



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

March 27, 2022 | 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Today we read the last passage in a section of Mark's Gospel that is all about discipleship. The section begins with Jesus opening the eyes of the blind man at Bethsaida. It concludes with Jesus opening the eyes of blind Bartimaeus. It suggests that discipleship is in part a matter of seeing things rightly...specifically, seeing what it is to be human.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Renaissance (9 a.m.)

by Raymond Lowther; Village Ringers

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (11 a.m.)

by John A. Behnke; Morning Bells

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

There is reason for joy today,

for the steadfast love of God endures forever.

There is reason for hope today,

for the steadfast love of God endures forever.

There is reason to worship today,

for the steadfast love of God endures forever.

*Hymn, No. 693

The Gift of Love

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace,

Your love was all around this past week.

It was there in the expressions of human kindness,

the laughter of children,

the subtle gestures of forgiveness,

and the care for the poor.

You were there, but we seldom saw you.

In this week to come, please open our eyes. (Silent Prayer)



*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Glo-ry to our Cre - a - tor, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi - rit, as it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now and will be for - ev - er.
A - men! A - men! A - men!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

**I want Jesus to walk with me,
I want Jesus to walk with me,
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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

What is the World Like

words by Adam Tice and music by Sally Ann Morris;
Anne Sneller, oboe (9 a.m.) and Bob Abbott, oboe (11 a.m.); Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 10:46-52 (pg. 922)

Sermon

Are Smart People More Holy?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Ah, Holy Jesus (9 a.m.)

arr. Arnold Sherman; Village Ringers

This is My Song (11 a.m.)

by Jason Krug; Morning Bells

*Sung Response

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 697 (v. 1-5)

Take My Life

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

*Postlude

Hornpipe in D

by John S. Dixon; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

About Today's Music

This morning the Village Ringers offer two opportunities for Lenten reflection. Lent is a church season that invites individuals and communities alike to look within and recommit to the things that make us faithful Christian people. The prelude's title, "Renaissance," is another word for "rebirth," this piece musically depicts the triumph and thoughtfulness required of such a major activity. "Ah, Holy Jesus" is a Passion hymn, #218 in the pew hymnal. Its somber melody and text ask difficult questions about the complicated relationship between our sins and Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. Really, it concludes, we have just one option: to love Christ and try to do better every day.

Heads, Faces & Spiritual Encounter - on display through April 28

Make sure to visit the Mission Campus Welcome Center and Bridge to experience this national traveling art exhibit, made available through Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA). This exhibit, of more than forty works, offers a glance at the many facets and mysteries of the human face. Find more info at villagepres.org/headsfaces.

George Rouault (1871-1958) experienced firsthand the many upheavals of the early 20th century while living in France. "Who does not wear a mask" is from a series of etchings entitled **Miserere** that attempt to reconcile his Catholic theology with the dispossessed in French society. He asks us to see the face of Christ in the clown, the prostitute, and the poor, intimating that holiness inhabits those who are least educated.

Image courtesy of CIVA | Christians in the Visual Arts and the Edward and Diane Knippers' Collection.



Holy Week Services April 10-17

Palm Sunday – Children's Palm Parade: 9 a.m. Mission Campus; 9:30 a.m. Antioch Campus, additional Mission Campus services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Maunder Thursday – 7 p.m. Mission & Antioch Campuses

Good Friday – 7 p.m. Mission & Antioch Campuses

Easter Sunday – Mission Campus Services at 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.;
Antioch Campus Service at 9:30 a.m.

A Service of Taizé: Reflecting on God's Constant Care for Us 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 - Mission Campus Chapel

We will look toward Holy Week by reflecting on Bible stories that show God's unwavering support for God's children and creation. All are invited to come for song, silence, scripture and communion. This service will be led by Rev. Sally S. Wright.

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to worship with you 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 Mission Campus is located at 6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village, and our Antioch Campus is located at 14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park.

The Gathering – Join us for The Gathering, an alternative style of worship at Village Church, 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

Get Village Church news & updates – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Tom Are's weekly eNote and Daily Devotional emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Morning Lenten Pastor Conversations – 10:10-10:50 a.m. Sundays, March 27-April 10, Rooms 132-133. This morning, Rev. Tom Are, Jr. and Will Breytspraak, director of music, will reflect on Lenten and Easter hymns—their meanings and roles during Lent. All are welcome.

Village U Classes – Register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes. **Upcoming classes:**

Tech Talk with Tony – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, Room 316. In the first of a two-part series, Tony Liu will discuss & demonstrate the advantages and conveniences of creating a Smart Home. Topics will assist in decision making when considering and creating a Smarter Home.

Christology 101: Who is Jesus? – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 6-27, Rooms 132&133 and via Zoom. Christology is the branch of theology that studies the life and witness of Jesus Christ. Together, we will explore and seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

First-Floor Child Care Available – Child care is available during 9 a.m. & 5 p.m. services.

Infants to 4-year-olds in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 106. **Preschool Lighthouse** – Ages 2-4 – Preschool and Pre-K ages meet on the first floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. **Elementary Lighthouse** – K-6th Grade – Elementary ages meet on the third floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 307.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Curbside Pickup Wednesday Family Meals – Order meals by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners. The cost is \$5 a meal. Curbside pickup is at the Mission Campus north entrance between 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

MISSION

The Food Pantry is asking for cooking oil, vinegar, salt and pepper, jelly, salad dressing, meat sauces of all kinds, mayo, mustard, etc. No glass containers, please. On April 1, the Clothes Closet will begin accepting clean spring/summer clothing for all sizes, both adults and children.

Want to Get Your Hands Dirty? Help tend our community garden beginning in May. All produce will be donated to the Village Church Food Pantry. Sign up to volunteer at bit.ly/villagegarden. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

Support Emergency Relief for Those Fleeing Violence in Ukraine through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Gifts can be made online at presbyterianmission.org, calling (800) 872-3283, texting PDAUKR to 41444, or check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DRO00156-Ukraine" on the memo line. Mail to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

MUSIC

New Village Voices Program – You're invited to a student/guardian info session at 5 p.m. today in Room 15 to learn more about the new Village Voices youth choir program. This is a non-auditioned choir for students in grades 7-12. It's open to members and non-members, as well as beginner and experienced musicians. Register by emailing josh.maize@villagepres.org.

2nd Thursday Recital with the KC Baroque Consortium April 14 - Monty Carter, violin, Trilla Ray-Carter, cello, and Nicholas Good, harpsichord, will play selections by Bach, Corelli, Tartini and more. This free 30-minute recital begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. A meet-the-artist reception immediately follows in the Welcome Center.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Help Others When You Donate Toward An Easter Lily – A \$15 donation toward an Easter lily in memory of a loved one honors that person and brightens a homebound member's life with the delivery of an Easter lily. Go to the Village Store or send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person to Janice Gill, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208. Donations are accepted through Easter Sunday .

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women – Register for the April 9 Celebration of Faithful Women. Register at villagepres.org/pw. Today is the last day for in-person registration from 9 a.m.-noon in Friendship Hall.

Presbyterian Women Spring Retreat April 22-23 at Heartland Presbyterian Center in Parkville, Missouri. Connect with God, old friends, new friends and the beauty of nature. Register online at villagepres.org/pw or in person from 9 a.m.-noon Sundays through April 3 in Friendship Hall.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Theology Thursdays – 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7. Join us as we journey through Lent learning more about sacramental theology and baking some bread along the way. RSVP helpful but not required: VillagePresYA.org/lent.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join Us for Any of Our Weekly Activities – No sign-up required. All weekly activities below meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

Sunday Series–9:30-10:30 a.m. for middle & high school. **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)–Thursdays 7:30-8:15 a.m.

Can I Get a Witness?

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins is the director of the Presbyterian Church's office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. He will lead an in-person workshop exploring how faithful Christians can witness to their faith and participate in Christ's call to do justice. You will come away with practical strategies for how you can help transform the world. Join us from 9-11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 2, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Email laura.hobbs@villagepres.org for information. Rev. Hawkins will also be preaching at all services next Sunday, April 3.

SERMON SERIES

Life in The Wilderness

Three decades after the ministry of Jesus, life was chaotic for Christians in the Roman empire. Christians became scapegoats for the disastrous fire that destroyed much of Rome, and as a result were rounded up and put to death by the most horrific means. A Jewish revolt was put down by the Roman Army, leaving the temple in Jerusalem destroyed again. During this tumultuous time, someone we call Mark wrote the first Gospel. He tells the story that changes the world. In this series we will travel with Mark from the beginning to the resurrection. Life 2,000 years after Jesus remains chaotic, but perhaps this story will change us. Mark bears witness that there can be abundant life even in the wilderness.

- March 13 Time to Move Beyond Book Learning
- March 20 Eternal Life is Not Bold Enough
- March 27 Are Smart People More Holy?**
- April 3 Where are the Poor? Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, guest preaching
- April 10 Parade Time
- April 17 He's Not Here, But I Know Where You Can Find Him

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., 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
Nancy Gatewood, interim director of connectional ministries
Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry
Sandra Stephens, 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
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.

You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service on our worship service phone line: 913-203-1301. You can opt-in to be called automatically at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship

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