



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

This is the week when we remember how God changed the world. There was a parade. There was a quiet meal of bread and wine. There was a public execution. And then God did what God does best: God loved the world. God loves the world so completely that not even the power of hell could keep God away. So, sing Hosanna today. Your King and Savior has come.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*
arr. Seth Bingham

Words of Welcome Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit *Ride On, King Jesus* (9:30 a.m.)
arr. Joe Cox; Hallelujah Children's Chorus
soloists: Ellen Bowser, Katie Hull and Reagan Solenberger

The Storm is Passing Over (11 a.m.)
arr: Charles Albert Tindley; Village Voices

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

They went out to meet him shouting "Hosanna!"

**They carried palm branches in their hands
and they carried hope in their hearts.**

The King was coming.

He is our King.

He is our example.

He is our God.

Like his followers in that first parade of palms,

we also follow singing, "Hosanna" in the highest.

*Hymn, No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

The Story of This Day

Anthem *The Palms* (8, 11 a.m.)
music: Jean-Baptiste Faure; Karli Cabrera, soprano

Little Grey Donkey (9:30 a.m.)
music: Natalie Sleeth; combined Morning Stars Choirs

*Hymn, No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLACOMBE

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

Elder Abby Schipfer (8 a.m.)

Elder Suzanne Willey (9:30 a.m.)

Elder Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:8-9 (pg. 1071)

Sermon

Humility May be Out of Style, but Not for Us

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Take My Life
HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days;

Let them flow in ceaseless praise;

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;

Take my feet and let them be

Swift and beautiful for thee,

Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself and I will be

Ever, only, all for thee,

Ever, only, all for thee.

Offertory

All Glory, Laud and Honor
by Caleb French; Village Choir

*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. 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!
ST. DROSTANE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Palms, Praise, and Prayers
by Caleb French

*Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
arr. Flor Peeters

**All who are able may stand*

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Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy 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.

There is **no Children's Sunday School** at Village on Mission Easter morning. Child care will be available for infants up to 3 years old for all Holy Week services.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

Today we welcome our three Morning Stars Children's Choirs and our Village Voice's Youth Choir to Palm Sunday services! Many children in the Village Church family start singing in preschool, and continue all the way through high school. Many continue singing as adults, too, in the Alegria Young Adult Ensemble, More Love Chorale and Village Choir.



Thank you to our inspired children, their supportive parents and our talented music staff and volunteers. Interested in joining the children's or youth choirs? Email Jenny Hull, children's music

coordinator, at jenny.hull@villagepres.org or Matthew Shepard, Village Voices Youth Choir director, at matthew@villagepres.org.



THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 15, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Tom Are, Jr. 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, April 15

Zechariah 9:9-12

This prophecy of Zechariah speaks of a coming King that comes in humility. Humility is an important virtue. Humility cannot be achieved by seeking to be humble. Humility results from seeing the good in others. When we look for the good in someone else, humility is the outcome.

Tuesday, April 16

Philippians 3:1-11

Paul does a lot of bragging here. He has lived a very faithful life and he describes his accomplishments in great detail. But then he says something intriguing: I count it all as rubbish compared to Christ. He does not say they are rubbish, but rather, they are worthless compared to Christ. How does your faith in Christ aid you in recognizing what is valuable and what is worthless?

Wednesday, April 17

John 12:20-26

There is no way around it, the way of Christ involves sacrifice. This is true because the way of Christ is the way of love, and love, by definition, means our focus is not on ourselves, but on others. We are always willing to sacrifice for those that we love. The love of Christ was like a single grain that dies that it might bear the fruit of Christ's love in each of us. It's a sacrifice, but Christ would not have it any other way.

Thursday, April 18

John 12:27-36

The Gospel of John does not tell of the last supper or of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. But this passage is similar, for like in the garden, Jesus' heart is troubled. And yet, at the same time he seems to have a sense of peace, for he knows his purpose: "for this reason I have come to this hour." There can be a sense of peace, even in the face of hard things, if we know we are doing what we are called to do.

Friday, April 19

Psalms 22:1-11

On the cross, in Jesus' worst moment, he recites a verse from Psalm 22. In my worst moments, I have scripture that I recite as well. What about for you? What scripture do you need to carry with you for your most difficult days?

Saturday, April 20

1 Corinthians 13

This passage reveals how Christianity knows love to be a power. It is not simply something we share with our friend; but love is the most powerful option we have in conflict as well. In good times and in bad, give patience, kindness, and humility a try. Love is a power.

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

ART & HORS D'OEUVRES

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



GUN VIOLENCE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

The Community Response
6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 9
Village Church on Antioch

Expert panelists will discuss the realities of gun violence in Johnson County and what citizens can do to prevent violence in our community.

Rev. Tom Are will offer a theological reflection.

Child care available. Get more details at www.villagepres.org/antioch.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OFFERING Gifts collected from this offering are distributed among the following: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) to rebuild communities after natural and human-caused disasters, Self-Development of People (32%) to provide resources to disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) to support initiatives that create sustainable food systems. Envelopes for this offering reside in the pew slot in front of you.

PLANT GIVEAWAY AT THE GATHERING – Tonight at 5 p.m. our Gathering worship space in Friendship Hall will be filled with plants. In honor of Earth Day we're giving away flowers, veggies, succulents and more to get your gardens started. Come and worship, and take home something green. Stay for a free pizza dinner after worship.

UMKC CONSERVATORY FACULTY CONCERT – 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Village on Mission Chapel. UMKC Conservatory faculty violinist Joseph Genualdi and pianist Thomas Rosenkranz join Gail Williams, internationally-known horn player. They will perform Beethoven's "Sonata for Violin and Piano in G Major," Lutoslawski's "Partita for Violin and Piano" and Brahms' "Trio in E flat major for Piano, Violin and Horn." Admission is free.

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 June 2, Aug. 4, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for info.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

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

COMPROMISING POSITIONS: POLITICAL SEX SCANDALS AND AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY – Dr. Leslie Durrough Smith will teach and lead conversation around the publication of her new book, "Compromising Positions." In it she argues that sex scandals aren't really about sex. Rather, they are a form of public storytelling, the purpose of which is to use specific racial and gendered symbols to endorse certain political ideals. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 24 and May 1. Room 132.

CHRISTIANS AND RACE IN THE 21st CENTURY – These three classes will explore the complexity of race in the U.S. through the Christian perspective. What does the Bible say about race? Who are we as God's people of different races? How are we called to abide with one another? How do we work together to dismantle racism today? Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22. Rooms 132 and 133.

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 the month of April, Darryl Bertsch is presenting a video regarding Jesus's stories with insights from archeology and old testament Judaic studies. There will also be continued lectures on scientific enhancements from Rev. Dwight Tawney. 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 – Most are in agreement that the climate is changing. What are we doing about it? How do we talk about it? Today, Jay McKell will lead an early Earth class titled, “Why I don’t use the dryer (very often).” A look at scripture reveals that we Christians have a unique perspective on the subject. Let’s think theologically about earthy issues. You might even want to bring your Bible to class. 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.

JOIN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING TEAM FOR THIS FALL! – Will you consider joining our team of amazing volunteers who teach Sunday school? Whether you are young or old, married or single, new to Village or you’ve been here for many years, we are confident we have a spot that is uniquely perfect for YOU. Contact Brooke Latas at brooke.latas@villagepres.org or 913-671-2355.

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.

KIDS DAY OUT – We still have some openings for children ages 2-3 yrs. on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Our program runs from Sept. 5, 2019 through May 14, 2020. Your child will be cared for in a safe, nurturing and fun environment. Enrollment for the fall ’19 semester has begun. Tuition is \$125 a month plus a one-time registration fee of \$50. For more information call Marjean 913-671-2322.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Holy Week Wednesday, April 17, is Italian roast chicken, eggplant Parmesan, pasta with tomatoes, vegetable. 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.

BELIEVING AND BELONGING: NEW MEMBER THREE-PART SERIES – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, April 30, May 7 and 14, Room 232 at Village on Mission. April 30 - Building Tour & New Friends Learn more about Village Church; May 7 - Glorifying God with our Gifts Identify spiritual gifts, explore the five spiritual practices; May 14 - Conversation with Rev. Tom Are, our senior pastor. RSVP for classes to sunni.battin@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333. RSVP for free child care to marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322. Seven days advance notice required.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

ELECTRIC CAR EXPO – Local electric car enthusiasts will display their all-electric and plug-in hybrid/electric vehicles, answer questions, and get you revved up to consider if an electric car would fit into your lifestyle. The expo is free. Bring friends. Questions? Contact Al Pugsley at apphs58@yahoo.com. 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in the south parking lot of Village Church on Mission.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The Food Pantry’s requests for April are canned tuna and canned chicken. Both are ready to eat from the can or can be added to a casserole - are tasty and are wanted by the clients on their monthly visits. The Clothes Closet, with the warmer temperatures, is hearing more requests for lighter weight clothing. Please check your closets and donate your unused clothing to the Clothes Closets.

BLOOD DRIVE – 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in Rooms 132 & 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of “villagepres” or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon today. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com for more info.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP – Join your Village Church family and the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) on the first Givingthanks service trip to the DR from Nov. 22-27, 2019 (Thanksgiving is on Nov. 28). Work includes educational, medical and construction. All ages welcome (unaccompanied minors must be 16 by Nov. 22, 2019). Cost is \$1,400 a person and includes air, housing, meals. A \$100 deposit due June 1, 2019. Contact Lora Garrison at lora.garrison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390 for more information.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

HELP DELIVER 250 EASTER LILIES! Come to the Welcome Center after any Easter Sunday worship service and take a lily or two to deliver to those who cannot be here for worship. Choose a zip code area that works best for you, pick up a lily and receive easy instructions. Want to help but wish you could come Saturday? No problem. Early pick up is in the Welcome Center from 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, April 20.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS MAY 8 – If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, join us for "Growing Through Grief." This five-week session is from 5:30-6:45 p.m. every Wednesday, May 8-June 5, in Room 124. There is no cost, but registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

LET US KNOW – If you or a loved one is hospitalized, we are here for you. Please have a family member or the hospital chaplain call the Pastoral Care Department at 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, the room number and other pertinent information. After hours call the church's main number 913-262-4200. A pastor will come and visit, listen and offer comfort and prayers.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

AMAZING GRACES – Join the Amazing Graces for a May Day Bouquet Event. We will meet in the Franklin Park Pavilion and Gregory's Floral Design will assist us in making our own bouquet. Refreshments following at Kay Findlay's home. There will be a signup table in Friendship Hall between services throughout April. Cost is \$10 and limited to 40 people. 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. Contact Martha Tatman at 913-221-5280 for more info.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – No Theology Thursday this week. Join us for The Gathering Maundy Thursday dinner and worship at 6 p.m. in Friendship Hall, or traditional worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY @BLADE AND TIMBERY – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Come throw some axes as we explore our West Bottoms neighborhood! We'll meet at Blip Roasters for coffee at 10 a.m. Child care available with reservation. RSVP at VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

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.

VILLAGE RUN CLUB (exercise for high schoolers, all ability levels) – 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Meet in Youth Loft (Room 333).

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.

Stewardship  **HEART** at Work...

104 individuals traveled to the Dominican Republic to provide surgical, medical and construction support in La Romana. 740 patients underwent needed surgeries provided by Village Church's medical teams.

Your generosity helps us to minister and support many throughout the world – Thank You.



Discover Village Information Center

A place for you to connect, ask questions and share conversation about your life in the Village Church community. We now offer two locations with hosts available every Sunday morning between worship services to share friendship and a cookie.

North location – Welcome Center reception desk at north entrance
South location – south end of Friendship Hall



Christ is Risen: It Matters Today

We invite you to explore how the resurrection of Jesus Christ influences our lives today. Classes will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, April 25-May 16, at Village Church on Antioch. Rev. Tom Are, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick will lead these conversations.

- April 25** **Loving Children: Growing a Vibrant Faith at Home**
- May 2** **Welcoming All: Opening Doors in the Church and Community**
- May 9** **Blessing Peacemakers: Gun Violence in Johnson County**
- May 16** **Cherishing Creation: Taking Climate Change Seriously**

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 Serridge, 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. Sally Wright, interim 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.

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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.

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If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.