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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 6, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Jesus was a storyteller. Like a good teller of tales, his stories were funny at times, and almost always surprising. But the most compelling aspect of Jesus' stories was, and continues to be, their invitation. Whether talking about seeds, weeds, lost sheep, lost sons or how to behave on a wilderness road, his subject matter was always the same. His stories were about the kingdom of God—the promised day of God. His stories invite us to imagine how life is lived in that promised day, and to try it on for size.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Rhosymedre*

by Ralph Vaughan Williams; Dr. Christian Kreipke, organist

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Sally Wright

Like finding our way to the kitchen at midnight, we hunger, but for what?

**Jesus said, "There was a sower who went out to sow."**

Like cupping our hands to catch the falling rain, we thirst.

**Jesus said, "Which one of these, do you think, was a neighbor?"**

Like searching our calendars, trying to discover where our life has been.

**Jesus said, "The Kingdom of heaven is like..."**

Like donning glasses we never knew we needed,

Jesus invites us to see the world from the perspective of God's promised day.

**Come, risen Christ, and open our eyes.**

Hymn Anthem

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, v. 1, 3, 5*

The Chancel Ensemble

Prayer of Confession

**God our help in ages past and our hope for years to come,**

**It is rather easy and even comforting to confess in this moment**

**that Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**that we are redeemed by grace,**

**and that we are living toward your promised day.**

**But on Tuesday, when life is cluttered, it can be hard to remember.**

**And on Thursday, when worries are common, it can be hard to trust.**

**And by Saturday, when we just want some rest,**

**it can be hard to live like we trust that**

**Jesus is Lord.**

**But he is. So, strengthen us that now and in the days to come**

**we may live in faith.** (Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Response

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, v. 6*

## 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

*Partita No. 1 in B minor BWV 1002, 'Double'*  
by J. S. Bach; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9

Sermon

*Trust the Gospel*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith

Rebecca Enslow

**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

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*  
The Chancel Ensemble

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again, v. 1*  
The Chancel Ensemble

\*Postlude

*Fanfare No. 2*  
by Robert Graves

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

## MUSIC NOTE

Our guest organist, Dr. Christian Kreipke, 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.

## THE CHANCEL ENSEMBLE

Chancel Ensemble: Carolyn Baruch (alto), Rebecca Enslow (soprano), Dr. Christian Kreipke (organ), Destiny Ann Mermagen (violin), Larry Sneegas (bass), and Peter Vrooman (tenor)

## 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 an outdoor Gathering service at 5 p.m. today 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](http://vpcthegathering.org).

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**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!

## 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.

## 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).

**IT'S NOT FAIR** – Join us at the June Faith & Grief gathering when Sara Christensen shares her sorrow and shock about her 32-year-old colleague's death from COVID-19. Assistant Prosecutor JoEllen Engelbart left her husband and their newborn son behind. This virtual meeting will be at noon Tuesday, June 8. Register at [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings). If you have any questions, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**YOUTH WEEK BEGINS TODAY** – All youth who have completed grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for remaining Youth Week events: Paint & Pizza with Bob Ross (June 7), Volunteering & Hammocking (June 8), Chicken N' Pickle (June 9) and Incredible Pizza (formerly Powerplay; June 10). Get details and sign up by tomorrow by visiting [villagepresyouth.org/summer](http://villagepresyouth.org/summer).

**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](http://villagepresyouth.org/summer) or view our updated calendar at [villagepresyouth.org/calendar](http://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](http://villagepresyouth.org) or [madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org](mailto:madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2302.

## **Sunday Worship Services**

### **Livestream**

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

### **On-Demand After Noon on Mondays**

[villagepres.org/online](http://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 at [villagepres.org/welcomeback](http://villagepres.org/welcomeback). Or you may call 913-262-4200 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

Sign up to receive the weekly eNews and Rev. Tom Are's weekly email 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 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

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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.*