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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 20, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus says the tiniest of seeds can become the greatest of trees. It's easy for us to focus on the transformation of the seed into the tree and to use it as a metaphor for our own lives. But what Jesus is talking about is the realm of God. God doesn't call us to the work of transformation for transformation's sake. There is more to the story.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Allegro con brio* from *Sonata No. 4*  
by Felix Mendelssohn

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sally Wright

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Thanks be God

**whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,  
who orders our way and guides our feet.**

Thanks be to God

**whose love conquers death and leads us into new life,  
who gives us good news of a world made whole.**

Thanks be God

**who transforms through love our smallest acts into abundance,  
who makes God's promised day near in heart and close at hand.**

Hymn Anthem

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
The Chancel Ensemble

Prayer of Confession

**God of mystery, God of life,  
we imagine that we are capable judges  
of power and wisdom and goodness.**

**We trust our own standards;  
we separate and categorize;  
we mark the performance of others.**

**We fail to trust Your power, hidden in all things.  
We fail to watch for You, working out Your purposes.**

**Gracious God, hidden and manifest,  
transform our withered imaginations  
until we yield the judgments we trust  
to a love we cannot control.** (Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Response

*Halle, Halle, Halle*  
Chancel Ensemble

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

*Quietly, Peacefully*  
arr. Lori True; 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

*The King Of Love, My Shepherd Is*  
arr. Mark Schweizer; Chancel Ensemble

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-32

Sermon

*More than a Mustard Seed Faith*

Rev. Melanie Hardison

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith

**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

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*  
Chancel Ensemble

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*You Call From Tomorrow*  
Chancel Ensemble

\*Postlude

*Toccata from "Suite Circulaire"*  
by Carson Cooman

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

## 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.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Beth Conner by her parents Susan and Ed Conner.

**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 The Gathering 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. 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

**FOOD PANTRY** – The Village Church Clothes Closet is preparing to reopen in several weeks and we are in need of donations of clean, used clothing of all sizes. We especially need men's and women's large and x-large clothing. We also need children's clothing and shoes of all sizes. Bath towels and bed sheets are always welcome. No breakable items please. We ask that you leave all clothing donations in the drop boxes at the north or south entrance to church. Thank you for your support.

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

**KC BAROQUE CONSORTIUM PRESENTS A GRAND EUROPEAN TOUR** – 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. 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.

## 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).

**GROWING THROUGH GRIEF OFFERED THIS SUMMER** – The summer session of Growing Through Grief will meet at 6:30 p.m. on five consecutive Wednesdays, July 14-Aug. 11, at Village on Mission. This class has helped many who are dealing with grief. Each participant receives his/her own copy of "Understanding Your Grief – Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart." This class is free and open to all; registration is required. Contact Linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327 to register.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**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. 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 TODAY** – We are not having High School Gathering today. 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 or 913-671-2302.

## VILLAGE GIVING

Thank you for your continued support and thoughtfulness. Village is strengthened by your generosity. Each and every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference in transforming lives. We often see giving take a vacation in the summer. If you have not done so already, please consider setting up a recurring gift. You can do this on our secure website [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving) or call Bob Sperry at 913-671-2325 to set up a recurring gift. We're all part of Village Being Village!

### Sunday Worship Services

#### 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. For now, we will continue to mask and social distance.**

#### Livestream

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

#### On-Demand

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

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

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### Looking for Volunteers to Help the Village Church Audio/Visual Team

Village depends on volunteers to be the Church. If you have any interest in being a part of our audio/visual team, running sound, or making sure that our service is livestreamed, we welcome anyone 16 years old or older. No experience required. We can teach you how to do this good work. If interested, email [marsha.hansen@villagepres.org](mailto:marsha.hansen@villagepres.org).

## 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 More than a Mustard Seed Faith – 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.*