



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 5, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The early church remembers a woman named Tabitha. She was kind. When she died, the apostle Peter came to her, prayed and she got up. The church remembers the miracle. But the church also remembers with equal clarity her kindness. In his book, "Learning to Fall," Philip Simmons wrote: "We know we are truly grown up when we stop trying to fix people... About all we can really do for people is love them and treat them with kindness... Others don't need 'fixing' so much as simple kindness."¹

1. Philip Simmons, Learning to Fall (2000) p. xii-xiii

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

I Come with Joy (8 a.m.)
arr. Brian Childers; Morning Bells

How Can I Keep From Singing? (9:30 a.m.)
by Karen Lakey Buckwalter; Village Ringers and Jenny Hull, cello

Praeludio con Ostinato (11 a.m.)
by Carson Cooman

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit (8 a.m.)

Peace
by John Breytspreek, Jr.; Morning Bells

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Have you heard? God so loves the world.

Yes, we have heard this wonderful news for the world.

Have you heard? As far as the east is from the west,
so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Yes, we have heard this wonderful news for us.

Have you heard? Christ promised, I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.

Yes, we have heard. To the risen Christ, we offer our praise.

*Hymn, No. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns
DIADEMATA

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace and glory,

**When we have assumed our good is greater than it is,
forgive us.**

**When we have assumed our sin is something we can handle on our own,
forgive us.**

**When we have heard your Gospel promise
and reduced it to trivialities and slogans,
forgive us.**

Remind us again that resurrection is good news for the whole creation. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (Congregation join when invited)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dore you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!

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

Halle, Halle, Halle

music: Marty Haugen; Roslinde Rivera, soloist; The Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (8 a.m.)

Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.)

Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:32-43 (pg. 1001)

Sermon

Faith Should Be Good for Everyone

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 754

Help Us Accept Each Other
BARONITA

Offertory

Slavonic Dance (8 a.m.)

arr. Victor Gumma; Morning Bells

I'm Gonna Live! (9:30 a.m.)

by Sandra Eithun; Village Ringers

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder (11 a.m.)

arr. Richard Walters; Spencer Ruwe, tenor and Jacob Pfeiffer, bass

*Response (from Hymn, No. 15)

All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 645 (v. 1 & 4)

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Threefold Amen

Traditional

*Postlude

Tiento lleno de todas manos

by Juan Cabanilles

**All who are able may stand*

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MUSIC NOTES

Today we welcome Morning Bells and Village Ringers to worship, and celebrate a fine year of ringing and fellowship. Thanks to all of our talented volunteers:

Morning Bells

Will Breytspreek, director

Barbara Thornton, Cindy Stingley, Darryl Bertsch, Doug Hoglund, Leslie Conrad, Linda Breytspreek, Marla Harper, Mary Bertsch, Mary Kay Leick-Rude, Jeanne Hendrickson, Sally Porter, Jeanne Boudreau, Terry Lindberg

Village Ringers

Elisa Bickers, director

Amy Jantz, Andrew North, Bev Freberg, Clay Harper, Doug Hoglund, Janice Rawlings, Jeff Zumsteg, Jenny Hull, Leslie Conrad, Mardie Harberts, Marvie Sneegas, Michelle Dicus, Rebecca Enslow, Susan Donaghue

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of May 6, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Hallie Hottle and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith, pray for Village Church, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, May 6

Psalm 124

Noticing God's presence in the moment is our goal. But it's a good spiritual practice to intentionally reflect, and notice where God has been. Read, and rewrite this psalm as a note of gratitude. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side...

Tuesday, May 7

1 John 4: 7-21

I'm often asked to use these "love" verses for weddings. They're suited for a wedding day, but the occasion is really too small for this passage. Our author isn't writing about romantic love between two people, but the big, vast, life-changing kind of love that called Jesus to the cross for us, and compels us to love all people. Read and meditate on these words today. Where is loving easy for you? Where has it been too small?

Wednesday, May 8

Luke 4: 38-44

The verse that strikes me in today's reading is verse 42. So often in the gospels, Jesus departs to "a deserted place." Be reminded today that there is no spiritual tradition that doesn't involve silence and contemplation. Even in the midst of busy season, we need to find our "deserted place," and reconnect with ourselves and our God. What is that place for you?

Thursday, May 9

Psalm 113

Our psalm today asks, "Who is like God?" It's a statement of praise. There are none like you, God. How are you offering praise this week? Practice today making a list of all the things you're feeling praise-full for.

Friday, May 10

Psalm 138

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble..." Much of our psalmist's writing is about praise and thanksgiving in the mist of hardship and trouble. How honest are you with God about the things that feel like trouble? What feels heavy in these days, and how can you invite God into those things?

Saturday, May 11

Psalm 114

It's a short, strange psalm. But it talks of a land (in this case, Judah) being God's "sanctuary." In this time when care of planet is more pressing than ever, consider what "land," what place outside in creation feels like "sanctuary" to you? How does God show up in the natural world for you? Give thanks to God for that.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS EMAILS

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



VBS AT VILLAGE ON MISSION JULY 15-19

Online Registration

Starts at 8 a.m. Monday, May 6, for church members;
8 a.m. Monday, May 13, for community members

REGISTER AT

www.villagepres.org/summercamp2019



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.

THE FOOD PANTRY – Today is Canned Fruit Sunday for the Village Church Food Pantry. We're hoping that your donations of all varieties of canned fruit will fill the shelves. If you left your cans on the kitchen table, you can bring them to church on your next visit—or cash or checks are gratefully received. The Clothes Closet will be so happy to receive children's Bibles during the month of May. Thank you.

6TH GRADE MOVE-UP BRUNCH – All sixth graders and their families, please join us for a morning of celebration before you head up to youth! Today at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. tonight in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for the final concert of the 2018-19 season. Admission is free. The program "Top of the Pops" will feature music by Eric Whitacre, John Williams, J.P. Sousa and more. The concert will be led by guest conductor D. Juan Jose Navarro with guest percussion soloist Stephen A. Martin.

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.

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

TECH TALK WITH TONY – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7. We will discuss ways to organize your pictures, documents, spreadsheets, and other digital data to share with others. You will be able to find, change, or email this digital data to family and friends. We will talk about where to store data in the Cloud (Public or Private), laptop, tablet, smartphone or other Smart devices. Room 316.

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

FAITH JOURNEY – For May, we will be discussing, "Unbelievable: Why Neither Ancient Creeds Nor the Reformation Can Produce a Living Faith Today," by John Shelby Song. May 19 will be our last class before summer break. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – Rev. Dwight Tawney will be teaching the first three Sundays of May. 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 will be hosting a series, "From Evil to Grace" led by Rev. Dr. John P. Borden today and May 12. The series will look at our understanding of and beliefs about evil and how God's grace embraces us in spite of evil. The time will be spent exploring the scope of grace. 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL – Join us this summer during the 9:30 a.m. service as we explore how to be good neighbors. We will complete service projects, participate in fun and applicable art projects, play games and figure out ways to live out our faith with those around us. Our service efforts will focus on three local non-profits, one for each month: Operation Breakthrough, the Healing Chair (a wonderful resource for breast cancer surgery recovery) and the Ronald McDonald House. It's summer...so wear your shorts, t-shirts and flip flops...we are going to do our best to get messy!

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 July 21 and Sept. 15. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. 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 NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for May 8, is baked ziti with Italian sausage, baked vegetarian ziti, gluten-free versions available. 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 CHURCH GOLF OUTING – Do you like a casual golf outing? Then, these outings are for you. The monthly outings are a four-person scramble format and run through October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Sycamore Ridge on Tuesday, May 14, with 8 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP by May 7 to Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

JOSH SVATY: EDIFICIO DIVINA – 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, in Room 127. In today's built environment, we too often move through our day so quickly that we fail to spend time thinking about the immediate environment in which we exist, our impact on it, and what went in to creating the structures around us. Svaty is a former secretary of agriculture and ran for governor in 2018. This event is sponsored by the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition and the Environmental Action Committee of Village Church.

MISSION

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.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – Friday, May 10, 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 prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. We also need cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. If you can help, you can sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – Join us from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in the Village on Mission Chapel. Jay Carter, one of the nation's most beloved countertenors will sing a program of works by Purcell, Mozart, Hahn and Howells. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

COME TO THE FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH THIS TUESDAY – Join us from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, in Friendship Hall for our monthly Faith and Grief lunch. Cindy Wilcox will be our speaker. Cindy will share her own grief journey. There will be facilitated table discussions and a box lunch is served. Register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. Contact Linda Alley with any questions at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO REGISTER FOR GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – The next five-week session of Growing Through Grief starts this Wednesday, May 8. Those who have lost a loved one have found comfort from attending this class. Classes will be held 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.

TAIZÉ IS NEXT TUESDAY – Come to the chapel at 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday, May 14, and experience a worship service like no other. Taizé includes prayer, scripture, songs and reflective silence. Communion will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. Come join other young adult parents for a free family meal, then send kiddos downstairs for childcare while parents connect with one another. Sign up online: VillagePresYA.org/couples.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – We resume this Thursday! 7 p.m. May 9, with a new series "Let's Talk About Race." We'll be reading the book "White Fragility" together, and discussing the sin we can't seem to shake. Sign up required for this series at 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.

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.

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



BLESSING ^{OF THE} ANIMALS

9 a.m. Saturday, May 18

East Parking Lot – Village Church on Antioch

Led by Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick & Rev. Hallie Hottle

All animals welcome, leashed or otherwise safely restrained.

UPCOMING SERMONS

Next week, Rev. Tom Are will continue to explore the ways the resurrection of Jesus Christ touches our lives every day. Then beginning Sunday, May 19, we will begin a three week sermon series, "Why Can't We Get Past This?" In this series, Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore the pervasive and complex realities of racism in American Culture.

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. 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.

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.

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