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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 13, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

For Jesus' first parable, the one about the sower who sows seed like a maniac, he provides an explanation. Those seed snatching birds are really a metaphor for the evil one, and so on. But if we read with care as we walk through this parable a second time, it becomes clear there is a new point being made. Last week, the story was all about the seed. This week, it's all about the soil. What kind of soil we are really matters.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Praeludium*

composed and played by Dr. Christian Kreipke, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

If you are celebrating today,

**this is a good place to be.**

If you are grieving today,

**this is a comforting place to be.**

If you are searching today,

**this is the right place to be.**

For God has called us to share this time in worship,

**it is a call to come home.**

Hymn Anthem

*Take My Life*

The Chancel Ensemble

Prayer of Confession

**God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come,  
we always need Your help.**

**But sometimes we are particularly aware  
of just how much we need You—**

**Like when our hearts are broken,  
or when we have been hurt by others,  
or when we have caused others to hurt,  
or sometimes just because we have run out  
of time,  
or love,  
or hope.**

**Because we are weak, be our strength.**

**Because we are anxious, be our peace.**

**Because we belong to You, be our help and our hope.** (Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Response

*Take My Life*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

*Quietly, Peacefully*  
arr. Lori True; The Chancel Ensemble

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

*An Echo of the Voice of God*  
by Morris/Tice; Chancel Ensemble with Dr. Bob Coleman, alto saxophone

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:18-23

Sermon

*What Kind of Soil You Are Really Matters*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith

Jo Barnard

**Jesus lived a truly human life.  
Jesus was what we are.  
He grew up in a family and a society  
troubled by the common problems of the world.  
His knowledge was limited  
by his time and place in history.  
He felt deeply the joy of friendship  
and the hurt of rejection.  
Jesus prayed,  
struggled with temptation,  
knew anger,  
and was subject to suffering and death.  
He was like us in every way except sin.**

**Jesus was what we should be.  
He served God with complete trust  
and unwavering obedience.  
He loved all kinds of people  
and accepted their love.  
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him  
from loving God with his whole being  
and his neighbor as himself.  
We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.  
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.  
He demonstrates the new humanity  
God promises to give us through him.  
Jesus was what we are.  
Jesus was what we should be.**

Time for Discipleship

Hymn Anthem

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*  
The Chancel Ensemble

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*  
by Jonathan Willcocks; Chancel Ensemble with Dr. Bob Coleman, alto saxophone

\*Postlude

*Here I Am, Lord*  
arranged and played by Dr. Christian Kreipke, organ

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

## MUSIC NOTE

We welcome Dr. Christian Kreipke again today. Christian moved to Overland Park in October 2019 due to his position with Ford Motor Company. Prior to Kansas City, Christian lived in Louisville, Kentucky where he attended Highland Presbyterian Church. Upon the news that he was moving to Overland Park, the head pastor immediately told Christian to check out Village Presbyterian. He is so glad he did! Christian studied organ with Professor Ray Ferguson at Wayne State University prior to attending medical school in Cuba. After a 12 year career in medicine, Christian then joined Ford Motor Company as a launch engineer and now serves as the chief talent ambassador to Ford, globally. No matter what he does, Christian still feels most at home at either a piano or organ bench.

## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshiping with us today! Visit [villagepres.org](http://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 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.

**THE GATHERING** – If you'd like to try an alternative style of worship at Village Church, join us for Gathering services at 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Learn more about The Gathering at [vpcthegathering.org](http://vpcthegathering.org).

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – Plan to join us from 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 25, for this wonderful multi-generational community event in the south parking lot of Village on Mission. No reservations needed. We will be distributing free hot dogs, chips & soda. And Ice Cream Trucks from Fairway Creamery and KC Ice Cream Company will be selling treats from \$3-\$6. Contact Cindy Wilcox at [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2331 with questions.

**WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE PICKUP MEALS** – Take a night off from cooking. Order meals at [villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners](http://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](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2331 for more info.

## MISSION

**JUNETEENTH FREEDOM CELEBRATION'S KIDS' POSTER COMPETITION** – Kids ages 5-12 are invited to participate in the City of Prairie Village's Juneteenth Freedom Celebration & Poster Competition sponsored by the City of Prairie Village, STAND Up for Black Lives+ and the Johnson County NAACP. The Juneteenth Freedom Celebration is from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Franklin Park. The poster competition begins at noon. Winners receive gift cards from \$25-\$100! For complete details, visit [swatf.org](http://swatf.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

**BRAZILIAN JAZZ IN THE PARKING LOT** – Stan Kessler and the Sons of Brazil will give a free jazz concert in the east parking lot from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, in the north parking lot alcove. Order your dinner, pick it up that night, and enjoy an evening of cool jazz while you eat! Register at [villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners).

**KC BAROQUE PRESENTS A GRAND EUROPEAN TOUR** – 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, at Village Presbyterian Church. We embark for the British Isles with music from the concert halls of London to the roadside pubs of Ireland and Scotland! Visit [kcbaroque.org](http://kcbaroque.org) for tickets and the latest updates.

## 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](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

**ENJOY COOKING?** If you like to cook, share that gift with those who may need a meal or two while they recover at home from a hospital stay or an illness. Meals supplied by volunteers in Helping Hands (meals specifically) are a blessing. A meal train is sent out to all volunteers—you sign up for a date that works best for you. Contact Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327 for more information.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**SUMMER PROGRAMS BEGIN TONIGHT** – 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. and Middle School/High School Tailgate Time, 12:30-2 p.m. For program details, visit [villagepresyouth.org/summer](http://villagepresyouth.org/summer) or view our updated calendar at [villagepresyouth.org/calendar](http://villagepresyouth.org/calendar).

**NO PROGRAM ON FATHER'S DAY** – We are not having High School Gathering on June 20. Enjoy Father's Day with your family!

**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](http://villagepresyouth.org) or [madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org](mailto:madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2302.

### **PLEASE WELCOME NEW VILLAGE STAFF MEMBER LISA HARRISON**

Village Church member Lisa Harrison has responded to the call to serve as the new site and communications coordinator at Village Church on Antioch. She began her new call with Village on June 1. Lisa has worked as an editor, program manager, senior communications specialist, middle-school teacher, event manager and senior marketing strategist. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Stanley, Village Presbyterian Church, and now is a member at Village on Antioch. Lisa is also a member of the Village Church Marketing & Communications Committee.

Lisa is a passionate volunteer serving on the VOA Coordinating Council as co-chair of the hospitality team. She is a wife and a mom. She finds joy in giving back to her church and community and believes our actions have ripple effects. She strives to make her ripples positive ones. Welcome, Lisa!



## **Sunday Worship Services**

### **Livestream**

9 & 11 a.m. Sanctuary services at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online)

### **On-Demand**

[villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online)

### **In-Person**

9 & 11 a.m. Village on Mission in the Sanctuary; 5 p.m. The Gathering in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission; 10 a.m. at Village on Antioch.

**Registration is no longer required. We will continue to mask and social distance.**

### **Sign up for Village Church News and Updates**

Sign up to receive the weekly eNews and Rev. Tom Are's weekly eNote at [villagepres.org/subscribe](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

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## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

### Choose the World You Want to Live In

Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God, or the kingdom of heaven as Matthew identifies it. It's not heaven; it's 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 What Kind of Soil You Are Really Matters – 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

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

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

Will Breyspraak, 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

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Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

*Streaming video of Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online).*

*The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast the following week at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel and on our worship service phone line 913-203-1301.*

*We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.*