



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 17, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

In February of 1949, 282 folks gathered in the Sanctuary, which we now call the Chapel. They committed themselves to the ministry of Jesus Christ in this place, and Village Church was born. Today we mark the 70th birthday of this family of faith. The early worship bulletins announced this promise:

To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and need comfort,
To all who are lonely and need friendship,
The Village Church opens wide its doors
and in the Savior's name says "come."

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

My Song is Love Unknown
by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit, Hymn, No. 406 (First time Choir)
(Second time Choir and Congregation)

We Are Standing on Holy Ground
HOLY GROUND

Why Village Matters

The Village Story

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

God of the patriarchs and matriarchs,

**it is Your name that we praise
and it is in Your love that we rest.**

We are called to this moment of worship remembering those who have gone before;

we stand on the shoulders of giants in the faith.

With a spirit of gratitude for Your faithfulness in our past,

**we embrace our responsibility to be the church today,
and in hope greet each tomorrow.**

*Hymn, No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
NICAEA

*Prayer of Praise

God of the Church,

You have been gracious to us.

In this church we have found welcome and friendship,

and we have practiced love and forgiveness.

In the Village family of faith,

we have sought to live Your compassion for our neighbors

and to work for justice for those passed by.

In this church, we have experienced Your grace,

shared Your love,

and witnessed resurrection.

You have been gracious to us.

**Strengthened by the evidence of Your fingerprints in our past,
we renew our promise to live toward Your promised day.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

*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!
Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, 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

Simple Gifts (9:30, 11 a.m.)
music: Cathy Moglebust; combined Handbell Choirs

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (8 a.m.)
George Stenger (9:30 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:13-21 (pg. 949)

Sermon

*Why Did Jesus Talk So Much About Money?
(Doesn't He Know that Makes Us Uncomfortable?)*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 301 v. 1,2,5 - All voices

v. 3 - High voices (sopranos, altos, and children)

v. 4 - Low voices (tenors and basses)

Let Us Build a House
TWO OAKS

Offertory

O How Amiable
by R. Vaughan Williams; Village Choir

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,

And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,

My King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:

Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handywork,

O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

*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. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!**

*Postlude

Cwm Rhondda
by Paul Manz

**All who are able may stand*
© A-705103 for all hymns

MUSIC NOTES

Today the music ministry joyfully joins in the 70th anniversary celebration of Village Church with voices, bells, chimes, drum and organ. Morning Bells and the Village Ringers are excited to team up for the first time with a beautiful and exuberant handbell and chime setting of "Simple Gifts." The Village Choir sings Ralph Vaughan Williams' "O How Amiable," a glorious anthem about our longing to be together at church and praising God.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 18, 2019)

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. 18

Psalm 112

We begin our week with this psalm that reminds us to take the long view. It encourages, if we stay the course of graciousness and generosity, of mercy and justice, we will not "be moved." As Village Church, we are part of a family that made choices hard in their moments, that now seem obvious and good. Today, give thanks for those who made the way to the goodness we enjoy. And pray for steadiness, that we too might make hard, good choices our children's children will give thanks for. What might you imagine those to be?

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Psalm 146

I imagine this psalm as a hype song for God. Today it might involve a lot of clapping and repetition as the faithful prepare for worship. It's a litany of praise, a rehearsing of God's goodness. Read it as your prayer today, and consider how you might write your own. If you created a litany of praise to gift your God, what would you include?

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Psalm 15

It's helpful to remember this psalm is gifted to us as liturgy to recite, not law to practice. Begin your day reading this psalm as an encouragement of who God wants you to be. Accept God's grace when you fall short. Then reread, and try again. It's the practice of palms like this that shift and change our hearts, growing us closer to who God calls us to be.

Thursday, Feb. 21

Psalm 27

Today's psalm is meant to be read at the end of the day. It's a prayer for help, but one said in confidence that the help will come. It confesses trust in the Lord, and uses ancient imagery to talk about what that trust is like. So read it at the end of today, and confess your own trust in God.

Friday, Feb. 22

Psalm 139

If you've ever taken a class with me, there's a good chance you've heard me use this psalm. It's my favorite. As you end another week, read this psalm, maybe a few times. It's an assurance that no matter where you are, no matter what you're encountering, God is in it with you. There is rarely a day I don't lean on that assurance. If you're a memorizing person, commit this one to memory.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Psalm 111

This psalm begins with "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart." Then, it tells us why. Read this psalm today and then write your own. What is calling you to give thanks with your whole heart?

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS EMAILS

**Subscribe now at www.villagepres.org/subscribe. Emails arrive first thing in the morning
Monday through Saturday.**

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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2019 **MENEILLY** VISITING SCHOLAR

Dr. Warren Carter

March 1-2

**Telling Tales About an Elusive God:
Reading the Gospels**

Friendship Hall – Village Church on Mission

Admission Free!



Please register and get more details at
villagepres.org/visiting-scholar

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY, VILLAGE CHURCH! Please get your 70th birthday cookie and car decal as we commemorate the 70th anniversary of our church today. Check out the historical display created by the Heritage Committee outside the Heritage Dining Room (2nd Floor, southwest corner of the church).

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.

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

PARENTING THE LOVE & LOGIC® WAY A SIX (6) MODULE COURSE – 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 19-April 2, in Room 232. Love & Logic® is a commonsense approach that teaches parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision making in children by offering them choices, empathy and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings or lectures. Cost is \$25 per person/couple plus \$10 for the workbook. Register online and learn more at www.villagepres.org/love-and-logic.

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 REV. 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. 19-26 and March 5-26, Room 228.

CREATING AND EDITING DOCUMENTS – Topics covered include inserting pictures into documents, changing the color and appearance of text, quickly locating specific words in a document, and attaching a document in an email. Windows and Apple computers are available for use or you can bring your own laptop or tablet. Registration is necessary. 1-2:30 pm or 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, Room 316.

DAYTRIP: WWI MUSEUM – Cost: \$30. Cost includes transportation and admission only. For more information, contact Georgia Klein at klein0762@sbcglobal.net. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, March 7.

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

FAITH JOURNEY – A new study, "Mending the Divide—Creative Love in a Conflicted World" by Jon Huckins/Jer Swigart begins today. The authors invite us to explore God's vision for peacemaking in our world and what our part can be in bringing that vision to life. 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 –We're 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 – 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. 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.

TODAY IS FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY (No Sunday School) – Children are invited to worship with their families in the Sanctuary.

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.

SUMMER BROCHURES are here! By now, families should have received their copy of our brochure with summer offerings from Village Preschool, KDO or via mail. Visit villagepres.org/summercamp2019 for the online brochure, registration information and forms.

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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Feb. 20 celebrates Presidents' Day–beef pot roast, roasted potatoes & root veggies, vegetarian entrée, cherry cobbler a la mode. 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. 19-Rev. Jay McKell, retired pastor, "When Grief gets the Best of Us." More info at www.villagepres.org/single-adult-ministry.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The Pantry is continuing to ask for hearty soups and crackers during the month of February. The Clothes Closet continues to have clients seeking warm blankets - can you help? Thank you.

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 ensures Grandview Park Pres. can continue their food ministry to the 100+ community children it feeds. Tickets available online at VPCTheGathering.org/love.

OUR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MINISTRY – On Sunday, March 3, members of the Village Church Habitat for Humanity Tuesday-Thursday Crew are hosting an information table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon to share information about this vital mission work and answer questions about volunteering. Every year, Village Church provides funds for construction materials for several houses and the crew turns those materials into a home. No construction experience required to volunteer and scheduling is very flexible. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at deborah.white@villagepres.org or 913-671-2369.

MUSIC MINISTRY

BRAHMS "REQUIEM" FEATURING SPIRE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Spire Chamber Ensemble is a professional choral group of local, regional and national artists from United States and Canada. These musicians travel to Kansas City to perform together, providing audiences with a rare level of choral music-making found anywhere else in the country. Tickets are \$25 general admission available at the door. Learn more at spirechamberensemble.org.

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 at 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, just let Linda know.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN RESERVATIONS OPEN NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 24 – Our own Rev. Jessie Light-Wells will be the keynote speaker at the Celebration of Faithful Women Brunch at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, in Friendship Hall. PW will recognize three Village Church women as Honorary Life Members: Ann Colston, Susie Dixon and Lucy Tidwell. Reservations will be taken in Friendship Hall from 9-11:15 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 24 and March 3, or online at villagepres.org/pw. Cost is \$16 a person.

AMAZING GRACES TOUR OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION'S SACRED WINDOW RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 13 – Join us when Amazing Graces tour the stain glass window at Church of the Resurrection (COR). Arrive at 5:30 p.m. We will meet at the south entrance of COR for a private tour. The tour starts promptly at 6 p.m. Afterwards, we'll convene at the home of Martha Tatman for refreshments.

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. 21, 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: For Such a Time as This: Esther and Vashti. More online: VillagePresYA.org/Thursdays.

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY TUESDAY, FEB. 19 – Middle schoolers and high schoolers, come spend your day off school serving with us at Harvesters! Meet at the south entrance at Village on Mission at 12:30 p.m. We'll spend a couple hours serving together, then stop somewhere to get a treat after and be back at the church by 4 p.m. No sign-up required and friends welcome. Bring a little money for a treat and don't forget to wear closed-toed shoes.

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.

Endowment Trust

We invite you to consider including a gift to the Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust in your estate plan and become a member of the Meneilly Society. Contact Molly Sirridge for more information-molly.sirridge@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.



Memorial Service for Mark Ball

The Service to Bear Witness to the Resurrection and thanksgiving for the life of Mark Ball will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Ave., in Prairie Village.

Discover Village Information Center

Stop by the Discover Village desk at the north end of the Welcome Center to connect, ask questions and share a conversation about your life in the Village Church community. February Spotlight–Children and Family Ministry/ Children's Sunday School. Talk with Children's Sunday School teachers/ committee members about your family's involvement in the Village Children's Sunday School program. Visiting Scholar representatives will also be there to answer your questions about this March 1-2 program.



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?
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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.