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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 8, 2020 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Temptation is unavoidable, even for Jesus. When Jesus was tempted, he responded in at least two ways. First of all, he quoted scripture. He leaned back into the truth he learned from his days in Vacation Bible School, and he used the teaching he knew by heart to guide him. Secondly, he refused to accept the premise of the temptations. The devil talks as if we live in a binary world, black and white, right and wrong. Jesus knows the world is complicated.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

You are invited to use the prelude time to pray or meditate as you prepare yourself to be transformed by the service of worship.

Prelude	<i>Nimm von uns, Herr (Take Us to Thee), BuxWV 207 (8 a.m.)</i> by Dieterich Buxtehude <i>O Jesu Christ, Meins Lebens Licht (9:30, 11 a.m.)</i> by J.S. Bach; The Village Brass
Words of Welcome	Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Why Village Matters	Presbyterian Women's Retreat
Call to Worship	Rev. Zach Walker (8, 9:30 a.m.) Rev. Melanie Hardison (11 a.m.)

We want to be here,

**because the world is alive with praise to You, O God.**

We need to be here,

**because the world is burdened with heartbreak.**

We choose to be here,

**because this blessing and burden is also in us.**

We are called to be here,

**because no matter the circumstance, we are Your children.**

\*Hymn, No. 367

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\*Prayer of Confession

**Redeeming God,**

**Following Jesus is a struggle, for his way leads to the cross.**

**When we are faithful, strengthen us.**

**When we disappoint You, forgive us.**

**When we fail to know the difference, teach us.** (Silent prayer)

\*Sung Response

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response (from Hymn, No. 71)

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.**

\*Passing of the Peace

Commissioning Youth DR Mission Team (9:30 a.m.)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 698)

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in 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

*Jesu Joy of Our Desiring*  
by J.S. Bach; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.)  
Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)  
Elder David Enslow (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11 (pg. 879)

Sermon

*The Devil Loves Binary*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 760

*Bring Many Names*  
WESTCHASE

Offertory

*Vocalise* (8 a.m.)  
by Sergei Rachmaninoff; Jana Hitchcock of the Village Players, French horn  
*Beati Quorum Via* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
music: C.V Stanford; The Village Brass

\*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 65

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*  
CWM RHONDDA

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response (from Hymn, No. 541)

**God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

\*Postlude

*Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"*  
by Brenda Portman

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

## A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY . . .

Jesus told a story about a certain farmer who was blessed with a bumper crop. That's the good news. The bad news is he has his priorities so confused God calls him a "fool." It's never a good day when God calls you a fool! The story is often called the "Rich Fool," but a better title might be the story of the "Only Man in the World."

## SERMON NOTES

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of March 9, 2020)

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, March 9**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

Have you ever made a big change in your life? Abram decides in this moment that he will trust in the future God has for him. What are the ways in which you have been willing to trust God's work in the midst of change in your life?

### **Tuesday, March 10**

**Romans 4:13-17**

Paul references Abraham here, particularly noting that it was Abraham's faith that justified him to God. Perhaps we are not called to be more perfect through our actions, but more faithful in our actions. If you were to think of your decisions not on a scale of perfect/imperfect, but rather as being faithful, in what way(s) might that change how you go about your day?

### **Wednesday, March 11**

**Psalms 121**

The author of this psalm repeats over and over that all that our help comes from the Lord. Take some time to reflect today on the ways in which you expect to reliably find God in your life. Cultivate a habit, as is evident in this psalm, of looking and expecting to find God.

### **Thursday, March 12**

**John 3:1-17**

I'm always struck by the small detail that Nicodemus came to Jesus by night. Such a detail in the Gospel of John is not incidental. If I'm honest, there are times when I, too, come to Jesus by night. There are ways in which my faith life is hidden. I'm continually working on that, and I believe Nicodemus was as well. Change begins somewhere, by day or by night.

### **Friday, March 13**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

The high school students recently studied these verses on a Sunday morning with a cool exercise. First, read through these verses and focus on the images and pictures that come to mind: the view from the mountain, a face shining like the sun, etc. Next, read through the verses and focus on sounds: wilderness sounds, voices speaking with Jesus, etc. What strikes you as you work with just these two senses while engaging with the story?

### **Saturday, March 14**

**Psalms 19**

Sometimes reading a psalm inspires both praise and challenge. Read through this psalm, noting the ways in which you can echo the praise, but also listening to where it offers challenges to you in your faith.



Come Experience

AND LIVED AMONG US

# The Saint John's Bible

On display at Village Church on Mission

10 a.m.-noon

**Saturday, March 14**

# LIGHT ETERNAL

DEDICATED TO  
MARK BALL

3 p.m. Sunday, March 29  
Village on Mission Sanctuary

Featuring the Village Choirs & Orchestra, singers from  
Southminster Presbyterian and soloists

Admission is free. An offering will be taken for the  
Presbyterian Association of Musicians.  
The gift will be given in memory of Mark Ball.

## TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Van Cooper by Bonny Cooper and family.

**VISIT DISCOVER VILLAGE DURING LENT** – Lent can be a time when we undertake a new study, serve in a new way, or make a new connection in the Body of Christ to prepare for Easter. Stop by the Discover Village kiosk located at the north Welcome Center or in Friendship Hall this Lenten period and explore your opportunities to Discover Your Village.

**OUR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MINISTRY** – From 9-11 a.m. today, members of the Village Church Habitat for Humanity Tuesday-Thursday Crew are hosting an information table in Friendship Hall to share 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](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2369 for more information.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

**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. 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!

**VILLAGE U COMMUNITY CLASSES** – Visit [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes) for more information.

**BEGINNER SPREADSHEETS** – This class explores how to identify the components of a spreadsheet, entering data into a spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data, and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will create a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. Register online under Village U. 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in Room 316. Email [deecouch@kc.rr.com](mailto:deecouch@kc.rr.com) for more information.

**INCOME DISPARITY** – Charles “Chick” Keller will lead this class in examining income disparity. While the upper 10% of Americans are getting richer, the lower 50% are struggling. Lower taxes help the rich, while inflating healthcare, education and child care costs leave the lower half with less hope of breaking out from their financial woes. How did we get here, and how do we fix it? Register online under Village U. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 16, in Room 232.

**THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE** – The Harlem Renaissance exposed the world to the arts, culture and intellect of African Americans, but it was also a time of struggle when white society failed to respond to issues of civil rights. This presentation spans the 1920s and explores the contributions of Kansas artists. This event is sponsored by Humanities Kansas and presented by Lem Sheppard. Register online under Village U. 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in Rooms 132-133.

**OPTIONS FOR HOUSING AS YOU AGE** – The Education Group will help you understand the vocabulary of senior housing, what research on aging says about extending your time of living independently, what it takes to remain in your home as you age, when it's time to move, local housing options in Johnson County and costs of the options. Register online under Village U. 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 28, in Rooms 232-233.

## 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](http://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](http://bit.ly/vpcchildren).

**SUMMER PROGRAMMING** – Summer brochures are here! 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 at 8 a.m. March 23 for church members, current preschool and KDO families. Online registration begins March 27 for the community. Sign up at [villagepres.org/summercamps](http://villagepres.org/summercamps).

**BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES** – The upcoming baptisms are May 10 and July 19. 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](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS** – Take a night off from cooking! Our next dinner is March 11. The menu is corned beef & cabbage, buttered new potatoes, baby carrots, macaroni & cheese. 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](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2359.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is asking for all varieties of pasta and all varieties of canned (not glass) pasta sauce to top the pasta. It's easy-to-fix comfort food dinner for the clients. The Clothes Closet is preparing for April showers by asking for umbrellas, jackets and raincoats.

**VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES** – Friday, March 13, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for meal prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. Cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church south reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. Sign up at [bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2](http://bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2).

**COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS** – Village needs volunteers at the Village Community Garden to help plant, weed, water and harvest. Garden produce is donated to the Village Food Pantry. Contact Deborah at 913-671-2369 or email [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org) for more information.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT** – Today at 3:30 p.m., The KC Wind Symphony will be presenting a joint concert with the Mid-America Nazarene University Symphonic Band. The concert will be held in the Bell Cultural Events Center on MNU's campus, and will feature works by Alfred Reed, Michael Colgrass, Camille Saint-Saens and others. The KC Wind Symphony is a proud member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

**SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL** – Soprano Kayleigh Aytes and pianist Lamar Sims are the guest performers at the next 2nd Thursday Recital from 12:15-12:45 p.m. March 12 in the Village on Mission Chapel. Kayleigh's recent engagements include collaborations with the Te Deum Chamber Choir and the Kansas City Baroque Consortium. Admission is free. A reception will follow the concert.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE HOME COMMUNION?** Home communion will take place the weeks of March 23 and 30. If you would like a pastor to come to your home and share this sacrament with you, let Linda Alley know at either 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

**DO WE HAVE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION?** Having your emergency contact information on file is extremely helpful to the church when an injury or illness happens at Village, or if you are hospitalized and we need to locate you. Let us know your contact person's name, phone number and relationship to you; you may list up to three people. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**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 today and March 15. Contact Martha Tatman with questions at [matatman@hotmail.com](mailto:matatman@hotmail.com).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

**THEOLOGY THURSDAYS** – This week on TUESDAY! 6:30 p.m. March 10 in our Village Church on Mission Chapel. In this new Lenten series we're taking some time to consider our identities, to "free" ourselves from the things that aren't serving who God wants us to be, and using that freedom to feed our souls. This week: Freedom from all the noise. Come experience Taizé worship! RSVP at [VillagePresYA.org/thursdays](http://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](http://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** meets at 11 a.m. in Rooms 232/233. For a full schedule see [villagepresyouth.org/confirmation](http://villagepresyouth.org/confirmation).

**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](http://villagepresyouth.org/forms) to sign up, or email [madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org](mailto:madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org).

Be still....  
Be silent....  
Just be.

A Service of Taizé  
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10  
Village on Mission Chapel



VILLAGE CHURCH ON MISSION  
**KIDS SUMMER  
PROGRAMS**

Creations by Kids, Kids Day Out, VBS, Music & Drama Camp

**Online registration opens at 8 a.m.  
Monday, March 23**

For church members, current Preschool and  
Kids Day Out families

**Opens at 8 a.m. Friday, March 27**

For community members

**More info at [villagepres.org/summercamps](http://villagepres.org/summercamps)**



# 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?
<b>March 8</b>	<b>The Devil Loves Binary</b>
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

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## 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 stewardship and endowment ❖ Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations

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

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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](http://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.*