



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 29, 2021 • 9 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

We have walked through the letter from James this month, learning about what matters: listening, actions, words and prayer. Today we finish the series in James as our youth reflect on wisdom matters. Their experiences over the summer have lent them wisdom they have brought home with them. How have the experiences in your life brought you wisdom? And where might God be working in the midst of that wisdom?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Etude Op. 10 No. 5
by Frédéric Chopin; Fritz Volini

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Call to Worship

Brady Hull, Nate Sparks, Luke Montgomery

We know listening matters.

We listen to you, God, and we listen to each other.

When we are quick to listen we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

We know actions matter.

Love for one another is both feeling and doing.

Love is a verb, an action.

God calls us to love one another not just in what we think, but also in what we do.

We know words matter.

We cannot claim to love if we speak otherwise.

Words carry their own weight, their own power for good or for ill.

We lift our voices for love, for justice and for peace.

We know praying matters.

We connect with God in prayer,

and we remember that prayer is not about us,

but about God.

In prayer we seek to hear and be heard, for you are a God who hears.

We know wisdom matters.

Wisdom comes from our experiences,

and heavenly wisdom teaches us how to grow closer to God and God's Kingdom.

There is wisdom in our love for you, God, and wisdom in treating one another with love.

*Hymn, No. 300 (v. 1-3)

We Are One in the Spirit

*Prayer of Confession

Jack Vaughan

Dear God,

**Through your word you have handed us wisdom from heaven,
but we too often ignore it and push it to the back of our minds.**

We don't look to you for guidance; we don't even think about it.

**We judge others in our minds, sometimes even with our tongues.
And we think you must be calling someone nearby instead of us
to be the change we wish to see in the world.
We think that our wisdom is greater.
Forgive us, God. Help us to do better. Amen.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

Sean Reed

*Sung Response

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Katie Cook, Molly Minor

Call to Prayer

Rick Founds

**Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Katie Hull

**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

Transcendental Etude No. 3 "Paysage"
by Franz Liszt; Fritz Volini

Prayer for Illumination

Lily Seesing

Scripture

James 3:13-18

Lucy Minor

Sermon

Wisdom Matters

Elie Patterson, Espie Lemon, Ella Hans

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Anthem

I Choose Love

by Mark A. Miller; Village Voices

Time for Discipleship

Harper McKee

*Hymn

Called Me Higher

by All Sons and Daughters

**I could just sit
I could just sit and wait for all your goodness,
Hope to feel Your presence
I could just stay
I could just stay right where I am and hope to feel You
Hope to feel something again**

**But You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord
But You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord
You'll lead me, Lord**

**I could hold on
I could hold on to who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside
I could be safe
I could be safe here in Your arms and never leave home,
Never let these walls down**

**But You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord
But You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord**

**I will be Yours, oh I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours, oh I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours, oh I will be Yours for all my life so let Your mercy.
I will be Yours, oh I will be Yours for all my life so let Your mercy light the path before me**

**But You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord
But You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord
You'll lead me, Lord**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**But You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord
But You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord
You'll lead me, Lord**

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand*

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Village Voices is directed by Dr. Joshua Maize. The choir is open to current 7-12th graders and rehearses Sundays from 5-6:30 p.m. No audition or prior singing experience is required. For more information, contact Josh at josh.maize@villagepres.org.

The Youth Band is directed by Kevin Dolan. The group is open to current 7-12th graders who play any instrument. 7-8th graders rehearse at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. 9-12th graders rehearse at 6 p.m. Sundays. These groups perform at youth group and occasionally combine for other performances such as Youth Sunday. Instrumentation needs change regularly, so you don't have to commit to every week! For more information, contact Kevin at kevin.dolan@villagepres.org.

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the glory of God in memory of Jim Hultman by Edie Hultman.

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.

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 regular morning worship schedule with services at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 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 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – See the course listings and register 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 – Taught by Rev. Sally S. Wright from 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 – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from 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 – Taught by Bill Tammeus, retired Kansas City Star columnist and ruling elder at Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri, from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Room 127. Bill 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.

NO LIGHTHOUSE TODAY.

FALL LIGHTHOUSE KICKOFF – POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND – Connect with other Village families on the south playground after the Lighthouse on Sunday, Sept. 12.

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 – The requests this week are for canned vegetables—but we want you to be creative in your choice of vegetables. Think of variety—beets, spinach, yams, sauerkraut, refried beans, etc. Your different choices will be enjoyed by the clients. The Clothes Closet is asking for sheets in all sizes—and kitchen and bath towels. Bring your donations to the church or to the Clothes Closet between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Thank you.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE LOST YOUR SPOUSE – A support group for widows meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in Room 126. Rev. Sally Wright facilitates this group; discussion includes the grief process and a variety of topics. The next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 2. The widowers' support group meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. in Room 132; the next meeting is this Thursday, Sept. 2. A pastor joins the group every first and third Thursday; the other weeks the group is self-led.

YOUTH MINISTRY

TRIP SIGNUPS BEGIN SEPT. 7 – Signups open Sept. 7 for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip (March 13-19, 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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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.