



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 23, 2020 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Christology is the study of the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. In exploring how we respond to Jesus' question "Who do people say that I am?," we must look at what Jesus does. In Luke 15, Jesus tells three parables about being lost and found. In his commentary on Luke, church historian Justo L. Gonzalez writes that in the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost prodigal son, Jesus reminds us that he searches for all who are lost until he finds them. And when the lost are found, there is great joy and celebration. "We must not miss this message of joy," he writes, "because a gospel without joy is no gospel at all!"

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Recit de Nazard
by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Come, let us worship the seeking, finding, forgiving God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away.

Certain that God would never search for us and never find us.

But now we have been found and welcomed home.

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God who seeks all who are lost.

We gather to worship and praise our maker all our days.

*Hymn, No. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.

We have wandered and strayed away from You.

we have not done Your will,

we have given more attention to ourselves than to You,

we have hurt others and Your whole creation.

We have not loved our neighbors as we want to be loved.

We have lost our way.

Forgive our wandering ways, Gracious God.

Forgive our selfishness and complacency and apathy.

Forgive us, find us, and free us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. (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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (8 a.m.)
Kevin Hennessy (9:30 a.m.)
Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10 (pg. 952)

Sermon

On Being Lost and Found

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith, from *The Nicene Creed (325 CE)*

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

*Hymn, No. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
AMAZING GRACE

Offertory

Basse de Cromorne (8 a.m.)
by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Pie Jesu (9:30, 11 a.m.)

by James Bingham; Karli Cabrera, Rachel Priest, sopranos & the Village Chamber Choir

*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 (Choir only on v. 2)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
AR HYD Y NOS

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Chorale: *You Have Shined Brightly*
by James Bingham; Village Chamber Choir

You have called, You have cried out, and You have pierced my deafness.
You have radiated forth, and have shined out brightly, and You have dispelled my blindness.
You have sent forth Your fragrance, and I have breathed it in, and I long for You,
I have tasted You, and I hunger and thirst for You.
You have touched me and I ardently desire Your peace.

*Postlude

Basse et Dessus de trompette
by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's special music offering is "You Will Be Found" from the musical "Dear Evan Hanson" by Steven Levenson. It is performed by music interns Spencer Ruwe, Roslinde Rivera and Karli Cabrera. Today's other choral selections are from James Bingham's Requiem, which will be sung in its entirety in our March 29 "Light Eternal" concert in memory of Mark Ball, long-time director of music at Village Church.

A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY . . .

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 26. During the Sundays of Lent, Senior Pastor Tom Are, Jr. will preach a sermon series titled "What Freedom Looks Like." There are political definitions of freedom. There are economic definitions of freedom. But freedom is first a human and spiritual reality. We will explore together how seeking to be followers of Christ influences our understanding of freedom. During the season of Lent, you are invited to use the prelude time to pray or meditate as you prepare yourself to be transformed by the service of worship.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 24, 2020)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka 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. 24

Luke 15:1-2

This chapter is composed of three parables that share the same theme: being lost and found. Jesus tells this parable to a group of tax collectors and sinners. The two are joined together because tax collectors were Jews who dealt with Roman money which was deemed unclean. The "sinners" refers to anyone who not only broke moral laws but also broke the purity laws practiced by the pharisees. As you read this chapter, ponder why tax collectors and sinners were gathering to listen to Jesus. What was he saying that attracted them?

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Luke 15:3-7

This first parable tells about a shepherd with 100 sheep. When he discovers that one is missing, he leaves the other 99 in the wilderness to find that one sheep. Bible scholar Kenneth Bailey says at first glance it would seem the shepherd leaves the other 99 sheep in jeopardy, but Bailey reminds us that the truth here is that all of the sheep are safe because if even one is lost, the shepherd will search for and find that one. As you go about this day, know that you are safe because the God who created you, like the shepherd in the parable, will never let you be lost.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26

Luke 15:8-10

This parable is remarkable because God is symbolized by a woman who has lost a coin. Some Bible translations use the word "drachma" instead of "silver coin." This woman had 10 drachmas and lost one. A single drachma was worth about a laborer's daily wage. It is substantial but not a great sum. So why does this woman bother to search for it? Even more, why does she spend the money on a party when she finds it? Because there is joy in finding what was lost. Jesus says even the angels rejoice. Imagine what they must sound like when angels rejoice!

Thursday, Feb. 27

Luke 15:11-12

The parable of the prodigal son is one of the most renowned parables in the Bible. When the younger son asks his father for his inheritance, hearers would have gasped. To do so while the father was still alive was a horrible insult. It would be like the son saying he wished his father was dead. That the father gave the son his inheritance would have also stunned the listener. In this parable, God is the father figure. Bible scholars say this parable is misnamed. It should be titled "The parable of the forgiving parent." As you read, focus on the father and ponder what Jesus is telling us about God.

Friday, Feb. 28

Luke 15:13-24

For me, the most poignant verse in this parable is verse 20. The verse tells us that the father saw his son while the son was "still a long way off." This means the father had been looking for his son, waiting for him. Then the father runs to him. Listeners would have been surprised by this, too. It was undignified for adult men to run. That the father is waiting and watching for his lost son and when he sees him, runs to him and hugs and kisses him...all of this tells us much about who God is and how much God loves us.

Saturday, Feb. 29

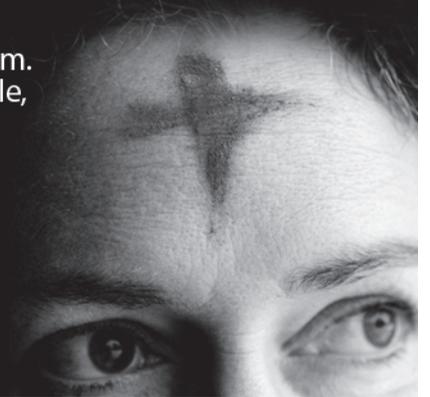
Luke 15:25-32

The parable ends with a conversation between the disgruntled older brother and the father. When the older brother confronts his father about the celebration for his found younger brother, he disrespects his father by not addressing him properly. Notice in verse 29 when he tells his father emphatically to "Listen!" without addressing him. But his father ignores this affront and in verse 31, he names him "My son." This is how gracious and loving the father is. Even when he is insulted, his words restore the relationship. Live this day knowing that God restores every broken relationship out of love for us and all creation!

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.

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.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES – Four ongoing adult classes learn and grow together 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. Classroom discussions range from studying the New Testament to exploring the ancient biblical world to deciding how Christians live faithfully given today's complex challenges. For more information, talk with a Discover Village guide at our north and south entrances.

VILLAGE U COMMUNITY CLASSES – 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.

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE ON DISPLAY AT VILLAGE ON MISSION - 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 14, in Friendship Hall. Come see the stunning, hand-illuminated seven-volume set on loan from Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri. The Saint John's Bible is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press in 1440 CE. It was proudly commissioned by and created at the Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral obtained one of the limited sets of full-size fine art reproductions of the original Bible. Docents from the cathedral will be available to help show and interpret the Bible. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see this epic work of art!

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.

NEW THIS YEAR, WE ARE DOING ONLINE REGISTRATION for Sunday school. Visit our link to register your child– bit.ly/vpcchildren

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.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING – Check your mailbox for the summer brochure! Music & Drama Camp, VBS, Creations by Kids camps and Kids Day Out are all back this summer. Online registration for all summer programs at Village on Mission begins March 23 for church members, current preschool and KDO families. Online registration begins March 27 for the community.

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. 26. The menu is pasta, vegetarian pomodoro sauce, meatballs, vegetable. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m. and hot food bar is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$7 for the full meal and \$6 for salad bar & dessert only. Kids age 10 and under eat free. RSVP by noon tomorrow to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or 913-671-2359.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Thanks for your donations of canned fruit in February. The Food Pantry is now requesting for March, donations of pasta, rice, dry beans, Hamburger Helper, etc. - basics for the clients' pantry. The Clothes Closet wants kitchen utensils, dishes, pots and pans, etc. It's amazing the duplicates we find in our kitchen cupboards. We can help you down-size. Thank you.

OUR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MINISTRY – From 9-11 a.m. Sunday, March 8, members of the Village Church Habitat for Humanity Tuesday-Thursday Crew are hosting an information table in Friendship Hall 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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS – With the spring thaw comes the Village Community Garden at 99th and Mission Road. Village needs volunteers to help plant, weed, water and harvest during 2020 growing season. Garden produce is donated to the Village Food Pantry. If you would like to join the community garden team, call Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or email deborah.white@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

COPING WITH GRIEF – After you lose a loved one, you may get a barrage of “helpful” advice. Rev. Sally Wright will share seven practical ways that can help you heal and become whole at the next Faith and Grief lunch at noon on Tuesday, March 3, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Your grief journey is unique to you – what worked for your friend might not work for you, and that’s okay. Reservations are helpful but not required; go online at www.faithandgrief.org or contact Linda at linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WWS AT THE BREW LAB – Join Women with Spirit at the Brew Lab at 7925 Marty Street, in downtown Overland Park at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29. 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.

PAINT WITH AMAZING GRACES – Join the Amazing Graces at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, for a “Painting Party” at Jan Feller’s art studio at 4000 W. 87th St. in Prairie Village. As Jan leads us, we will create an acrylic painting on canvas, which will be exhibited at Village Church on Mission. Reservations (\$10) will be sold between services beginning March 1. Contact Martha Tatman with questions at matatman@hotmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – No theologizing this week, as we prepare for our Winter Retreat! Join us for our new Lent series, beginning at 7 p.m. March 5.

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.

MENEILLY VISITING SCHOLAR EVENT

IMPOLITE DINNER CONVERSATION:

The Politics of Christ and the Church

With Rev. Drs. Margaret Aymer and Carolyn Helsel

March 6-7

**Village Church
on Mission**

Register & get more info at
villagepres.org/visiting-scholar

FREE

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.

Please bring a birthday card for Dr. Bob to church by next 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 on Mission.

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



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.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

What Freedom Looks Like

Freedom is important and something that we should not take for granted. But what does it mean to be free? There is certainly a political way to answer that question. There is also an economic way to express freedom. But human freedom is first a spiritual category. How does Christianity understand what it means for a person to be free? What would it take for us to live toward freedom in our day?

March 1	Freed From What? Freed For What?
March 8	The Devil Loves Binary
March 15	Rich in All the Wrong Markets
March 22	You Shall Know the Truth, and the Truth...
March 29	Lessons Learned From A Servant
April 5 Palm Sunday	It's My Job
April 12 Easter Sunday	This is Just the Beginning

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.