



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 24, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

There is a persistence in Jesus that is quite surprising. Jesus clearly believes that his followers can go the second mile, take up our own crosses, and turn the other cheek. Any student of the human heart or of church history, for that matter, would have reason to question Jesus' optimism about his followers. And yet, there is this persistence in his conviction. It is surprising who Jesus believes we can become.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Adoration (8 a.m.)

by Florence B. Price

Shenandoah (9:30 a.m.)

arr. Barbara Kinyon; Morning Bells

Gift of Peace (11 a.m.)

by Cynthia Dobrinski; The Village Ringers

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Why Village Matters

Children and Family Ministry

Brooke Latas, Reagan Solenberger and Ellen Bowser

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

When we look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
 what are human beings that You are mindful of us,
 mortals that You care for us?

To You, oh Creator, how can we keep from singing?

When we witness Your humility,
 that You did not count equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
 but humbled Yourself to come to us,

How can we keep from singing to You our redeemer?

When we know the power of the Spirit to make us new,

How can we keep from singing to You our God!

*Hymn, No. 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN WE KEEP FROM SINGING

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace,

We have endeavored to live in a virtuous manner this week

and to turn from sin.

In some ways we have done just that.

But our virtue, no doubt, appears more righteous to us than to others.

Standing in Your presence,

we are slow to confess our sin,

but, even more, we are embarrassed to speak to You of our virtue.

This alone is reason to ask for Your forgiveness. (Silent prayer)

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. _____

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Glo-ry to our cre - a - tor, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin-ning,
is now, and will be for e - ver.
A - men, A - men. A - men.

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (Congregation sings refrain when invited)



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for
you to re - veal your - self to us.
There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we
on - ly find in you, our God. (◡) (hold last time) Fine

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.

Anthem

Like As the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks
music: Herbert Howells; Village Choir

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God,
yea, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me,

"Where is now thy God?"

—Psalm 42 v. 1–3

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Walt Tegtmeier (8 a.m.)
Elder Sam Wendt (9:30 a.m.)
Elder Suzanne Willey (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:35-45 (pg. 922)

Sermon

Choices...not Evolution

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
KINGSFOLD

Offertory

I Choose Love (8 a.m.)
by Mark A. Miller and Lindy Thompson; Alegría Young Adult Choir

Pie Jesu (9:30 a.m.)
by Andrew Lloyd Webber/arr. Wagner; Morning Bells

Toccata Festiva (11 a.m.)
by Michael R. Keller; The Village Ringers

*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. 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
SICILIAN MARINERS

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The Love of the Lord
by Swee Hong Lim

*Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King
arr. Michele Murray

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of March 25, 2019)

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, March 25

John 15:12-17

Speaking to his disciples, Jesus gives them a new commandment that they love one another just as Jesus loved them. Then, Jesus tells his disciples that they did not choose him, but he chose them. As followers of Jesus, we are to love others just as Jesus loves us. Remember this day that Jesus has chosen you to follow him so that others will come to know his love through you.

Tuesday, March 26

Joshua 24:14-28

This scene is one of the great turning points for the Hebrew people. After claiming the land that God promised them, Joshua calls all the tribes together and asks them to choose whom they will serve. Will they serve God or will they serve other gods? The choice is before us every day. Will we serve the gods of anxiety and worry and comfort or will we serve the God who has chosen us?

Wednesday, March 27

Psalms 25

This is a heartfelt prayer asking for help against all that seeks to harm and destroy us. In verses 11 and 12, the psalmist pleads for God to forgive sins and to teach the way that we should choose. This is our prayer every day. Please forgive us, O God, for ways we have strayed from your way and teach us how to choose to follow your way.

Thursday, March 28

Isaiah 58

The prophet looks around and sees people fasting and worshiping but they continue to harm and oppress others. They are only going through the religious rituals, and their actions contradict their own words. The prophet describes the fast that he chooses. He chooses to set the oppressed free and to break the bonds of injustice. Our worship is worthless if it has no effect on how we live.

Friday, March 29

Matthew 20:1-16

This parable (a story with a lesson) is about a vineyard owner who recruits workers at various times throughout the day to come work for him. When he gives out the wages at the end of the day, he chooses to pay all the workers the same wage. Jesus told this parable to remind us that God chooses to be gracious not because of what we have done or not done but because God is so generous!

Saturday, March 30

Luke 10:21-24

In the midst of preaching and teaching, Jesus prays to God rejoicing that God has revealed God's own self only to Jesus and anyone whom Jesus has chosen. Rejoice today knowing that God through Jesus Christ has revealed God's self to you. Rejoice knowing that God has chosen you to know God, to know Jesus, and to know the Holy Spirit!

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Monday through Saturday.**

IN PARADISUM

Fauré Requiem and Poulenc Organ Concerto

3 p.m. Sunday, April 7

Village Church on Mission

Featuring the Village Chamber Choir and Orchestra and
organist Dr. Elisa Bickers

Free admission

ART
& **HORS D'OEUVRES**

5:30-7 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019 Village Church on Mission Rd.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – 7 p.m. tonight in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. Admission is free. The program will feature two chamber works by Robert Spittal and Karel Husa, and a hymn inspired full ensemble pieces by Claude T. Smith, David Gillingham and David Maslanka.

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

OPTIONS FOR HOUSING AS YOU AGE – Live as independently as possible as you age. This seminar focuses on local housing options and costs, practical considerations, including what to look for and when; how planning can translate into a better quality of life. 9 a.m.–noon. Saturday, March 30, east side of Friendship Hall, Room 228. Register to sunni.battin@villagepres.org. Include your name and email address and put “Housing Seminar” in the subject line.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES IS PLANNING FOR FALL VILLAGE U – If you are interested in teaching a course, know someone who may be interested, or haven’t taught in a while and have a great idea for a course, contact Sunni Battin at sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

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

DAY TRIP: KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS – Honored as one of the world’s 15 most beautiful concert halls, the Kauffman Center attracts some of the world’s most renowned performers and entertainers. Please join us for a tour, some great company, and lunch at the Webster House (cost does not include lunch). 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Thursday, April 11. Cost is \$30 per person. Please meet promptly on the south side of the Mission Campus at 9:30 a.m.

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

FAITH JOURNEY – We are studying, "Mending the Divide—Creative Love in a Conflicted World" by Jon Huckins/Jer Swigart. 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 – For today and March 31, the focus of the class will be on the Jodi Magness series on Jesus’ Jewish roots on his "off" Sundays. Facilitated by Diann Markley. Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER – Each week, we are growing together in faith by digging into the stories behind the Apostle Paul’s letters. You are invited to drop in for 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 are currently discussing Father Richard Rohr’s video series, “Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy: Richard Rohr on the Legacy of St. Francis.” The short videos have sessions on Atonement Theology, Eco-Spirituality, The Cosmic Christ, Orthodoxy vs. Orthodoxy, and Mysticism over Moralism. Facilitated by Gus Breytspraak. Rooms 126 and 127.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

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

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

SUMMER CAMPS SIGN UP – Registration for KDO, Creations by Kids summer camps, and Music and Drama Camp begins tomorrow for community members. Visit villagepres.org/summercamp2019 for registration information and forms.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are May 12 and July 21. 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 March 27 is tacos, beef and veggie, soft and hard shells, Mexican rice. 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.

VILLAGE GOLF OUTINGS RESUME – Do you like a casual golf outing? Then, these outings are for you! The monthly outings are a four- person scramble format and runs April thru October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Deer Creek on Tuesday, April 23. Tee Time is 8 a.m. RSVP by April 15 to Brad Steil at 913-469 5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

LENTEN PLEDGE – Take the Village Church Lenten Pledge. What we choose to eat and how we treat our food are some of the most significant ways we be good stewards of God's creation. During Lent, you are invited to pledge to eat less meat, to fast, and to reduce the amount of food wasted. Pledge cards from the Environmental Action committee are available throughout the church. For more information, see villagepres.org/environmental-action.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – One more week in March to donate toothbrushes, toothpaste and shampoo to the Food Pantry. Please pick up a few on your next shopping trip, there is always a demand for these at the Pantry. The Clothes Closet is hoping you can check your closets for lightweight jackets, umbrellas and raincoats - all are needed items at the Closet. Thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRY

ORGANIST DEXTER KENNEDY – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, in Village on Mission Sanctuary. The concert is co-presented by Village Church and the KC Chapter of the American Guild of Organist (AGO). Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

STEPHEN MINISTRY – Village Church Stephen Ministers are often asked two questions: 1. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a difficult time in their life...if I'm interested in becoming one, what should I do? and 2. How do I connect someone who could benefit from the care and support of a Stephen Minister with the program? Get the answers to these questions on March 31 in Friendship Hall and the Welcome Center following morning worship services.

NEW EASTER LILY DELIVERY PROCESS – We're trying a new delivery method this year– it will be like our poinsettia delivery process. Come to the Welcome Center between any of the Easter Sunday services to pick up an Easter lily (sorted by zip code areas). Will you help deliver one or more of 250 lilies? All but 96 can go anytime; those 96 need to be taken after the last service. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org if you have any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT EVENT – WWS Lost & Found Brunch with Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from 9:30 a.m.-noon Tuesday, March 26, at Kenyon Vrooman's house (9518 Chadwick Dr., Leawood). Please bring a dish to share. Email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com to RSVP. Child care is available with an advance reservation.

MISSION SEWING – Mission Sewing is getting low on fabric. We need Christmas fabric, fabric in one-yard lengths in cotton and cotton blends suitable for children's dresses, large adult dresses and various shapes and sizes of pillows. Items can be dropped off at the switchboard or brought to Room 115 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on any Tuesday. Call Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515 for more information.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at Village Presbyterian Church (3rd Floor, Youth Loft). This Lenten season we're experimenting with tuning into our spiritual selves. This week: Lectio Divina. We go old school, learning a little Latin and beginning the work of creating new practices to encounter the divine and feed our souls. More info: 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!

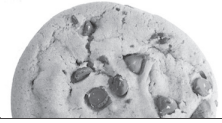
SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION OPEN – You can now register for all of our summer trips: San Francisco, a local KC trip, HS Montreat and the MS Float Trip! Just head to villagepresyouth.org/forms or pick up a hard copy by the youth offices or in the Youth Loft.

Easter Lily Memorial

You may purchase a potted lily in memory of a loved one by sending a check for \$10 payable to Village Church and including the memorial name. Send your check to the church ATTN: Janice Gill. The deadline to receive checks is Friday, April 12. The list of memorials/donors will be listed in the May 1 "Good News."

Discover Village Information Center

A place for you to connect and ask questions. You're invited to stop by our Discover Village desk, between worship services, at the north Welcome Center entrance. Hosts will be available at the desk every Sunday morning; a place where you can share conversation and enjoy a cookie. We look forward to meeting you!



Holy Week Worship Services

Maunder Thursday, April 18 – 6 p.m. The Gathering in Friendship Hall. 7 p.m. traditional service in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 19 – 7 p.m. at Village on Mission & Village on Antioch

Easter Sunday, April 21 – Traditional worship services at 8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. There will be an additional 9:30 a.m. service led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka in Friendship Hall. The Gathering Worship is at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Village on Antioch traditional worship is at 9:30 a.m., followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Village Church on Mission will provide free shuttle bus service from 8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Easter morning. Buses will pick up at the Blue Moose parking lot at the Shops of Prairie Village and drop off at the west entrance of the church.

Traveling Exhibit “Come to the Table” On Display in the Welcome Center Now-April 21

This Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA) traveling exhibit titled “Come to the Table” features 34 selected works in a variety of media, from historical pieces by Albrecht Durer, to modernist work by Jasper Johns and Sadao Watanabe, to fresh contemporary pieces created by CIVA artists. Collectively, according to the exhibition statement, the works celebrate “the Table: a place of invitation, relationship, abundance, generosity, and reconciliation, where communities gather and where worshippers encounter the grace of God.”



Stewardship at Work...

Through the Front Porch Alliance, 70 families which included 110 children participated in the Neighborhood Families program learning parenting skills that support their child's development.

Your generosity helps make families strong –
Thank You.



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Character is Always Chosen

March 17-April 21

In these weeks that lead us, once again, to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will reflect on who we are called to be as we take our own journey toward the fullness of resurrection. "Who we are called to be" is the point of this sermon series. In his book, "The Road to Character," David Brooks says, "Most of us have clearer strategies for how to achieve career success than we do for how to develop a profound character." There is wisdom in Brook's remarks, as character is not something that just happens; character is always chosen. Physical growth happens naturally. Spiritual growth requires discipline, intention and choice. We will reflect on some of the strategies for choosing character in this sermon series.

March 17	Character: The Most Important Thing
March 24	Choices...not Evolution
March 31	Character Requires Courage
April 7	Character Requires Hope
April 14	Palm Sunday: Humility May be Out of Style, but Not for Us
April 21	Easter: The Possibility of Getting it Right

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

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

Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ 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

Brooke Latas, director of children and family 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.