



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 17, 2021 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Although we do not always feel God's presence of awe and glory, it is constantly revealed to us. Yet, we must set the reminders to spot God's Spirit awakening within and around us. God is both in this place and in every place. Our spiritual grandfather Jacob shows us what it means to have places of worship and that God can meet us wherever we are.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Meditation on "Prospect"
by Emma Lou Diemer

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Introit (Choir then Congregation)

**We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

We come trusting that we will meet the Holy One here.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

We come to be reminded that Jesus has already shown us the way.

**Jesus says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,
the beginning and the end."**

We come to worship the living Lord.

Be still and know that I am God.

*Hymn, No. 301; v. 2 choir only

Let Us Build a House

*Prayer of Confession

**In our seeking to do justice, love kindness and walk closely with you,
our priorities and goals can become numerous.**

We confess the moments when your will is not our focus

and we ask that you still our minds, our souls and our schedules

so we can stop and feel your presence awakening within us. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance (sing twice)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

Surely the Presence of Lord
by Lanny Wolfe; Village Choir

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

The Lone, Wild Bird (8, 11 a.m.)
arr. David Johnson; Music Interns - Karli Cabrera, soloist

Beloved (9:30 a.m.)
by Mark A. Miller; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-22

Sermon

Finding God – This Place and On the Move

Rev. Sally S. Wright

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 409

God Is Here!

Offertory Anthem

Locus Iste
Anton Bruckner

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

—from the Gradual that follows the Epistle in the Latin Mass

*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. 766 (v. 1-4)

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood of stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.**

*Postlude

Grands Jeux
by Pierre DuMage

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The Music Interns

Today we give thanks for our music interns, who contribute their musical leadership to weekday rehearsals and Sunday worship. Returning music interns are Karli Cabrera, soprano and teacher in Lawrence, and Dre'Shon Tolbert, tenor and current William Jewell College music education student. We welcome our new interns, Cassandra Leon and Evan Nelson, who are graduate students in the conducting and voice performance programs of University of Missouri-Kansas City, respectively.

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.

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 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. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT TONIGHT at 7 p.m. in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Dr. Langston Hemenway, conductor of the Village Brass, leads this favorite Kansas City ensemble. Admission is free.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

FOUR FOUNDATIONS FOR EARTH CARE – The Environmental Action Committee is co-sponsoring Rev. Peter Sawtell's presentation at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, via Zoom. Rev. Sawtell served for 20 years as the executive director of Eco-Justice Ministries, helping Christian churches faithfully address the environmental crisis. Register by emailing Reesveenstra@aol.com.

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

CLIMATE CHANGE: TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT – Taught by Chick Keller from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in Rooms 126. 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.

MEDIEVAL MOTHERS: THE FIVE MATRIARCHS OF THE REFORMATION – Taught by Dr. Trenton Smith from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 3-17 and Dec. 1-15, Room 127. We'll explore the writings of five of our greatest female theologians from the Middle Ages, and discover how, even under the oppression of patriarchal theology, these women influenced the theology of the Church.

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 – All varieties of canned vegetables are needed: beets, spinach, refried beans, yams, sauerkraut, etc. The Clothes Closet is asking for sweaters and winter coats in all sizes. Donation bins are located inside the south and north doors of each campus or at the Pantry.

BLOOD DRIVE – Give the gift of life between noon and 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.

SPONSOR A FOOD PANTRY FAMILY'S THANKSGIVING MEAL – Turkeys and all the trimmings will be distributed to Food Pantry families Nov. 17-20. No food drive this year, but you can sponsor a family with a \$30 donation. Checks payable to "Village Church Food Pantry" may be mailed to Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Or donate online at villagepres.org/thanksgiving.

MUSIC

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. Rev. Melanie Hardison will lead this contemplative service.

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.

IF YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL, LET US KNOW – We are here for you. Please have a family member or the hospital chaplain call the Pastoral Care Department at 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, the room number and other pertinent information. After hours call the church's main number: 913-262-4200.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SEEKING NOMINATIONS – Honorary Life Memberships are a national PC(USA) award presented for outstanding service and leadership. She must be a member of the church and not currently on the PW board or a member of Session. Nomination form at villagepres.org/pw. Submit nominations by Friday, Oct. 29, to VillagePresHLM@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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 Aliens and Tenants – Rev. Zach Walker preaching in the Sanctuary;
To Dwell Among – 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.