Village on Mission. We will honor four Village Church members: Dee Couch, Patty Grossman, Michelle O’Neal and Kelly Thomason. Rev. Sally Wright will give a keynote address about “Divine Scheduling.” Reservations (\$16) can be made in person today, Feb. 23, March 1 and March 8, in Friendship Hall, and online at villagepres.org/pw. The last day to make online reservations is March 13.

PW SPRING RETREAT – This powerful event that brings women of all ages together to grow spiritually, connect with new and old friends, and unplug from the chaotic world we live in. Our guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper, will share her understanding of how play and connection are a vital component of our spiritual lives. In addition, small workshops will provide an opportunity to continue the discussion. Online reservations open this Friday, Feb. 21, at villagepres.org/pw.

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). This week we conclude our new series, “Finding Jesus.” Missed it all? No worries. Get in here! 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.

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) – Will not meet tonight due to the Ski Trip being away. See you next week!

LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program) – will not meet this week due to the MS Ski Trip.

GPS (middle school youth group) – will not meet this week due to the MS Ski Trip.

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 – Does not meet today due to the holiday weekend; we’ll see you next week!

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.

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 collection boxes near the south reception desk and north Welcome Center reception desk at Village Church on Mission.

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



Coffee With the Community at the Village Cup this Wednesday Morning

The Village Cup will be hosting events with local organizations and leaders to provide a casual environment for meaningful discussions. Every event will be unique and geared towards providing insight, information and a chance to come together as a community. Join us from 8-9 a.m. this Wednesday, Feb. 19, as we welcome Consolidated Fire District #2 at Village on Mission's Welcome Center.

Welcome to Mr. Jim Tilden, Senior Director of Business Operations

At the stated Session meeting on Feb. 3, the Session acted on the recommendation of the search committee, chaired by Stacey Janssen, that Mr. Jim Tilden be called as our senior director of business operations, filling the position previously held by Kathy Lueckert. For almost 40 years, Jim has practiced law. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration (accounting/finance) from Iowa State and his Juris Doctor from University of Iowa College of Law. He and his wife, Becky, have been members of Village for about 35 years, having previously served as an elder, deacon, Associate Pastor Nominating Committee chair, a member of the Now & Tomorrow Capital Campaign Committee, among others. We are delighted that Jim will be joining the Village staff. He will begin his work in early March.



A Fond Farewell from Molly Sirridge

Dear friends,

I am going to miss you! These last 8½ years have been the best working years in my life – I'm not kidding. Many of you joined with me in our efforts of stewardship, Endowment Trust and the Now & Tomorrow capital campaign for Village Church. I had the privilege of getting to know and learn from you. You brought such love, generosity, wisdom, fun and hard work to whatever goal we were working towards. It was truly a wonderful time in my life.

I wish each of you much love and joy in your future endeavors.

You are in my heart,
Molly

P.S. If you have any questions regarding your gifts to Village Church, please call Bob Sperry at 913-262-4200.



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
Feb. 16	But What About You? Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching
Feb. 23	On Being Lost and Found: 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 ❖ 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.