



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 31, 2021 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

What does it mean to care for something that will outlast us? And what if we don't know how to best care for it? These are haunting questions as we consider how we are called to care for God's Creation. Perhaps those questions are meant to bother us to the degree that we would do something about it.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Toccatà, BWV 565 (8 a.m.)
by J. S. Bach

How Great Thou Art (9:30, 11 a.m.)
arr. Keith Kunda; The Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

God created us for relationship with God, one another and the earth.

Let us honor those relationships today and every day.

We seek to care for all people around the world and God's good Creation.

Honoring God's Creation is a means for sharing the transforming love of Christ.

The redemption of the world cannot be separated from our care for the world.

Let us seek God's grace, justice and mercy for all.

*Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN; arr. Julian Wachner

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing.

O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,

O Sister moon with silver gleam,

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind, air, clouds and rain,

By which all creatures ye sustain,

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice!

Ye lights of evening, find a voice.

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Choir alone)

O sister water flowing clear,

Make music for thy Lord to hear.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
Providing warmth enhancing sight.
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Amen!**

*Prayer of Confession

**God, you care for all people and all of Creation.
You made us stewards of this world,
but we confess we don't preserve what you have given us.
We often forgo care for convenience,
skip maintenance for materialism,
decline awareness for neglect,
and reject new practices while staying entrenched in old habits.
Forgive us.
Give us renewed resolve for the present and future of your Creation.
Instill in us a hope for a transformed future
and give us the resolve we need to better steward our global home. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance

**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 the Lord is in this Place
by Lanny Wolfe; Village Choirs

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.

Scripture Reading

Numbers 8:22-26 (pg. 126)

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth (9:30 a.m.)
by Phillip Keveren; More Love Chorale

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 25:23-24 (pg. 112)

Sermon

Aliens and Tenants

Rev. Zach Walker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offertory Anthem

O All Ye Works
by Philip W.J. Stopford; 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

God's Creation
DIX; arr. Ron Witzke

**God's creation yearns for care;
We who dwell here seek repair.**

**Toxic soil and sea and sky
Cry aloud to be revived.**

**You, Oh God, inspire our love
of Your works, below, above.**

**God's creation groans and sighs;
We've ignored its yearning cries.
All life struggles to contend—
Willow, wheat and whale and wren.
You, Oh God, inspire our love
of Your works, below, above.**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**God's creation breathes and sings;
Seeking air 'round crystal springs.
We'll renew the ancient hymn
Echo'ng through the dusty din.
Now, Oh God, inspire our love
of Your works, below, above.**

*Postlude

Fugue, BWV 565 (8 a.m.)

by J. S. Bach

Alleluia (9:30, 11 a.m.)

by George Frederick Handel; The Village Brass

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning's choral anthem, "O All Ye Works," is composed by British composer, Philip Stopford. The work celebrates God's creation through vivid depictions of earth's elements and seasons: summer, winter, fire, snow, frost, lightning, thunder and more. Stopford, deeply rooted in the Anglican choral tradition, beautifully weaves the text and music together in a brilliant setting for organ and choir glorifying the majesty of God's creation. Our closing hymn and sung benediction feature a newly-composed text written by Village church and choir member, Dr. Ron Witzke, set to the tune *DIX*.

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Bob Long by Mazie Long and family.

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, a map of local recycling locations, an informational video series and more.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

TECH TALK WITH TONY – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, Room 316 and via Zoom. Tony Liu will discuss scheduling a recurring Zoom meeting, using an online calendar to invite participants, sharing a screen, polling participants, using the chat window and showing the Zoom settings for these features. Must register online.

MEDIAEVAL 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, 111 and/or 107.

PRESCHOOL LIGHTHOUSE – AGES 2-4 – Pre-K and Preschool ages meet on the first floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 107.

ELEMENTARY LIGHTHOUSE – K-6TH GRADE – Elementary ages meet on the third floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 307.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION – Join the third-grade class as they receive their own Whirl bible at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 7. If your third grader is unable to be at the Bible presentation that morning, but would still like a Bible, contact Kate Ruecker at 913-671-2350 or kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

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. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY – The Pantry's wishes are for a variety of canned vegetables: beans, corn, carrots, beets, sauerkraut, spinach, etc. The Clothes Closet has an urgent need for shirts and pants for boys, sizes 4T–12. Donations may be brought to church or delivered to the Pantry between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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. You may also 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

"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.

DELIVER SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER THIS YEAR! We have 300 poinsettias to be delivered; will you help deliver one or more? Come by the north entrance for curbside pick-up between 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, and spread some joy! Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to sign up.

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. Please stop by and meet fellow PW members, pick up information about opportunities to meet with other Presbyterian women and get a membership directory.

RESERVATIONS OPEN NOV. 7 FOR PW'S ADVENT CELEBRATION – Join us at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Village on Mission. Come for Rev. Jenny McDevitt's message, the music, the sacrament of communion and to connect with your sisters. Register at villagepres.org/pw beginning Nov. 7, or in Friendship Hall or the Welcome Center on Nov. 7 and 14. Email marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org by Nov. 21 to make child care reservations.

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 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 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) – Does not meet tonight. Happy Halloween!

LOFTERNOONS (MS after school program) – Tuesdays 4-5:30 p.m. **GPS** (MS youth group) – Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. Join us this week for Photohunt! **EARLY TABLE** (HS morning devotional) – 7:30-8:15 a.m.

9th GRADE DINNER – All high school freshmen are invited to Zach's House (4807 W 101st Ter, Overland Park, KS 66207) at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov 13. Come enjoy some food, hang out for a bit, and talk with fellow students about how the year is going. No RSVP needed.

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!

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Christian DNA : A Series on Faith, Hope and Love

Over the generations there have been seemingly endless volumes written to describe the Christian life. What does it mean to trust a life to Christ? What does such a life look like? More importantly, how do we describe the community that seeks to follow Christ? It's a complicated question and there is no simple answer, but Paul boils it down to three words: faith, hope and love. However we describe Christianity, the DNA of the church is faith, hope and love.

- Nov. 7 The Work Generated by Faith – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- Nov. 14 The Labor That Grows Out of Love – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- Nov. 21 Steadfast Endurance Empowered by Hope – Rev. Tom Are preaching

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.