



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Jesus is Mocked and Beaten - © A Sanctified Art

Service of Worship

March 15, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Lord, Have Mercy
by Undine Smith Moore; Village Choir

*Call to Worship (Psalm 46)

Rev. Alice Whitson

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we shall not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the most high.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolation God has brought on the earth.

God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

God breaks the bow and shatters the spear; God burns the shields with fire.

God says, "Be still and know that I am God!"

I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
you gift us with countless blessings.**

Your love for us sustains our lives and lifts us in our struggles.

Your life in your son, Jesus Christ, shows us how to live with one another.

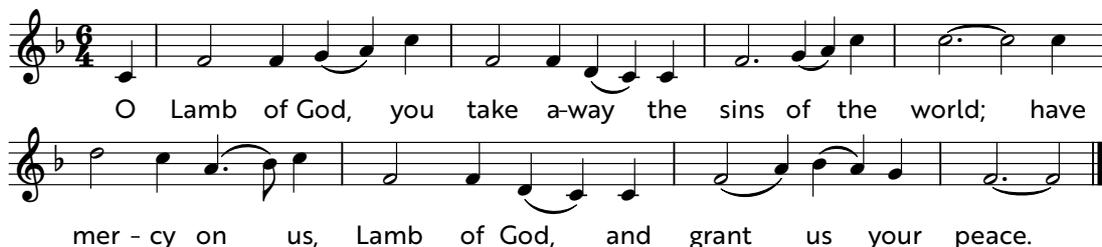
Your creation all around us gives witness to your wonder and power.

Yet, we confess that we are prone to wander.

**We wander from your call to love you with all our heart, soul,
mind, and strength.
We wander from your call to love others as we ourselves want to be loved.
Forgive us, loving God.
Give us the courage to journey with Jesus to the cross
and to place our total trust in you. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have
mer - cy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Time with Children

Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

The Celebration of Baptism

Thomas Garrett Norris (Brenna and Tyler Norris, parents) (9 a.m.)
Walter Webb Gannon (Lindy and Gregory Gannon, parents) and
Perry James Gilman (Katie and Sam Gilman, parents) (11 a.m.)

Promises from the Congregation

Ruling Elder Donna Patton (9 a.m.)
Ruling Elder Nancy Gatewood (11 a.m.)

Do we, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayers? **We do.**

Will we encourage these children to know and follow Jesus Christ as they grow in faith and love as members of our family here at Village Church? **We will.**

Sung Response (Hymn 482, st. 3)

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem (9 a.m.)

Out of the Depths
by Jeremy Young; More Love Chorale

Prayer for Illumination

Ruling Elder Ann Flanders (9 a.m.)
Ruling Elder John Porter (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Mark 15:15-20 (pg. 928)

Sermon

Jesus is Mocked and Beaten

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 209

My Song Is Love Unknown

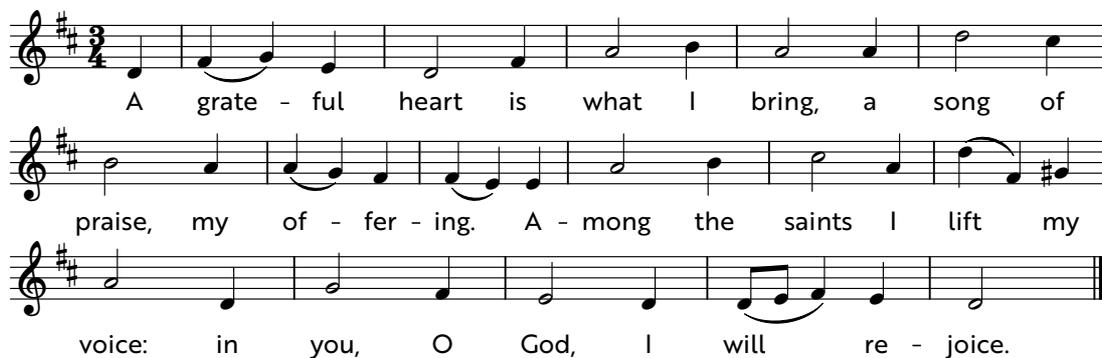
Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

A Lenten Walk
by Hal H. Hopson; More Love Chorale (9 a.m.)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
Setting by Janet Linker (11 a.m.)

*Sung Response (Hymn 652, st. 1)



A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I lift my
voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 221 (st. 1-2)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 221, st. 3)

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

*Postlude

Wade in the Water
Setting by Barbara Harbach

**All who are able may stand*

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

Conductors: Helen Hofmeister (More Love Chorale)
and Dr. Josh Maize (Village Choir)
Keyboards: Dr. Elisa Bickers and Jan Cohick

The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Herbert "Bert" Lindsley by his wife Carol and sons Erik and Greg.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

MISSION CAMPUS

Palm Sunday, March 29

Traditional Worship & Palm Parade: 9 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship: 11 a.m.

The Gathering Worship: 4 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Gathering-Style Worship: 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3

Churchwide Tenebrae Worship: 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Traditional Worship: 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.

The Gathering Worship: 4 p.m.

ANTIOCH CAMPUS

Palm Sunday, March 29

Traditional Worship & Palm Parade: 10 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt: 11:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Traditional Worship: 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service: 7 a.m.

Traditional Worship: 10 a.m.

Find all Holy Week Worship details,
including livestream info and child care,
at villagepres.org/lent.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U: Storytelling for Social Change – 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays, March 4-25, Room 230, Mission Campus. Rev. Dr. Aaron Stauffer, PhD, explores the deep relationship between narrative identity and how congregations can enact and live into their best stories. Please register at villagepres.org/village-u.

Village U: Aging in Place Strategies: "Your Home, Your Independence, Your Way" – 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Room 132. Kay Findlay introduces practical ways older adults can remain safe, independent and engaged in their homes. Please register at villagepres.org/village-u.

Meneilly Visiting Scholar Recordings Watch Parties – Wednesdays, April 1 and 8. Join us for Wednesday Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and stay to watch Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III's presentations from Feb. 27-28 as the Meneilly Visiting Scholar. We are unable to publish these recordings online so join us to experience the inspiration of his two presentations (Session 1 on April 1 and Session 2 on April 8) in Friendship Hall.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Join our Palm Sunday Parade!– It's time to celebrate! All kids are welcome to join us for our annual Palm Sunday Parade on March 29 during the 9 a.m. worship service. For more details, contact Kate: kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Will you help deliver Easter Lilies? – We need your help delivering 225 lilies throughout the metro area to our homebound members.

You can deliver anytime during Holy Week. Pick up is on Saturday, March 28 at both campuses. To volunteer, email linda.alley@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2327.

ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinner – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Friendship Hall. Register at villagepres.org/wfd. To volunteer, email engagement@villagepres.org.

Seniors Afternoon – 1 p.m. Friday, March 27, Welcome Center. Enjoy games and social time with other seniors. Bring your own board games, learn to play canasta, and spread the word! Questions? Deana Petty, grams4autism@gmail.com

MISSION MINISTRY

Have an Old Computer? – Donate your old computer to Village! A team refurbishes and wipes them and then donates them to local organizations. It's a wonderful way to give more life to your computer! You can drop them off at the Mission Campus or Food Pantry.

MUSIC MINISTRY

TODAY Kansas City Wind Symphony presents "Angels and Demons" – 3 p.m. Today, Sanctuary. Selected repertoire will include *Angels in the Architecture* by Ticheli and *Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral* by Wagner. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring Sora Park Shepard, piano – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Sanctuary. Please join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artist. Free admission.

Bach Aria Soloists and KC Actors Theatre presents "Our Favorite Things" – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Sanctuary. Featuring music and scenes from some of their favorite compositions and plays. Tickets at bachariasoloists.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Do you like to sew? Are you looking for an opportunity to share your skills and time? Mission Sewing needs more sewists to help with the variety of projects they create for local and international organizations and ministries. For more information, email reesveenstra@aol.com.

Celebration of Faithful Women – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14. Join us as we celebrate the 2026 Faithful Women of Outstanding Service honorees: Judy Frame, Julie O'Connor, and Louise Woodward. Free registration at villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations.

Amazing Graces at Pinot's Palette – 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 28. Create and connect with other women at Pinot's Palette in Leawood. \$42/person includes painting supplies and refreshments. Register at villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – All 20s and 30s are invited to join us every Wednesday as we gather, play games, study scripture and celebrate one another. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall, programming at 6:15 p.m. in the Young Adult Room. Join us!

Picnic in the Park – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17. Calling all young adult families: bring the whole crew to Neale Peterson Park (6136 Mission Rd., Fairway) for an evening packed with food, laughter, and fun! No cost: sign up at bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Programs on Break – Weekly programs will return after Spring Break, on March 24. Visit villagepres.org/youth for more information.

40s & 50s

Mini Golf – 7 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Join us at Tap Ins (9571 Metcalf Ave.) to socialize and show off our (lack of) putting skills. A fun night out with great people! Cost is \$10; no RSVP required. Contact zach.walker@villagepres.org for more info.

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

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| ADULTS | "Village Forum" | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Room 126 |
| | "The Faith Journey" | 10:10-10:50 a.m. | Room 124 |
| YOUTH | Grades 7-12 | No Class Today | |
| KIDS | Today is Family Worship Sunday (no Lighthouse). Kids ages 4 and up are invited to join us in "big church". | | |

Child care is available downstairs during both services. Bring infants through 23 mo. to Room 114 and ages 2-3 to Room 109. Parents, please keep your cell phones on!

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Carrying the Cross with Jesus: Feb. 22-April 5

The Christian season of Lent is the forty days (not including Sundays) before Easter. The number 40 comes from the days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. Lent is marked by personal and corporate reflection, sacrifice, and repentance. This Lent, we will accompany Jesus through his last two days before he is crucified. Together, we will journey through the five most significant and painful moments of Jesus' life before he enters Jerusalem for the last time. Together, we will carry the cross with Jesus.

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| Feb 22 | Good Even in the Garden |
| March 1 | Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested |
| March 8 | Jesus is Put on Trial |
| March 15 | Jesus is Mocked and Beaten |
| March 22 | Jesus Carries His Cross |

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, co-director of music ministry & principal organist
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Lora Garrison, director of international mission
Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen, senior associate pastor • Kathy Lueckert, senior director of business operations
Dr. Joshua Maize, co-director of music ministry • Alan Olson, director of facilities
Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor • Angel Patterson, director of youth ministry
Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips, pastor for young adult ministry & worship arts
Robert Rumold, director of information technology • Carol Solenberger, director of engagement
Bob Sperry, director of giving & endowment • Rev. Zach Walker, pastor for mission
Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for communications
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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