



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 5, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Lent is a season of reflection, of prayer and of discipleship. Following Jesus is difficult. It is even more difficult to try to do alone; actually, it's impossible to follow Jesus alone. So, during this series we will pay attention to some of the people Jesus was with as he journeyed toward the cross. In doing so, we will learn a bit about ourselves; we will learn that in the journey of faith, we are not alone.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
by Franklin D. Ashdown

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

All who hunger, gather around.

There is bread here, for empty bellies.

There is compassion here, for broken hearts.

There is grace here, for shattered lives.

There is family here, for lonely souls.

There is hope here, for justice seekers.

All who hunger, gather around and lift your hearts to God.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Hymn, No. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
HOLY MANNA

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have lost our way and we have lost ourselves.

You teach us to love extravagantly and forgive graciously,

but we add up rights and wrongs.

You teach us to share what we have and play well with others,

but we clench our fists and keep to ourselves.

You teach us to trust you and follow where you go,

but the path is difficult and we doubt your way.

We did not set out to live like this, but here we are,

made up of empty intentions, wounded hearts and misguided ambitions.

Remind us, O God,

that you are made up of holy wisdom, second chances and boundless love.

Wrap us up in your grace and teach us, again,

to walk in your ways. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

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!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem

Ave Verum
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Village Choir

*Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer, born the Virgin Mary's Son,
who upon the cross a victim hast man's salvation won.
From whose side, which man had pierced flow'd the water and the blood,
by thy sacred body broken, Be in life and death our food.*

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.)
George Beaumont (9:30 a.m.)
Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:35-45 (pg.922)

Sermon

Let's Go Over This One More Time for James and John

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
THE SERVANT SONG

Offertory

"The Peace may be exchanged" from Rubrics
by Dan Locklair (8, 11 a.m.)

Requiem (9:30 a.m.)

music: Craig Hella Johnson; Village Voices

*Response

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start.
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

*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.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song
LES PETITES SOEURS

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Village Choir

*Postlude

Toccata in Seven
by John Rutter

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Occasional Reflections on the Elements of Worship

These reflections are written by Village's staff, and it is our hope that knowing a bit more about some of the individual components of the church service may help us to experience more fully the gifts of this time together.

Communion

written by Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is one of two sacraments in the Presbyterian Church. The other sacrament is baptism. A sacrament is a communal ritual that comes directly from the life of Jesus Christ. It is an outward sign of God's inward grace. According to the gospels, after the Passover meal and on the night he would be arrested, Jesus was with his disciples and he shared some bread and wine with them. The Apostle Paul provided further instructions about this meal in 1 Corinthians 11:23, so we know the early churches did this same thing. We use the same language (the body of Christ, the blood of Christ) as Jesus. In Luke's gospel, Jesus also called the cup the "new covenant," which you will sometimes hear spoken as well. The Lord's Supper, or Communion (Latin for "sharing in common"), or Eucharist (Greek for "thanksgiving"), is always shared in community as Jesus did with his disciples. This is a personal act but not a private one. It is an act of remembering Jesus' life and sacrifice, so usually after participating in the Lord's Supper many will be quiet and pray. But there are also times when it is truly a joyful celebration because we are giving thanks for God's grace shown to us in Jesus and his resurrection which triumphed over death. Whether a remembrance or a celebration or both, Jesus told us "do this remembering me" and so we come to the Lord's table where all are welcome and all are fed and sustained for the journey of faithfulness!

Today's prelude is a meandering meditation on the familiar hymn "Be Thou My Vision." The hymn's text proclaims a tall order: "Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light." As we journey through Lent, may our prayer be that our generous Lord guide our steps thoughtfully, and make safe our path through God's unique wisdom. The postlude is a rousing piece with seven beats per measure. This stands in contrast to more "regular" musical meters, such as those with three or four beats per measure. Seven beats may leave us feeling unbalanced and a bit frantic (read: life is often like that). At the same time, the piece delivers a joyous excitement that hopefully can propel us into the week with energy and enthusiasm.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of March 6, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker and are an offering for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith. Pray for Village Church and our mission. Pray for God's world.

Monday, March 6

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

This might seem an odd text for the Lenten season, but it reminds us of the need for Christ. We are so often tempted to save ourselves, yet in doing so we separate ourselves from the God who created us and who has made us in God's own image.

Tuesday, March 7

Matthew 4:1-11

There is a sense in which these verses pair with the verses from yesterday. Yesterday we saw Adam and Eve in the garden — its own kind of wilderness — and choosing to listen to the voice of temptation. Today we see Jesus called into the wilderness, choosing to rely on God and God's promises. What voice do you listen to when you are tempted this week?

Wednesday, March 8

Psalms 51:1-17

Can we ever read/pray the Psalms enough? In this season of Lent, read these verses as a prayer from you to God. How is your spirit broken and offered to God as the psalmist suggests?

Thursday, March 9

Romans 10:8b-13

Here Paul writes there is no distinction between Jew and Greek. It is a way of saying that we are united together rather than, as we so often insist, divided. No doubt Paul felt the recipients of this letter were quick to decide who was "us" and who was "them." Where in your own life are you quick to divide rather than embrace your own?

Friday, March 10

Isaiah 43:16-21

God is about new things; Easter is a good time to reflect on how God is at work in your own life, creating hope and renewal in the midst of a broken world. However, sometimes we must pay attention in order to see it.

Saturday, March 11

Luke 9:28-36

Tomorrow we will hear a different story about James and John; this story reminds us that they are mentioned together at other times. In particular, it shows us how close they were with Jesus. They witnessed amazing things. Yet, they still miss the point. It serves to remind and warn us, that although we might feel we are walking closely with Jesus, we are still prone to missing the point.

Chillin' at Church!

SIGN UP NOW
KIDS SUMMER CAMPS
for ages 2 years-6th grade

Registration for church members,
current Preschool, KDO and Day Care families:

is now open

Community Registration:

8 a.m.-noon March 6

Details at villagepres.org.



ART & HORS D'OEUVRES

5-7 P.M. • FRIDAY, MARCH 31 • VILLAGE CHURCH

TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

ALL-CHURCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY – Be sure and stop by Friendship Hall between 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today for the Pancake Breakfast. Cost is \$5 a person. Chris Cakes will be here to serve up some tasty pancakes and sausage.

COMMUNION will be part of today's service. For those with gluten allergies, gluten free wafers and napkins (in which to hold them) will be available before you enter the Sanctuary — on the Narthex credenza at the back of the Sanctuary, at the east and west doors at the front of the Sanctuary, and in the balcony. The ushers greeting at those doors will point out the location of the gluten free wafers. Please hold your wafer until we all partake of the sacraments together during the service.

CHILDREN SINGING – Beginning today for five weeks, the 3rd-6th Kids Kingdom classes will combine at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday to join in singing for 15 minutes. The children will sing in worship on Palm Sunday (April 9), along with the Morning Stars, Village Voices and the Village Choir.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to use as tools in worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL – Parents may check in their preschool-age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

KIDS' KINGDOM, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – K-1st GRADES new curricula! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. First Grade meets in Room 303. **2nd-5th GRADES** – Sign-in elementary (2nd-5th) aged students on the 3rd floor. Check the large bulletin boards located in the Children and Family wing for each grade's class location.

Club V6 (6th Grade) – Relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. Room 302.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Are you looking to brush up on your professional development? Come share your personal experiences and learn how to increase your presence at work or on interviews. Limited childcare available. Taught by Sandra Stephens. 6-8 p.m. tomorrow, March 6, Room 126.

BOOK CLUB – Join us for an interesting book discussion while your children enjoy childcare. 9:30-11:30 a.m. March 21 – *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. Limited Childcare Available. Room 126.

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH YOUR BUDDIES – Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study and breakfast. RSVP to marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, now-April 11. Room 228.

SABBATH YOGA WEDNESDAYS – Join us after Wednesday night dinner for a relaxing session of gentle and restorative yoga with centering prayer meditation. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your own yoga mat. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, now-May 17. Rooms 307, 309 and 311.

BEGINNER EXCEL CLASS – Students will be creating a simple spreadsheet during the class. 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, and 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in Room 316. Call 913-671-2333 to register.

GAME NIGHT – Are you looking for a fun night out? Come to Game Night! Bring your favorite board game or play one provided. Come learn a new game, and meet new friends. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, March 30 and April 27. Room 233. Hosted by Kyle and Sandra Stephens.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: ENGAGING THE SENSES – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 8-April 12, Room 230. Join Rev. Jenny McDevitt for a fresh, experiential journey through the holy season of Lent. This six-week series will explore the Stations of the Cross as a way to deepen faith and engage in conversation, creativity and contemplation.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME: EXPLORING THE WISDOM OF POPE FRANCIS – 6:30-8 p.m.

Wednesdays, March 8-29, Room 127. Father Bob Hagan, S.J. of Guardian Angels Catholic Church and Village member Nicola Juricak will lead an exploration of Pope Francis' second papal encyclical titled "Praise be to You—On Care for Our Common Home." In language that is clear and convicting, Pope Francis calls on all Christians to understand that our concern for the natural world is integral to our faithfulness.

PRESBYTERIAN 101 – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE “PRESBYTERIAN?” - This course will explore what it means to be “Presbyterian” in the 21st century. We will look briefly at how the Presbyterian stream of Christians came to be, the key tenets of our theology and practice of being of the church, what makes us distinctive and what we have to offer to the rest of the Christian church and to the whole world that God created and so loves. Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. March 8-29. Rooms 132 and 133. Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER, MARCH 8 – Corned beef and cabbage, buttered new potatoes, baby carrots, vegetarian entree. Cost: \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar and dessert. Salad bar starts serving at 5:15 p.m. followed by the hot food bar from 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$3 for children ages 3-10. Children under 3 are free. Reservations are required by noon on the Monday preceding the Wednesday Night Dinner if you wish to attend. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners to make a reservation.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – During the month of March, the Food Pantry wants to stock up on canned vegetables - not the usual corn, green beans and peas (there are plenty on the shelves) but different ones to provide variety to the clients. Think beets, spinach, refried beans, yams, asparagus, tomatoes, etc. The Clothes Closet continues to need shoes and boots. Your donations make our mission the success that it is.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – Friday, March 10, Village will cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need two to three people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and six to seven volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations, and they can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, March 9. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN GATHERING – Those interested in joining or who are already on the Village Community Garden team are invited to the spring kick-off breakfast and social from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 10, at First Watch in Fairway. Attendees pay for their own meal. RSVP to Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org by Monday, March 6.

NEEMA COMMUNITY CHURCH - Village Church members are invited to an open house and celebration of the unveiling of a new children's home in Thwake, Kenya at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Neema Community Church at 621 S. Lee Avenue in Olathe. Neema and the Thwake Village Partnership have both been supported by Village Church over the past 13 years. All are welcome to enjoy Kenyan food and song. Call Pastor David Nzioka at 913-782-0636.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL, MARCH 9 – Join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 9, in the Village Chapel for our next Second Thursday Recital with The Lyrics Arts Trio. Sarah Tannehill, Elena Lence Talley and Dan Velicer will perform a program called, "The Lovely Lieder of Spring," with works of Mahler, Schubert, Schumann and Strauss. The 30-minute recital is free and open to the community.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

MARCH FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH IS THIS TUESDAY – Anyone who has lost a loved one and would like to connect with others who experiencing a loss is invited to the Faith and Grief lunch. Join us from 12-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in Friendship Hall for lunch, a short program and conversation around tables led by a trained facilitator. Village is glad to partner with four local churches to bring this important ministry to Kansas City. Registration is helpful; go online at www.faithandgrief.org. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information.

GIVE TAIZÉ WORSHIP A TRY – Join us at 6:30 p.m. next Sunday, March 12, for our Taizé worship service. Take this time to reflect and relax in silence. Taizé worship is held at the VCCFDC at 9900 Mission Road.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM – 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays, March 22 through April 26. Orientation coffee, 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, in the Youth Loft. Come share your love of reading and children. Men and women volunteers are needed each week. Childcare is available one week in advance by calling Pam at 913-671-2352. Contact Cindy at ciwhitham@aol.com or at 913-262-3062 for more information.

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN 2017 BRUNCH WILL HONOR THREE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS: Marilyn Borel, Julie Foster and Virginia Stuhr at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8. Join us for a delicious meal prepared by Chef Emily and a presentation by our featured speaker, Sarah Are. We will enjoy friendship and fellowship at this very special event. Tickets are \$16 per person and can be purchased between services today and March 12, 19 and 26.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP – 6:30 p.m. upstairs at Village Church. Faith is a practice. It cannot be something we learn, or search for, or think about. It must be something we do, and do regularly enough that the lines between sacred and secular are blurred by eyes that can't help but to see the holy. We're reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar In The World* and practicing community together. All 20s and 30s invited. Pizza provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft Room 333/332.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL) – The new name for our high school youth group! SNL meets tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All are welcome for a night of discussion, amazing people and a great time.

TWOSDAYS – Middle schoolers join us Tuesdays for our after-school program from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333. All are welcome!

GPS – Middle school youth group, meets Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for a great night of people, games and conversation. We hope to see you there!

Thoughts from Village Commitment

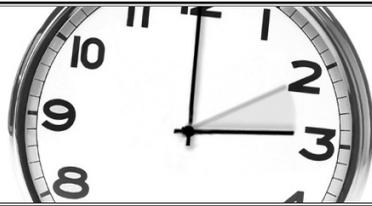
"The more you get, the more you get to give."

—J.R. Rim



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour next Sunday, March 12, when we start Daylight Saving Time.



Liturgical Art

During the season of Lent, the Welcome Center features *The Stations of the Cross*, an art installation created by Virginia Maksymowicz. The installation was originally commissioned by St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Pa. It has been on display at Allegheny College, the Narthex Gallery, the National Museum of Catholic Art and History, the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, and the Memorial Hall at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This is the first exhibition of the pieces in the Midwest.

In the creation of these pieces, 11 individuals served as models, spanning a wide variety of ages and ethnicities, demonstrating the tension between the “specific” and the “universal” messages of those within the story.

A devotional guide to the installation, which also contains additional information about the artistic process, is available in the Welcome Center.

Creative Spaces

Throughout the past year, we have explored different possibilities for artistic expression in our worship spaces and in the Welcome Center. More hands, hearts and minds are welcome to contribute to this process. If you have a creative streak, or would like to develop one, join us. Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org.

Seeking Nominations For 2018 Village Church Officers

The Village Church Nominating Committee needs your help in matching abilities with responsibilities. They are seeking recommendations for elders, elder trustees and deacons for 2018. Submit the form on our website: villagepres.org under the “About” section and “Officers” page. The link is at the top of the Officers page. Printed forms are also available at the Receptionist Desk. Forms must be received by Sunday, March 26.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

The People You Meet Along the Way

Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem. It was a journey on foot and a journey of the heart. A cross awaited him. When you know the end is near your time is precious and you pay attention to the people around you. Jesus spoke with his followers and with a rich man. He noticed children and an impoverished woman. Jesus paid attention to them all. We will pay attention to them as well, and discover that there is a little bit of all of them in us. I suppose that means we are on the journey as well, at least the journey of the heart.

March 5	Let's Go Over This One More Time for James and John
March 12	This Guy Thinks It's All About Him
March 19	Jesus is Interrupted and Schooled by a Courageous Woman – Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
March 26	He Got Everything Right and Still Missed It by That Much
April 2	Would You Want To Be a Kid Again?
April 9	Do You See That Woman . . . She Looks a Lot Like Jesus
Maundy Thursday	That's Just the Way of the World
Good Friday	Tenebrae Service
Easter: April 16	The Heart of the Matter

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist
Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of children and family ministry
Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry and bridge site pastor of Village on Antioch
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration
Ryan Main, interim director of music ❖ Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care
Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of adult educational ministry ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music
Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship & endowments ❖ Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries
Deborah White, director of mission ❖ Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries
Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org.
Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."*

The 8 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

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

*Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available for worship. Ask an usher if you need these items.
Please note that additional parking is available across Mission Road in the Prairie School parking lots.
If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.*