



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 24, 2021 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today and next Sunday we will reflect on the changing nature of our planet as a result of climate change. The news is challenging, even threatening and we see the consequences daily. But there is good news, too.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude	<i>"Adagio e dolce" from Trio Sonata in D Minor, BWV 527</i> by J. S. Bach
Words of Welcome	Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Introit	<i>For Every Child</i> (8,9:30 a.m.)
	Adam Tice; Village Choir
	<i>Amazing Grace</i> (11 a.m.)
	Traditional; Elena Green, pianist
Call to Worship	Rev. Hallie Hottle

The God who fashioned galaxies
 and knit our bodies together,
 and breathed the breath of life into our lungs,
 and poured love into our souls—

**It is this God who calls us to worship,
 and we come with joy,
 for in the presence of God we are at home.**

*Hymn, No. 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and grace,
 In these past few days,
 if there was a choice we made,
 or an action we failed to take,
 that disappointed you,
 we are sorry.**

We want to be faithful.

So, once again, we pray that you lead us in right paths. (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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:26-31, pg. 1

Call to Prayer *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place* (8,9:30 a.m.)
Lanny Wolfe; Village Choir
Meditation (11 a.m.)
Josie Green, pianist

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 *Beautiful River* (11 a.m.)
by Rev. Robert Lowry and William Hawley; Alegría Choir

Scripture Reading Psalm 46:1-7, pg. 506

Sermon *Dry Land from the Waters*
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

The Earth Sings

**The earth intones the will of God
in sounds we scarcely hear.**

**Yet silent beauties fill the air
and tune the list'ning ear.**

**From ev'ry stream and forest glen,
from mountain peak and vale –**

**The holy garb of nature's realms
is struggling to prevail.**

**The living seas desire to be
a canticle sublime.**

**From splashing surf and soaring spray
all sounding the Divine.**

**From gentle lapping of the waves
to crashing breakers high –**

**Yet, mortals shun the care of shores
and mar the maritime.**

**The verdant hills and mountains high
remind us of God's throne.**

**They shelter creatures from the clime
and shield their lofty homes.**

**The source of glacier's bluish glaze;
of splendors yet unseen.**

**Yet, waters fresh have disappeared,
the atmosphere unclean.**

**The future splendor of the earth
to sons and daughters give.**

**Renewing land and sea and air –
we now commit to live.**

**The shimm'ring stars and rainbow hues,
refreshing morning dew;**

**Jehovah's hope, our morning light –
God's Spirit shines anew.**

Offertory Anthem

Creation of Peace
Mark Miller; Village Choirs

*Sung Response

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 329

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

This is our call: to live what we believe
and tend this earth, the only home we know.
And by God's grace our children will receive
a world revived, a greener place to grow.

*Postlude

Postlude on "Llanfair"
by Robert J. Powell

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's middle hymn, *The Earth Sings*, was written by Village Church and Village Choir member Dr. Ron Witzke. Ron was inspired to write special hymns for during his summers attending Colorado Springs Presbyterian Church, where their senior music minister wrote hymns for the sermons and series. Ron recently retired from the voice faculty of William Jewell College and is still very involved there with their students and productions. He sings in the Village choirs and serves on the Liturgical Arts Committee.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL CARE RESOURCES – We invite you to visit villagepres.org/environmentalcare for a variety of environmental care resources, including book recommendations from Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka and more.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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 Room 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.

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.

BEING A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH: WHAT CAN DOROTHY DAY TEACH US? Taught by Rev. Eric Garbison from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 17 & Dec. 1, 8, in Room 126. Matthew 25 churches focus on three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

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 and 111.

FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY – No Lighthouse today. Children are encouraged to worship with their families. Check out the Lighthouse kiddos' artwork in the Welcome Center in celebration of Creation.

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. Oct. 27 is our last night for dine-in. Email cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY – The Food Pantry requests seasoned rice mixes, Spanish rice, wild rice, Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helpers. The Closet asks for winter coats (children and adult sizes) and Bibles and inspirational books.

BE THE CHURCH SERVICE WEEK IS HERE – Village on Mission offers a variety of service opportunities that can be completed at home and dropped off in bins by Oct. 31 at Village on Mission's south entrance or Village on Antioch's main east entrance. Visit villagepres.org/bethechurch for a list of service opportunities. Call 913-671-2369 for more information.

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

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL WITH MEMBERS OF THE KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Dr. Langston Hemenway, conductor of this favorite Kansas City ensemble, showcases the brass and woodwind quintets for this concert.

SERVE ON OUR WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE – We are looking for a couple more people with a passion for worship or music or both to join our committee. We meet monthly on Monday evenings and make plans around the upcoming sermon series and music activities. Email Susan Nagel, chair, at snagel@everestkc.net.

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.

"BETWEEN GOD AND GARY" – A SIBLING'S PERSPECTIVE ON GRIEF – Join us for our next Faith & Grief Gathering at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 2, in Friendship Hall. Our guest speaker, Kellie Wentz, shares her thoughts about dealing with grief as a sibling. A box lunch is available; we appreciate free-will donations. Masks are required except when eating. Pre-registration is helpful but not required. Register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WELCOME COFFEE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, in Room 232. Women who join Village Church are automatically members of Presbyterian Women (PW). For those who joined in 2020 or 2021, we've been unable to meet in person. Stop by and meet fellow PW members, pick up information about opportunities to meet with other Presbyterian women and get a membership directory.

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAY – 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, Fall series, "Wilderness." Wilderness is a theme in scripture, and in our lives. Often it's a place we journey alone, but in these strange days we're having a sort of shared wilderness experience. This fall we'll journey with scripture, and explore our own wilderness journeys. Read more and 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 – Resumes Nov. 7. **SNL** (HS youth group) – Sundays 6:30-8:30 p.m. **LOFTERNOONS** (MS after school program) – Tuesdays 4-5:30 p.m. **GPS** (MS youth group) – Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. **EARLY TABLE** (HS morning devotional) – 7:30-8:15 a.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT – 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in the Village on Mission south parking lot. Come for fun and candy and amazing costumes.

NO SUNDAY SERIES – Next Sunday series begins Nov. 7 at 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft for grades 7-12.

LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY – Have leftover Halloween candy? Drop it off at the front desk labeled "youth" and we will deliver it to our college students to wish them luck on their finals!

SCOUT TROOP 91 HOLIDAY EVERGREEN SALE – Troop 91 is taking holiday greenery orders today until 12:15 p.m. at the north & south entrances. 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.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

The World 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 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.