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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Amazing Grace
arr. John Rutter; Helen Hofmeister, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit

Simple Gifts
arr. Aaron Copland; Jared Brooks, tenor

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Creator of the morning light,
we worship you, the giver of life.
Redeemer of the mourning heart,
we worship you, the giver of life abundant.
Lord of every nation,
we worship you, our help, our hope, and our home.

*Hymn 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Prayer of Confession

God of grace,
our minds reflect on promises of freedom and unalienable rights.
Our hearts are inspired by dreams of a nation
devoted to liberty and justice for all.
Guide us by your Spirit, that our devotion to our nation may be shaped
by the love we know from you.
When that which is intended for all is limited to some,
renew in us a commitment to life in your promised day. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Lueckert

Scripture

Mark 1:21-28 (pg. 910)

Sermon

The Pursuit of Happiness

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Ritual of Friendship and Announcements

Call for the Offering

Offertory Music

How We Love
by Beth Nielsen Chapman

*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.

*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

Communion Music

I Come with Joy
arr. David Dahl

Prayer of Response

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 644 (st. 1-3)

Give Thanks, O Christian People

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 644, st. 4)

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship
with all who trust our Savior their serving to equip:
to ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress,
to magnify God's message and Christ's great love confess.**

Postlude

Earth and All Stars
arr. John Ferguson

**All who are able may stand*

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words of Faith (June 28-Sept. 20). Words matter. How we speak about our faith matters. How we describe what it is we do and do not believe matters. In this summer's sermon series, our pastors will explore different words of faith that come to us from a variety of places—scripture, theology, culture—in hopes that we might broaden our vocabulary and deepen our faith.

July 5	Virtue - Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
July 12	Transfiguration - Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen
July 19	Forgiveness - Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen
July 26	Orthodoxy - Rev. Anna Owens

Today, we welcome Rev. Tom Are, Jr., who served as senior pastor at Village Church from 2004-2023. He is retired and living in the Kansas City area once again, having spent several years in Chicago with his wife, Carol, serving as an interim pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church. It is a privilege and a delight to hear the word from our longtime friend and pastor, Tom, again!

All campuses will be closed Monday, July 6 in observation of Independence Day. The Child & Family Development Center will remain open.

Summer Socials – Every week following summer worship, you are invited to Friendship Hall for a half-hour gathering. Coffee and snacks will be available. This week, join us for conversation with Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Child care is available downstairs. Bring infants through 23 mo. to Room 114 and ages 2-4 to Room 107. Parents, please keep your cell phones on!

Today is Family Worship Sunday – No Elementary Lighthouse (Sunday School) today. Kids are invited to return to their families following Time with Children.

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.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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