



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 22, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The Message Paraphrase by Eugene Peterson

Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out. Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

—James 5:13-16

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

God of Grace and God of Glory
arr. Paul Manz

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call to Worship (Psalm 61)

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Hear our cries, O God; listen to our prayers.

From the ends of the earth we call to you, when our hearts are faint.

Lead us to you, O God; to you who are higher than we are.

For you are our refuge, a strong tower against our enemies.

Let us abide in your presence forever,

Let us find refuge under the shelter of your wings.

For you, O God, have heard our vows;

You have given us the heritage of those who fear your name.

Praying matters: Who is the God we encounter when we pray?

Scripture Reading: James 5:13

Are any among you suffering?

They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

*Hymn, No. 611

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Praying matters: Why do we pray?

Scripture Reading: James 5:14

Are any among you sick?

They should call for the elders of the church

and have them pray over them,

anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

Anointing

*Hymn

Anointing Fall on Me
by Ron Kenoly

**Anointing fall on me.
Anointing fall on me.
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me.
Anointing fall on me.**

**Touch my hands,
my mouth and my heart.
Fill my life, Lord, every part.
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me.
Anointing fall on me.**

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Praying Matters: What happens when we pray?

Scripture Reading: James 5:15

The prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up;
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

*Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

**Anointing fall on me.
Anointing fall on me.
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me.
Anointing fall on me.**

Praying Matters: 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 (9 a.m.)

Prayer of St. Francis

by Allen Pote; The Summer Choir; Karli Cabrera, soprano

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Praying Matters: What happens to us when we pray?

Scripture Reading: James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to one another,
and pray for one another,
so that you may be healed.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Guided prayer

*Hymn, No. 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

*Benediction

*Postlude

Opportunities to pray with Stephen Ministers

Following the benediction, several Stephen Ministers, members of our congregation who have been trained in providing care through listening and prayer, will be in the Chancel. They are available for individual prayer. All conversations are confidential. If you would like to pray with someone who is kind and trustworthy, please come up to the Chancel and approach any of the ministers. They will listen to your concerns and pray with you.

**All who are able may stand*
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Labyrinths have existed for thousands of years. Christians view labyrinths as symbols of the journey of faith. Starting from the outside world, one enters the labyrinth moving progressively to the center. One pauses in the center and breathes deeply resting in the Holy Spirit and seeking guidance. Then, when ready, one returns to the outside world. We invite you to use your finger to trace your journey through the labyrinth today and in the days ahead to deepen your faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE – On Sunday, Sept. 12, we return to our usual fall morning worship schedule with services at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. at Village on Mission; and 10 a.m. at Village on Antioch. We will return to sharing the peace of Christ and passing the offering plates and friendship register. We also continue to strongly encourage the wearing of masks for all persons and require masks for any persons who are not fully vaccinated.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

FALL VILLAGE U CATALOG NOW AVAILABLE – Enrollment for fall Village U classes opens on Monday, Aug. 23. See the course listings online at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes. A limited number of printed catalogs are located at the north and south entrances of Village on Mission.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

DISCOVERING GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR LIFE: YOU AND YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS – Rev. Sally S. Wright, associate pastor for pastoral care, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Room 126. Learn how to discover, develop and use your unique Spirit-given gifts effectively with a renewed understanding of who God created you to be.

SACRED WORDS AND SACRED SACRAMENTS: EXPLORING BAPTISM, THE LORD'S SUPPER, THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE APOSTLES' CREED – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor and director of adult faith formation, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29, Rooms 132 & 133. Over the centuries, the church has identified certain rituals and words to be sacred and holy. Together, we will explore what these words and sacraments mean and why we do them the way we do.

9/11 AND 1/6: WHAT THESE TERRORIST ATTACKS HAVE TAUGHT US ABOUT RESPONDING TO EXTREMISM – Bill Tammeus, retired Kansas City Star columnist and ruling elder at Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Room 127. Bill Tammeus recently published, "Love, Loss and Endurance: A 9/11 Story of Resilience and Hope in an Age of Anxiety." His book, and this course, share ways everyone can counter religious (and other kinds of) extremism.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE.

BROADLY-GRADED SUMMER LIGHTHOUSE TODAY – Before the 9 a.m. service, meet us at the south playground for check-in (preschool kids through sixth graders). We will be outdoors (weather permitting). Please bring a mask. 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 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

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

CURBSIDE PICKUP WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEALS – Take a night off from cooking. Find menus and order meals at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners for \$5. Deadline each week is noon on Mondays. Drive up to the north entrance at Village on Mission between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. to receive your meals through your car window. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331 for more info.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY – "Easy-to-prepare dinners" is the theme for the Food Pantry's requests for this week—canned meals: tuna, chicken, Spaghetti's, beef stew, ravioli, etc. The Clothes Closet is asking for baby clothing and blankets and children books. Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry or at church. Donation bins are located inside the south and north doors of both our campuses.

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 & GRIEF" RESUMES IN-PERSON ON SEPT. 7 – We will start meeting in person in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7. A boxed lunch is provided; you may eat it here or take it with you. Current COVID protocols include: If you are not vaccinated, you must wear a mask. If you are vaccinated, masks are strongly encouraged. Social distancing will be observed. Registration is not required but is extremely helpful; register at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH SUNDAY IS AUG. 29 – Youth will be ministering to us during the 9, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. services at Village on Mission on Aug. 29. Support our youth by attending a service on that Sunday and inviting family and friends! Contact madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org for more information.

TRIP SIGNUPS BEGIN SEPT. 7 – Signups open Sept. 7 for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip (March 12-19, 2022), the High School Ski Trip (Jan. 14-18), and the Middle School Ski Trip (Feb. 19-23). Visit villagepresyouth.org to sign up.

PROGRAMS RESUME SEPT. 8 – We are taking a brief break from programs during August, but we'll see you starting Sept. 8 for fall programs! View our up-to-date calendar at villagepresyouth.org/calendar.

SPORTING KC GAME – All youth are invited to a Sporting KC soccer game vs. Chicago Fire on Sept. 11. We will meet at Village at 5:30 p.m. and carpool to Children's Mercy Park, and we will be back at Village by 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$23 and signup is required. Email madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org or visit vpcpvks.brushfire.com/youth to sign up.

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NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

Aug. 29 Youth Sunday

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

The Church: An Already/Not Yet People

What is a church good for? Why did God decide the world that God loves needs a church? Well, there are several responses to such questions. A few centuries ago, the Presbyterian Church identified some grand purposes to describe what the church is for. These purposes are called the "Great Ends of the Church." There are six Great Ends. They describe the life of the church as it is, at least to a point. But they also are aspirational and describe what the church should be. In that sense, they describe the church as it already is, while at the same time, they describe the church as it has yet to become. Beginning Sept. 5, Rev. Are will explore each of these ancient statements. They are hopeful. They are challenging. They are relevant, perhaps more relevant today than they were when they were drafted centuries ago. Of course, these were written in language that sounds more like Thomas Jefferson than the way we talk today; but there is still wisdom to be found in these old words. And when the church chooses to live toward these Great Ends or Great Purposes, there may be no other place you would rather be in/among these already/not yet people.

Sept. 5	The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind
Sept. 12	The Shelter, Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God
Sept. 19	The Maintenance of Divine Worship
Sept. 26	The Preservation of the Truth
Oct. 3	The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World
Oct. 10	The Promotion of Social Righteousness

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist
Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Brooke Brundige, director of children and family ministry
Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications ❖ Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care
Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care
Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music ❖ 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, founding pastor, 1947-1994

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.