



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 10, 2021 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today we consider the final Great End of the church. Our spiritual grandparents taught us that the church exists for the promotion of social righteousness. Jesus was always concerned about how we relate to others, so a concern for healthy communities is a faithful concern.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

D Minor Praeludia
by Geörg Böhm

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (9:30 a.m.)
William Runyan; arr. Lloyd Larson;
Bob Abbott, oboe, Ruth Abbott, piano, Anne Sneller, English horn

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

The time has come and God is with us.

**God has been waiting for us
to offer our praise,
to lift our prayers,
to remember once again the love that makes sense of our lives.**

The time has come,

Let us worship God together.

*Hymn, No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
You create each new day,
yet we have the same old expectations.
We doubt that you can surprise us.
We place more confidence in accomplishment than in grace.
Our belief is never far from our unbelief.
You love us, but we break your heart.
So, once again we pray this familiar prayer:
Forgive us. Make us new. Lead us into greater faithfulness.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance (sing twice)

**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

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

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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

As the Deer (9:30 a.m.)

Martin Nystrom; arr. Lloyd Larson;

Village Players: Bob Abbott, oboe, Ruth Abbott, piano, Anne Sneller, English horn

Meditation (Traditional Irish Air) (11 a.m.)

Meditation Village Players: Destiny Mermagen, violin & Jenny Hull, cello

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:21-24

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Offertory Anthem

We Walk In Love

by Deanna Witkowski & Lemuel Colon; Village Choirs

(Choir only) We walk in love united in purpose.

We join our hands and lift up one voice.

We speak the truth with strength and compassion
resounding with hope, with courage and joy.

(Choir only) We cry for peace and rights for all people.

We welcome friends from far and near.

We fight for those whose voices are silenced

Resisting in faith until all are free.

(Congregation joins) **We dream a world of justice and kindness.**

We build a bridge creating new paths.

We march with joy as all walk together.

Embracing each one, we boldly stand.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.
You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**We dream a world of justice and kindness.
We build a bridge creating new paths.
We march with joy as all walk together.
Embracing each one, we boldly stand.**

*Postlude

Toccata from "Suite Circulare"
by Carson Cooman

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today we welcome members of the Village Players to worship in our 9:30 & 11 a.m. services. The Village Players are a community chamber music program for instrumentalists of all ages, led by Destiny Ann Mermagen. Contact Destiny at destiny.mermagen@villagepres.org for more information.

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 final Great End is the promotion of social righteousness.

SCOUT TROOP 91 HOLIDAY EVERGREEN SALE – Troop 91 will be selling holiday greenery from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at the north & south entrances at our Mission campus. Place an order online anytime until Oct. 31 at sherwoodfundraiser.com/troop91/vpc. All orders will be ready for pickup at the church Nov. 21 & 28. Home delivery is available. For questions, email reboyce4@gmail.com.

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 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. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

POSTPONED - "CODE RED FOR HUMANITY" WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL DR. CHRIS KING – This class sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee originally scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18 has been postponed.

CLIMATE CHANGE: TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT – Taught by Chick Keller from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in Rooms 126 & 127. Climate change is real and will dramatically impact all our lives. This course will examine the cause and impact of climate change. Email laura.hobbs@villagepres.org to register.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE WITH REV. TOM ARE – 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 9, in Room 228. Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible Study. Chef Andrea will prepare a hot breakfast. To make a reservation for breakfast, register online. Cost: \$6.

REGISTER FOR VILLAGE U CLASSES at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes. Email laura.hobbs@villagepres.org for Zoom information.

FEAST 2.0 RETREAT – 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30; meet at Village on Mission to carpool. Join us at Conception Abbey for a time of personal growth and development & alone time with the Spirit. Conception Abbey is a beautiful monastery of the Benedictine Order that is a two-hour drive north of Kansas City. Email laura.hobbs@villagepres.org for information & to register.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

FIRST FLOOR-CHILD CARE AVAILABLE – Child care is available during 9:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. services. Infants to 4-year-olds in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY LIGHTHOUSE – Check in at the south playground at 9:30 a.m. service.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEALS - Order \$5 meals by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners. Curbside pickup is at the north entrance at Village on Mission between 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Or, choose the dine-in option from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Please be fully vaccinated if you choose to dine in. Meals are served in to-go containers. Email cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY – This week we're concentrating on canned main dish items (those items that are easy to warm up for dinner)-canned chicken, tuna, chili, beef stew, ravioli, etc. The Clothes Closet needs towels, sheets, pillowcases, blankets. Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts have made this mission the success that it is!

BLOOD DRIVES – Give the gift of life. 2-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Village on Antioch or noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in Rooms 132 & 133 at Village on Mission.

BE THE CHURCH SERVICE WEEK – Join Village on Mission & Antioch for Be the Church Service Week Oct. 24-31. We have a variety of service opportunities that can be completed at home & dropped off in bins located at Mission's south entrance or Antioch's main east entrance. If you wish to provide service in person, you can help assemble hygiene kits at Antioch at 10:45 a.m. Oct. 24. Visit villagepres.org/bethechurch or call 913-671-2369.

MUSIC

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL WITH ORGANIST DAVID PICKERING – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Dr. Pickering is the director of the keyboard division at Kansas State University. Come treat yourself to fabulous organ music on your lunch break.

A FOUR SEASONS SPOOKtacular! 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, Village on Mission Sanctuary. This unique concert will feature Village Players Youth members (students selected by audition from around the community) and professionals from the KC area. Featuring Vivaldi's Autumn & Winter from "The Four Seasons," A Halloween Spooktacular, and Piazzolla, join us for an evening of fun and great music.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Dr. Langston Hemenway, conductor of the Village Brass, leads this favorite Kansas City ensemble. A reception will take place immediately following the concert in the Welcome Center.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP: A BALM FOR THE SOUL – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Come for the silence, come for the songs, come for the celebration of The Lord's Supper.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

No matter the season of transition in which we may find ourselves, God's presence remains. Your Village Church family is with you in support & prayer. To make 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.

VOLUNTEER TO LEND A HELPING HAND – Join the Helping Hands Ministry! Like to cook? You'd be perfect to bring a meal to a member who is recovering from a hospital stay. Handy around the house? Tackle simple home chores like raking leaves. Volunteers are sent an email when there's a request. Interested? Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY **For all 20's & 30's**

THEOLOGY THURSDAY – 6-7:30 p.m. Fall series: "Wilderness." Wilderness is a theme in scripture, & in our own lives. Often, it's a place we journey alone, but in these strange days we're having a sort of shared wilderness experience. Read more & sign up online: villagepresya.org/fall.

MORNINGS WITH MOMS & MINIS - Begins Oct. 12, 9:30-11 a.m. Friends & faith for the journey of motherhood are important. Mamas, bring your little ones or come alone. We'll have breakfast together & enjoy devotions & conversation. All young-adult moms welcome! Sign up online: villagepresya.org/fall.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES – No sign-up is required, masks required while in the building. All weekly activities below will meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

SUNDAY SERIES – 9:30 a.m. for middle & high school. **SNL** (high school youth group) – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays. **LOFTERNOONS** (middle school after school program) – 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays. **GPS** (middle school youth group) – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays. **EARLY TABLE** (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays; rides to school available.

MS EMERALD CITY – Middle schoolers, join us for a late night at Emerald City gym from 9-11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14. Cost is \$20. Sign up at villagepresyouth.org. Email youth@villagepres.org with questions.

HS TOPGOLF – High schoolers, join us at TopGolf at 10 a.m.-noon Friday, Oct. 15. Meet there and bring \$5 if you need a membership. Questions? Email youth@villagepres.org.

12th GRADE DINNER – All high school seniors are invited to Zach's House (4807 W 101st Ter, OP, KS 66207) at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct 16. Come enjoy food, hang out and talk with fellow seniors. No RSVP needed.

TRUNK OR TREAT - 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in the Village on Mission south parking lot. All are welcome to join us in the south lot on the Wednesday before Halloween. Come for fun and candy and amazing costumes. If you'd like to host a trunk, email the youth department at youth@villagepres.org.

UPCOMING SERMONS

Oct. 17 Finding God – This Place and On the Move - Rev. Sally Wright preaching

The World that God So Loved is This World

We see the consequences every day—fires, floods, droughts, storms. The financial and human costs continue to rise as homes are destroyed, lives are lost, and millions are made refugees. When the conditions for human life on the planet are stressed, it becomes a matter of conscience for people of faith, who are called to love the neighbor. There is a lot of bad news, and the science indicates that things will get worse before they get better. But we live in hope, because the earth is a great place to live, and it is a world that God loves.

Oct. 24 Dry Land from the Waters - Rev. Tom Are preaching

Oct. 31 Rev. Zach Walker preaching in the Sanctuary; Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching in The Gathering

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

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

Will Breyspraak, 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.