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## 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 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** – 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](http://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](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

**SECOND SATURDAYS FAMILY FUN DRIVE-THRU, JULY 10** – Drive through 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 next week 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings). If you need more information or have questions, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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).

**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](http://villagepresyouth.org) or [madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org](mailto: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](http://villagepres.org/online)

#### On-Demand

[villagepres.org/online](http://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 Who Can Be Saved? – 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 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.*