



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 12, 2021 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today we consider the second great end of the church: "the shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God." Last Sunday we were reminded that we belong to God. It follows that belonging to God means we also belong to one another. This great end claims the children of God require shelter, nurture and spiritual friendship. When it comes to faith, our relationship to one another is where the rubber hits the road.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

And Again I Say, Rejoice!
by Brenda Portman

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

The love of God welcomes us here.

We are not alone.

The grace of God heals us here.

We come in hope.

The promised day of God awaits us here.

We sing in joy,

for we are the children of God. Alleluia.

*Hymn, No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Unison Morning Prayer

Patient God,

Another week has come and gone.

**There were times we were consumed by trivia,
and ignored what matters most.**

**There were times we failed to take the high road,
and lived small.**

**There were times we were so consumed with
whatever it was we were doing,
that we forgot we were in your presence.**

**But there were other times when we lived like you want your children to live:
we did justice, loved kindness, and walked humbly with you.**

In the week to come, inspire us to live more like you want us to live. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response (2x)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer (8, 11 a.m.) (1st time-Cantor; 2nd time-Congregation)

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (8, 11 a.m.)

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.

Responsive Litany of Thanksgiving for Faithful Service (9:30 a.m.)

In their baptisms, Jane, Sue, and Ruthie were clothed with Christ
and called by God through the voice of the church to serve God's people.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God's call to all who minister among us.**

Sue, Ruthie, and Jane, you have served diligently and faithfully for 20 years. Village Church is a stronger church thanks to your dedication and care. God is calling you to a time of ceasing from these labors, and we ask God's blessing as you let go of familiar tasks and deep commitments.

We give thanks to God for all the ways you have faithfully served our community with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, as well as passion, humor, and grace.

May God bless you this day and all the days of your lives.

Prayer

Anthem (11 a.m.)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. Roland E. Martin; Village Voices and Sascha Groschang, cello

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:3-7

Sermon

The Shelter, Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Offertory Anthem

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
arr. Eric Nelson; Village Choir; Sascha Groschang, cello; Mary Basset Shemon, flute

*Sung Response

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!
Praise Christ, All Creatures here below!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore! Praise triune God, whom we adore! Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
music by Christian Kreipke; Village Choir; Mary Basset Shemon, flute

*Postlude

Joyful, Joyful!
by Brenda Portman

*All who are able may stand

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Six Great Ends of the Church

The "Great Ends of the Church" are a set of six mission statements that define the life and work of the Presbyterian Church (USA). For decades, these axioms have helped establish the course for mission and ministry, and present basic works to our denomination that are the heart of who the church is and what the church is called to do. In celebration of these important and holy duties, and as reminders of the same, Presbyterian Churches across the country created banners to display in their houses of worship. Make sure to visit the Welcome Center to see Village's own banners of "The Six Great Ends of the Church." The Second Great End is the shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.

Giving Thanks

Three extraordinary church members, Ruthie Kline, Sue Meredith and Jane Abildgaard, have coordinated our telephone calling ministry (Telecare) for the last 20 years. They are transitioning out of their roles and you are invited to send cards expressing gratitude for their service. Mail cards to the church as follows: Attn Linda Alley, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village KS 66208. We need to receive your cards by Monday, Sept. 20.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, Sept. 19

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Sept. 19. This meeting will take place at both campuses immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service at the Village on Mission Sanctuary, the 10 a.m. service at Village on Antioch and after The Gathering at 5 p.m. at Village on Mission. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new church officers for the positions of elder, elder/trustee and deacon. At-large members of the Nominating Committee will also be elected.

Come Claim Stillness and Peace at Taizé

You are invited to a service of Taizé at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Here we will sing, pray, be still and celebrate the Lord's Supper. During the push and pull of busy and stressful days, this time of quiet will be a balm to your soul! Contact Dr. Elisa Bickers at elisa.bickers@villagepres.org if you have any questions.

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.

FOOD PANTRY – Today is Peanut Butter Sunday! Each family receives a jar with each visit, which means there is no such thing as too much peanut butter. If you left your peanut butter, cash or check is acceptable or you can drop them off at either church or at the Pantry during the week. The Clothes Closet needs baby clothes, blankets and children's books.

CONNECTION SUNDAY – As we launch programs and events this year, be sure to pick up your special treat to make at home as a family activity or share with a neighbor. Families and kids can enjoy activities and popsicles on the playground following the 9:30 a.m. service, and we have invitations for you about our events in the coming weeks. Village Church is grateful for you!

THE VILLAGE CUP IS OPEN – Hours are Sunday 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Tuesday-Thursday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. when lunches are available. Online ordering will be coming soon.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

REGISTER FOR FALL VILLAGE U CLASSES at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES BEGIN TODAY – Email laura.hobbs@villagepres.org for Zoom info.

Faith Journey meets in Room 230 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Our format is to use book studies, guest speakers and videos to explore new perspectives and examine our own beliefs.

Foundations of Faith meets via Zoom (only) at 11 a.m. Combining science, history and archaeology with the Bible, our class welcomes all seekers.

Village Forum meets in Rooms 126 & 127 and via Zoom from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class topics include biblical studies, theology, social issues and church history.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES – Register online at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

CONTINUING WATERCOLOR – 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 8-Dec. 15, Rooms 232 & 233. The instructor will present the subject and provide a line drawing of the outline for participants to transfer to their paper. A finished copy, or stages of the painting and the final copy, will be provided to participants to take home for reference. Child care is not provided. Email wyates66@gmail.com for more info.

ELECTRIC CAR SHOW – 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, south parking lot of Village on Mission. Local electric car enthusiasts will display their all-electric and plug-in hybrid/electric vehicles. Email apphs58@yahoo.com for more info.

FROM CHAOS TO CALM: THE KEYS TO GETTING ORGANIZED – 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, Room 232. Imagine a clutter-free world, an organized home, an efficient office and peace of mind. Helen Austen can make that your reality by sharing innovative insights and action plans so that you will leave empowered to overcome your organizing challenges.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE.

FALL LIGHTHOUSE KICKOFF-POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND – Connect with other Village families on the south playground after the Lighthouse today.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEALS – Order \$5 meals by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners. For curbside pickup, drive up to the north entrance at Village on Mission between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Or choose our Dine-In option in Friendship Hall from 5:30-6 p.m. We ask that you be fully vaccinated to take advantage of this dine-in option. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

FALL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL – 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the Village on Mission north parking lot. Bring your family and lawn chairs and enjoy music from the Aaron Linscheid Trio and kids' activities. Purchase food from four gourmet food trucks. Sponsored by Connectional Ministries Committee. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 with questions.

MISSION

TOUR OF RESTORATION HOUSE – The Mission Committee has arranged to tour Restoration House (transitional housing for victims of sex trafficking), 1 p.m. Sept. 16 (25713 S State Route K, Harrisonville, Missouri). Call Deborah White at 913-671-2369 if you are interested in joining the tour.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) ADDRESSES RECENT CRISES – Hurricanes, Floods, Earthquakes. PDA enables Village Church to care for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. You can assist in their efforts with a financial contribution. Visit pda.pcusa.org to learn more.

MUSIC

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE – Sing or play in one of our ensembles. All of our musical groups have just begun rehearsing and sharing the great gift of music, and we would love for you to join our musical family. Email any member of our music team including our music coordinator, Carol Dale at carol.dale@villagepres.org.

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, contact the pastoral care team at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

CLASSIC CITIZENS CELEBRATION – Join us for fun and fellowship at the Classic Citizens Celebration, from 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Sanctuary and Welcome Center. If you are unable to come in person, join us online at villagepres.org/online. RSVP to Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

VILLAGE VOICES REHEARSALS BEGIN TONIGHT – Youth Choir rehearsals are held Sunday nights in Room 14, 5-6:30 p.m. Open to grades 7-12. Contact director Josh Maize at josh.maize@villagepres.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP BEGINS TONIGHT – Youth Loft, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Open to grades 9-12.

CAPSTONE BEGINS SEPT. 19 – High School seniors are invited to join Capstone, a thoughtful, discussion-based faith formation class. Class is held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (dates, locations, & syllabus will be emailed when you register) and runs September through March. Register for free at villagepresyouth.org/capstone.

SKI TRIP INFO MEETINGS – To learn more about the 2022 Middle School and High School ski retreats, join us online via Zoom at 10:45 a.m. or 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26. Content will be the same for both meetings, so join the one that best fits your schedule. Open to parents and students. Email youth@villagepres.org for the Zoom link.

CURRENT 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. Rev. Are explores 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.