



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 4, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Jesus pointed her out. She was a woman who gave a gift to the temple. It wasn't much, but she gave all she had. The truth is, the temple was so corrupt, some argued it wasn't worthy of her gift. But Jesus pointed her out. Those two were a lot alike.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

This Is My Song
arr. Brenda Portman

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

This is the day the Lord has made.

This day, this time, is holy.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

**Let us live a courageous joy,
not the simple happiness that arrives
as the gift of pleasant circumstances;
but a joy that faces the world as it is,
and trusts the power of God's love to redeem us all.**

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Hymn, No. 327 (v.1,2)

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
From our little spot in the universe
and from our brief moment in the long march of time,
we stop to remember
that you created us.
You have redeemed us,
and you have refused to let us go.
We should be humbled by your grace;
but pride is a familiar companion.
But we remember the truth of you and of us in this moment,
and confess how often we fail to remember. (Silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

Response

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

Congregation on refrain only



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for



you to re - veal your - self to us.



There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we



on - ly find in you, our God.

() (hold last time) *Fine*

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:41-44

Sermon

A Different Kind of Patriotism

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.
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, No. 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

What Does the Lord Require of You
Chancel Ensemble

*Postlude

Improvisation on We Shall Overcome
by Carl Haywood

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

Music Leaders: Karli Cabrera, Rachel Priest, and Roslinde Rivera

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 – Join us for The Gathering for an alternative style of worship at Village Church, 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. We are now livestreaming the service, too. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

NEW BABIES – Share news of your baby so we can welcome his/her arrival with a gift. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

SECOND SATURDAYS FAMILY FUN DRIVE-THRU, JULY 10 – Drive-thru the south lot at Village on Mission from 9-10 a.m. as part of the “Opening Ceremonies” for our Compassion Games VBS Week!

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE PICKUP MEALS – No meals will be distributed in July.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET – 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.

PALS PROGRAM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR COMING SCHOOLYEAR – Village Church partners with Front Porch Alliance to offer the PALS (Partners in Active Learning) program, a tutoring program with Faxon Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri. If you'd like to learn more about being a caring mentor in a child's life, contact Charlotte Davison at charlotteSdavison@gmail.com.

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.

DARCIE TRAMP IS OUR GUEST SPEAKER THIS TUESDAY – Join us for the virtual gathering of Faith and Grief at noon this Tuesday, July 6, when Darcie Tramp shares her experience of having hospice care at home for her grandmother. Register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings. If you need more information or have questions, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS JULY 14 – 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. 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 or view our updated calendar at villagepresyouth.org/calendar.

SUMMER TRIPS – We're still accepting registrations for our remaining summer trips. Join us for the 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FLOAT TRIP – We are still accepting registrations for 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.

NO PROGRAM TONIGHT – Happy 4th of July! We are not having programs this evening. Enjoy the holiday with your family.

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.

Livestream

9 & 11 a.m. Sanctuary services, 5 p.m. The Gathering at villagepres.org/online

On-Demand

villagepres.org/online

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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 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

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

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

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

Streaming video of Sunday 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 and on our worship service phone line 913-203-1301.

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