



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 23, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Welcome back! Welcome home! The good book says, "It is not good to be alone." But more than that, it is both human and holy to be together. As always, on this day, things are not perfect. We are not home yet, but on this day, we remember the promised day of God, toward which we are living. Being together will renew our hope that we are drawing closer.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Piece d'orgue, BWV 572
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

On a day of uncertain hope,
but a day of certain loss,

the Spirit of God drew near like the coming of a new day.

Even now, during these in between days—

days that are a mixture of beauty and brokenness,
a mixture of hunger and hope,
a mixture of life and death,

the Spirit of God comes as a glimpse of God's promised day.

So, this day and every day, our song is

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Response

Here in this Place, vs. 1 & 2
The Chancel Ensemble

Prayer of Confession

**O God our help in ages past, and our hope for years to come,
It has been a year of loss.**

Many have lost jobs and lost self-esteem.

**Too many missed graduations and birthday parties,
missed grandparents' hugs, and friendship gatherings.**

**We have lost hundreds of thousands to COVID,
and we have grieved alone.**

**Come, O Spirit and gather us up that the good of this life
will not be lost forever.** (Silent prayer)

Sung Response

Abraham, Martin and John & Abide With Me

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
I'll have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

A Word of Pentecost

Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing
arr. Richard Walters; Kate & Will Breytspraak and Chancel Players

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

Quietly, Peacefully
arr. Lori True; Chancel Ensemble

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer
by Albert Hay Malotte; Judy Bliss & Chancel Players

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13

Sermon

The Spirit Came From Heaven

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

**Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.
The people of God have often misused God's promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.
But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.**

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle
for victories over evil that are possible now.
Hope gives us courage and energy
to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

Time for Discipleship

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Here In This Place, vs. 4
Chancel Ensemble

*Postlude

Improvisation on "Aurelia"
by Daphnia Portier

**All who are able may stand*
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MUSIC NOTE

Today's "Abraham, Martin and John & Abide With Me" was inspired by Craig Hella Johnson's recent "Songs of Connection" broadcast in which he sings and plays both pieces of music. "Abraham, Martin and John" is a 1968 song written by Dick Holler and first recorded by Dion. It was a tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., John F. Kennedy, and Robert F. Kennedy, and it was written in response to the losses of both King and Robert Kennedy in April and June of 1968, respectively. Today we offer our own further adapted version in a musical prayer response for this time of deeply shared loss, and even more deeply shared hope and love.

CHANCEL ENSEMBLE

Dr. Elisa Bickers (organ & piano), Judy Bliss (soprano), Kate Breytspraak (soprano), Will Breytspraak (baritone), Dr. Carol Dale (flute), Bonny Green (alto & soprano), Trent Green (tenor), Destiny Ann Mermagen (violin) and Michael Mermagen (cello).

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshipping with us today! Visit villagepres.org to learn more about Village Church, including upcoming events, ways to connect and serve, how to give and more.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian Church (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.

THE GATHERING – If you'd like to try an alternative style of worship at Village Church, join us for an outdoor Gathering service at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 6, in the north parking lot of Village on Mission. No need to register to attend. The Gathering will return to in-person worship in Friendship Hall later this summer. Registration will be required. Learn more about The Gathering at vpcthegathering.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

VILLAGE U CLASS: Marvelous Music Movies “The Music of Strangers: Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble.” This class led by Will Breytspraak and Carol Dale is at 7 p.m. Monday, May 24, on Zoom. Sign up on Village U. Mike Block, cellist with the Silk Road Ensemble, and cellist Michael Mermagen will be on our Zoom call to discuss the movie. The film will be shown at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, in the south parking lot of Village on Mission. Register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

VBS REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1 – Village on Mission & Village on Antioch will have an Olympic-style Vacation Bible School July 12-16 for kids who have completed grades K-5 and Preschool (age 3 years by Sept. 1, 2020) through Pre-K. We are offering both in-person and virtual activities, and there is no cost to attend. We'll end the week with a fun, energetic concert with our very own, Dino O'Dell. Get more details at villagepres.org/summerprograms.

SECOND SATURDAYS FAMILY FUN – Stop by the south parking lot at Village on Mission from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, June 12, for bagels and bingo. Come play with us!

VILLAGE ON MISSION PRESCHOOL is looking to hire part-time weekday preschool classroom teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact Sarah McKee, 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org.

VILLAGE ON MISSION PRESCHOOL is now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. We are a part-time, school-year program located within the Village Church on Mission building for 3, 4 & 5 year old students. Contact Sarah McKee, 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org for enrollment information.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE PICKUP MEALS – Take a night off from cooking. Order meals at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners for \$5. Deadline each week is noon on Mondays. Drive up to the north entrance at Village on Mission to receive your meals safely through your car window from 4:30-5:30 p.m. No meals will be distributed in July. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331 for more info.

MISSION

JOIN VILLAGE CHURCH IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – Join Rev. Sally Wright on our second Givingthanks service trip to the Dominican Republic Nov. 19-24, 2021 (Thanksgiving is Nov. 25). Work includes health education, medical support and construction. All ages welcome (unaccompanied minors must be 16). Cost is \$799/person and includes air, housing, meals. Participants must be fully vaccinated for COVID. Visit villagepres.org/givingthanks for details. Contact Lora Garrison at lora.garrison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390 with questions.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

Wherever you are now and wherever you may be in the months to come, it's true that we all find ourselves in a season of transition. It's also true that no matter the transition, God's presence remains. Wherever you are, your Village church family is with you in support and prayer. To place a prayer request or to request a Stephen Minister or other support, contact the Pastoral Care team at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

WELCOME VILLAGE CHURCH CONFIRMANDS! The Session welcomed 31 confirmands on Sunday, May 16, as the newest members of Village Church: Reece Baker, Radley Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Sam Burns, Ryan Dehan, Audrey Doege, Emilie Elmore, Hayden Falley, Garner Fromm, Blake Hanson, Joey Hoffman, Blake Jackson, Derek Jackson, Connor Jacobs, Jack Jones, Tessa Lambright, Paige Lischer, Wes Lyerly, Georgia McCabe, Marin McElhinney, Harper McKee, Lulu McKee, Caleb Morris, Michael Muller, Conor Neusel, Ella Stewart, Autumn Sun, Jack Vaughan, Isabella Vaz, Fritz Volini and Lily Webb.

YOUTH WEEK BEGINS JUNE 6 – All youth who have completed grades 6-12 are welcome to kick off the summer with Youth Week, June 6-10: Worlds of Fun (June 6), Paint & Pizza with Bob Ross (June 7), Volunteering & Hammocking (June 8), Chicken N' Pickle (June 9) and Incredible Pizza (formerly Powerplay; June 10). For activity details and registration, visit villagepresyouth.org/summer by June 1.

SUMMER PROGRAMS BEGIN JUNE 13 – Join us for weekly youth summer programs! High School Gathering: Sundays, 5-7 p.m.; Middle School Mondays: Mondays, 7-9 p.m.; High School Late Nite: Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m.; Middle School/High School Service Day: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Middle School/High School Tailgate Time, Wednesdays, 12:30-2 p.m. For details, visit villagepresyouth.org/summer or view our updated calendar at villagepresyouth.org/calendar.

SUMMER TRIPS – We're still accepting registrations for our summer trips! Join us for the Middle School Mission Trip to Omaha (June 25-29), High School Montreat Youth Conference to North Carolina (July 10-17) and the Middle School Float Trip to Noel, Missouri (July 27-29). For details, visit villagepresyouth.org or madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org or 913-671-2302.

Sunday Worship Services

Livestream and Facebook Live

9 & 11 a.m. Sanctuary services at villagepres.org/online or [facebook.com/villagepres](https://www.facebook.com/villagepres)

On-Demand After Noon on Sundays

villagepres.org/online

In-Person

9 & 11 a.m. Village on Mission in the Sanctuary; 10 a.m. at Village on Antioch
Registration required, and opens at 9 a.m. Mondays prior to each week's services
villagepres.org/welcomeback

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UPCOMING SERMONS

May 30 Rev. Zach Walker preaching

Choose the World You Want to Live In A Village Church Sermon Series

Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God, or the kingdom of heaven as Matthew identifies it. It's not heaven; its life lived genuinely and authentically in this world. But it is also like stepping into a foreign country where the culture and foods and music and expectations are different, because this kingdom is God's, not ours. Jesus showed us what that kingdom looks like by the way he lived his life. But he also taught us about that kingdom by telling particular kinds of stories we call parables. The parables were descriptive, but they were also invitational. Each telling invites us to choose which world we want to live in...the world we have structured, or the kingdom of heaven?

- June 6 Trust the Gospel – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- June 13 It Matters What Kind of Soil You Are – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- June 20 Rev. Melanie Hardison preaching
- June 27 Can I Fix This? – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- July 4 A Different Kind of Patriotism – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- July 11 Rev. Sally Wright Preaching
- July 18 Grace Expectations – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- July 25 Faith Requires Patience – Rev. Tom Are preaching

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. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry
Brooke Brundige, 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
Bob Sperry, director of giving 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

*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org/online.
The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast the following week at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.
We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.*