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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 3, 2021 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The sixth Great End of the church is to be an exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world. It's no small charge. We are considering this Great End today because today is World Communion Sunday. When we share a meal with others, it is easier to see them as friends. Today, we share a meal with friends all over the globe.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing*  
arr. Aaron David Miller

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

The old prophet said,

**Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

And we have seen the light, but not for our benefit alone,  
for the old prophet promised:

**Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

\*Hymn, No. 505 (v. 1 choir; v. 2-3 congregation)

*The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of unending grace,  
When you breathed the breath of life that very first time,  
did You know how good your children would be at dividing ourselves  
by race,  
by class,  
and by culture?**

**On this day, stretch our hearts to remember that all of life comes from you,  
and every person is your child.** (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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

John 13:34-35  
Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon

*The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 769 (soloists sing verses; congregation sings refrain)

*For Everyone Born*

Offertory Anthem

*God So Loved the World*  
by John Stainer; Village Choirs

\*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

## Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body.  
You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

## Communion Motet

*The 23rd Psalm* (8, 9:30 a.m.)  
by Bobby McFerrin; Music Interns; Alegría Choir  
*Bread of the World* (11 a.m.)  
by Austin C. Lovelace; More Love Chorale

## Prayer of Response

\*Hymn, No. 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Village Choirs

\*Postlude

*Obangiji*  
by Fela Sowande

*\*All who are able may stand*  
© A-705103 for all hymns

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today the Alegría Choir offers Bobby McFerrin's "The 23rd Psalm" during communion. Mr. McFerrin adapted the familiar text of this beloved psalm to use feminine language as a way to honor his mother, whom he describes as a source of great support and comfort to him. The Alegría Choir is made up of young-ish adults that rehearse and sing in church about once a month. If you're interested in singing with these fun people, contact Elisa Bickers ([elisa.bickers@villagepres.org](mailto:elisa.bickers@villagepres.org)).

In celebration of World Communion Sunday, More Love Chorale offers the anthem "Bread of the World" by Austin C. Lovelace. He sets the text, "bread of the world, wine of the soul," to the tune Sri Lampang, a folksong from Thailand. Given the music's semi modal quality, the piece is reminiscent of some early 19th century hymnody. More Love Chorale is made up of singers of all ages and sings in worship about once a month. If you're interested in learning more about this choir, contact Josh Maize ([josh.maize@villagepres.org](mailto:josh.maize@villagepres.org)).

### 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 Sixth Great End is the Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World.

### Looking for An Outdoor Space for Spiritual Reflection?

At 99th and Mission Road on the Meneilly Center for Mission Campus, you can tap into the power of walking the Village Church Prayer Labyrinth to the west side of the campus parking lot. A brochure in a box at the labyrinth gives you more information about making the walk work for you. For more information, contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369.

## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshiping with us today! Visit [villagepres.org](http://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 James Henry Patterson by Alison, Bill & Elie.

**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](mailto: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](http://vpcthegathering.org).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**TECH TALK WITH TONY** - 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, Room 316 & via Zoom. Zoom is a wonderful way to connect with friends & family. Tony Liu will explain the information in a Zoom meeting invitation, demonstrate joining a meeting, discuss using an online calendar to remember meetings, & show helpful Zoom settings for participation.

**FREEDOM OF JESUS: REDISCOVERING JESUS AS FRIEND, TEACHER, SAVIOR, LORD, WAY, & PRESENCE** - Taught by Rev. Dr. Meredith Holladay, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26, Room 126. How has your experience of Jesus changed over the years? Theologian Diana Butler Bass sought to answer that question in her most recent book.

**GALATIANS: CRISIS IN THE CHURCH** - Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Rooms 132 & 133, & via Zoom. What does the letter to the Galatians have to say to us today? How do we deal with conflict and disagreements? We will explore what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church now.

**A THEOLOGY IN OUTLINE: AN OVERVIEW OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY**- Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka 11 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 18, & Dec. 2, 9, via Zoom. Participants must purchase this book & will read one chapter before each class.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE WITH REV. TOM ARE** - 7:30-8:30 a.m. every Tuesday morning 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](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes). Email [laura.hobbs@villagepres.org](mailto: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 for a retreat 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

## MISSION

**PEACE OFFERING AND GLOBAL WITNESS (TODAY - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY)** - 50% of this special offering enables the Peacemaking Program to provide assistance & resources for congregations & other bodies of the Presbyterian Church; 25% is given to our presbytery & synod for their peacemaking efforts; 25% is retained by Village Church for our own peacemaking ministry. Gifts can be made to Village Presbyterian Church. Note "Peace Offering" in the memo of your check.

**FOOD PANTRY** - Cooler temperatures in October beg for warm cereal for breakfast. The Food Pantry is requesting both hot & cold cereals to start the morning off for our clients. The Clothes Closet is asking for winter shirts, sweaters & pants in all sizes (children & adults). Please remember the Closet as you pull out last year's clothing that no longer fits. Your generous donations are appreciated by our clients.

**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](http://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, director of the keyboard division at Kansas State University, will offer a program that includes works by Bach, Myron, Vierne & Mendelssohn. 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) & professionals from the KC area. Featuring Vivaldi's Autumn & Winter from "The Four Seasons," A Halloween Spooktacular, & Piazzolla, join us for an evening of fun & 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.

## 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](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

**FAITH & GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING THIS TUESDAY** - Join us at noon Tuesday, Oct. 5, when guest speaker Vicki Davis reflects that through sharing our stories, we help each other with our grief. A box lunch is available; free-will donations appreciated. Masks are required. Pre-registration is helpful but not required. Register at [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings). Call 816-381-9249 with questions.

**GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY** - Our last session for 2021 will meet at 9:30 a.m. this Wednesday, Oct. 6, & will be held for five consecutive Wednesdays through Nov. 3. Participants receive their own copy of "Understanding Your Grief—Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart." Free & open to all; registration required. Call 913-671-2327 or email [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

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

**THEOLOGY THURSDAY** - Begins Oct. 7, 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](http://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](http://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.

**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](http://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](mailto:reboyce4@gmail.com).

## 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.

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| 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  |
| <b>Oct. 3</b> | <b>The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World</b>          |
| Oct. 10       | The Promotion of Social Righteousness                                |

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## 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

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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](http://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.*