



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 18, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Change can be hard; everyone knows that. Even if the change is for our benefit, there is a comfort in the ways things have always been. "The devil you know," as they say. But no one draws closer to God's promised day by living yesterday all over again.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Andante Pastorale
by Josef Rheinberger; Anne Sneller, oboe

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Morning has broken, like the first morning.

**That first morning when everything was still possible,
and there was no burden to carry from days gone by,
and just a word from the creator made abundant life a reality.**

Morning has broken—

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn, No. 436

God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

There are moments when we get it right.

**Those moments must fill you with joy,
and even pride.**

There are other moments when we break your heart,

**because we are so committed to things that do not matter,
and so casual about the things that matter most.**

We do not wish to be this way.

**So, once again, we ask for your forgiveness,
and even more so for your help. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par-don and
cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is great - er than all our sin!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn, No. 482

Baptized in Water

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Anthem

Consecration

poem by Francis Havergal, music by John Ness Beck and Craig Courtney; Judy Bliss, soprano

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

Grace Expectations

Rev. Tom Are

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

Judy Bliss

**In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
he has already begun and will surely finish.
In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is underway.
We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.
But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.
Evil will be condemned
and rooted out of God's good creation.
There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new.
The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected.
Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord!**

Time for Discipleship

*Hymn, No. 307 (v.1,2,3)

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

*Postlude

Fantasy on "HOLY MANNA"
by Aaron David Miller

**All who are able may stand*
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Today's Music Leaders: Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ; Judy Bliss, soprano; Anne Sneller, oboe

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshiping 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 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 or 913-671-2331.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY – Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children at **9:30 a.m.**: Edwin Kimball and Patrick Slentz Dexter-Milling (Nancy and Jacob Dexter-Milling, parents). **11 a.m.**: Nathan Michael Harwell (Emilee and Ryan Harwell, parents).

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

BAPTISMS – We are again offering in-person baptisms at Village. Upcoming baptism dates are Sept. 19 and Nov. 21. An educational class is offered for members who are planning to baptize their children at Village. Call or email Kate for more information.

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.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET – The Village Church Clothes Closet is now open for clients 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.

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED – Please have a family member or the hospital chaplain call the Pastoral Care Department at 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, the room number and other pertinent information. After hours call the church's main number 913-262-4200. A pastor will come and visit, listen and offer comfort and prayers.

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.

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.

INTERN CELEBRATION – All Youth are invited to join us on Sunday evening, 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 25 (after the Gathering), in the Youth Loft, to celebrate and thank our summer interns Ryan, Jo and Kennedy for all of their hard work and dedication this summer. Contact madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org.

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 or call Bob Sperry, director of Giving and Endowment, 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.

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 Who Can Be Saved? – Rev. Sally S. 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, 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 S. 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.