



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 25, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

As the story goes, the bridesmaids had to wait. They had to wait longer than you might expect. Someone once said, "Good things come to those who wait." But waiting doesn't guarantee that good things will come. After a while, you begin to wonder if you are really waiting or just wasting the day with no good thing coming.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Pastorale
by Howard Hanson

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

There is a quietness here—

the kind of quiet that brings peace.

There is a joy here—

the kind of joy that lifts a weary spirit.

There is a love here—

the kind of love that lets us know we are home.

Where else would we be,

save right here in the presence of the living God.

*Hymn, No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,**We assumed that we could build our lives without depending on you.****Be patient with us, we pray.****But not too patient,****for we need you not simply to forgive us,****but to change us. (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

Call to Prayer

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.

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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

There Is A Higher Throne

by Keith and Kristyn Getty; Tami Morrow and Carolyn Baruch, altos

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

Faith Requires Patience

Rev. Tom Are

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

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. 353 (v.1-3)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.**

*Postlude

Fanfare
by Ray Ferguson

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

Today's Music Leaders:
Carolyn Baruch, alto; Dr. Christian Kreipke, organ/piano; Tami Morrow, alto

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

CHILD CARE RESUMES AUG. 15.

BROADLY-GRADED SUMMER LIGHTHOUSE RETURNS ON AUG. 15 & 22 – During the 9 a.m. service, Preschool ages meet on the 1st floor and Kindergarten through sixth grade meets on the 3rd floor. No Lighthouse on Aug. 29 (Youth Sunday) and Sept. 5 (Labor Day Weekend). Regular fall Lighthouse starts on Sept. 12. More information to follow.

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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE PICKUP MEALS – Dinners resume on Aug. 4. Find August menus on our website at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners. Cost is \$5 per person. Order meals online by noon on Mondays.

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.

FAITH AND GRIEF MEETS AUG. 3 – The next virtual meeting of Faith and Grief will be at noon Tuesday, Aug. 3. Register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings. If you have any questions, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER PROGRAMS END AUG. 2 – We take a brief break from programs beginning Aug. 2. We'll see you starting Sept. 8 for fall programs! View our up-to-date calendar at villagepresyouth.org/calendar.

INTERN CELEBRATION IS TONIGHT – All youth are invited to join us in the Youth Loft tonight after the Gathering from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to celebrate and thank our summer interns Ryan, Jo and Kennedy for all their hard work and dedication this summer.

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

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villagepres.org/online

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UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Practical Wisdom from James

"Timely wisdom for our world today." That's how Dr. Martha Moore-Keish describes the Book of James in her recent commentary. (James. A Theological Commentary. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2019.) She goes on to cite how the Book of James is unique in the New Testament for its focus on actions. In chapter 2 verse 17, James writes that "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." In this sermon series, we will explore four ways that faith is lived according to James. Together, we will see how James, the brother of Jesus and leader of the early Christian church in Jerusalem, provides practical wisdom for how we follow Jesus today.

- Aug. 1 Listening Matters (James 1:17-21) – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
- Aug. 8 Actions Matter (James 2:14-26) – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
- Aug. 15 Words Matter (James 3:1-12) – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
- Aug. 22 Praying Matters (James 5:13-20) – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

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