



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 25, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

This is the week when we remember how God changed the world. There was a parade. There was a quiet meal of bread and wine. There was a public execution. And then God did what God does best: God loved the world. God loves the world so completely that not even the power of hell could keep God away. So, sing hosanna today. Your King and Savior has come.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!</i> by J. Wayne Kerr
Introit (11 a.m.)	<i>Lacrymosa</i> by W.A. Mozart; Village Voices; Ian Wiseman, violin
Call to Worship	Rev. Zach Walker (8, 9:30 a.m.) Dr. Rodger Nishioka (11 a.m.)

They went out to meet him shouting Hosanna!

**They carried palm branches in their hands
and they carried hope in their hearts.**

The king was coming.

He is our king.

He is our life.

He is our God.

Like his followers in that first parade of palms,

we too sing praise to the one who saves us. Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn, No. 196	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i> VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
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The King of the World Has Come: Hosanna!

Anthem	<i>Ride On</i> by H.T. Burleigh; Connor Locke, soprano (8, 11 a.m.) <i>Antiphonal Hosanna</i> by G. Alan Smith; combined Morning Stars Choirs (9:30 a.m.)
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Hymn, No. 197	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i> ELLACOMBE
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*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome	New Members (11 a.m.)
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson, Deacon (8 a.m.)

Don Baird, Elder (9:30 a.m.)

Kevin Butler, Elder (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 12:12-19 (pg.980)

Call to Prayer

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

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

John 12:20-33 (pg.980)

Sermon

Business as Usual or Not?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 215

What Wondrous Love Is This
WONDROUS LOVE

Offertory

Ride On
by Grayston Ives; Village Choir

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
In lowly pomp ride on to die, O Christ thy triumph now begin o'er captive death
and conquered sin.
The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to
see the approaching sacrifice.
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; our God sits on a sapphire throne awaiting the
anointed Son.
In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 209 (v. 1-4)

My Song Is Love Unknown
LOVE UNKNOWN

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

*Postlude

My Song is Love Unknown
by Karl Osterland

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of March 26, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Hallie Hottle and are offered 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, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, March 26

Mark 11:7-11

Parading God, did you rejoice when you heard those hosannas? Or did it hurt your heart to know what your followers would experience in the days that were to come? We pray, in your vastness, that you rejoice when your followers sing your praise, and that you grieve when darkness befalls us. Let us walk with you in all the paradoxes of this week. Amen.

Tuesday, March 27

Mark 11:15-19

Cleansing God, what was it that caused you to reach for the tables, now? You had been here, in your temple before. Now, with the cross looming, you sought to make things right by making things messy. God, cleanse us of all the things that are no longer serving you or us in these days. Make a mess if you must, and make us holy. Amen.

Wednesday, March 28

Mark 12:41-44

Giving God, again in the temple you paused. What was it about this poor widow that caught your attention? Help us to know, so we might do the same. Amen.

Thursday, March 29

Mark 14:17-22

Feeding God, none of this night makes sense. You knew what was coming. You saw your betrayer. But there you sat, and ate, and instructed your beloved - not in safety and strategy - but in shared bread and cup. None of this night makes sense, and it is to this night you lead us. It is in this story you feed us. When all the world is upside down, when all the darkness comes near, help us to find ourselves at your table, again and again. Amen.

Friday, March 30

Mark 15:1-41

Hurting God, it's hard to read this story without wanting to turn away. It hurts, God. Might this be how you feel when we're hurting, too? Help us to linger here, not for the sake of the pain, but for the practice of knowing that you turn away from nothing in order to be near us. Amen.

Saturday, March 31

Mark 15:42-47

Distant God, resurrection is not yet, and death has already come. There is this day here, this moment of wonder and waiting in the midst of darkness and distance. This day is too familiar for us, God, whose souls have offered cries that feel unanswered in dark days. Where did you go? What did you experience in order to never be distant again? Enter into the darkness of this day with us, that we learn to find you in any darkness we might encounter, trusting that you are never again far away. Amen.

Join us for

Art & Hors d'oeuvres



Artwork, refreshments and live jazz. Free Admission. Village on Mission.

5:30-7 p.m. • Friday, April 13



2018 Mozart in the Village

3 p.m. | April 22

Village on Mission Sanctuary

Featuring violinist David Hays, soprano Jee Yeun Kim
the Village Chamber Choir and Village Orchestra

Admission is free. A retiring offering will benefit
The Veterans Community Project.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OFFERING – Gifts collected are distributed among the following: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) to rebuild communities after natural and human-caused disasters, Self-Development of People (32%) to provide resources to disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) to support initiatives that create sustainable food systems. Blue envelopes for this offering are in the hymnal slot on the pew in front of you.

TE DEUM CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS “SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS” – 3 p.m. today, March 25, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Te Deum offers a choral reflection for the Lenten season with James MacMillan’s masterpiece depicting the crucified Christ’s final utterance. Tickets are \$15 and available at te-deum.org/ concerts or at the door. Te Deum is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK - Tonight after The Gathering. Bring a dish to share, or just come to eat. Worship at 5 p.m., potluck to follow.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, provide leadership for the transformation of our communities and serve the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village receives new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. The upcoming dates are **today** and June 10. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for information.

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

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

TECH TALK WITH TONY - Join Tony Liu to learn how Google’s Calendar and Mail can schedule committee or family activities. Learn how to use a computer or tablet to email invitations to meetings, create shared calendars, integrate repeating annual dates onto a calendar, and integrate the meeting location into Google Maps to get smartphone driving directions. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in Room 316.

AARP 55 ALIVE DRIVING CLASS – 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in Room 232. Class will be taught by veteran instructor, Terry Barker. The cost is \$20 (\$15 if you are an AARP member) per person payable to AARP. To enroll, call Marianne, 913-671-2333.

UNDERSTANDING HOUSING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO SENIORS – You owe it to yourself to create a “Plan B,” so that when an unforeseen event occurs, you and your family members will know exactly what to do. Presented by The Education Group, an organization of knowledgeable volunteers. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in Rooms 228 and 229.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

FLORAL ARRANGING – Learn how to create your own fresh floral arrangement to display in your home this spring! Additional class fee: \$35. Taught by Katherine Taylor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, in Room 133.

INFANT, CHILD AND ADULT CPR BASICS-DAYTIME – This course that will teach critical skills needed to respond and to manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac emergency in the first few minutes until emergency services arrive. Additional class fee: \$12. 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, in Room 132.

DAILY PRACTICE OF YOGA – In each session, participants will be guided through breathing exercises, movement, and meditation. Jack Whitaker has years of experience as a yoga instructor and is glad to offer this at Village Church. There is no charge but donations to the church are appreciated. 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, April 3-24 and May 1-15. Room 15.

EARLY CHRISTIANITY AND BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH - This class will study the beginning of the church examining such topics as the world of the ancient Middle East, the thought, religion and culture in the time of Christ and the early church, what worship was like for the early Christians and how the New Testament came to be. Led by Rev. Dr. John Borden. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 4-25 and May 2-16, Room 127.

GROWING IN AWARENESS OF ISLAM, MUSLIMS AND THE QUR'AN - Many Americans have a very limited knowledge of Islam, Muslims and the Qur'an resulting in generalizations tinged with negative stereotypes and prejudice. Come learn more about Islam as one of the three Abrahamic faiths. Taught by Rev. Biagio Mazza, pastoral associate at St. Sabina's Parish in Belton, Mo. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 4-25, Room 132.

VILLAGE CHURCH 101: BELIEVING AND BELONGING - Village Presbyterian Church is 69 years old this year. It was chartered with 282 members and now has nearly 5,000 members worshipping at four times in two locations on a regular Sunday. Whether you are new to the church, a long-time member, or not a member but just curious to know more, all are welcome. Led by Rev. Tom Are, Jr., Rev. Len Carrell, Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Cindy Wilcox. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 4-25, Room 232.

BE A VOTER! WHY CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS MIX - Because "politics" has to do essentially with how we treat one another and because Jesus Christ called us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others as we would like to be loved, Christians and politics are inseparable. Sponsored by the Village Church Social Witness Advocacy Task Force and featuring Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Kansas State Senator Barbara Bollier, and Brandi Fisher, executive director of the Mainstream Coalition. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 4-18, Room 233.

ORGAN 101: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL - You are invited to get "up close and personal" with Village Church on Mission's amazing new pipe organ. Dr. Elisa Bickers, Village on Mission principal organist, says there is a lot to love about this magnificent instrument. You will explore how the organ works, hear the new organ's varied sounds and even peek inside the organ for a closer look. All questions are welcome. Class limit: 20 people. Led by Dr. Elisa Bickers. 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday, April 11, Sanctuary.

DAY TRIP-JOHNSON COUNTY MUSEUM - Experience innovative, engaging, and challenging programs that will inspire all learners to discover a sense of place and spark excitement about local history. The historic collections include more than one million photographs, 18,000 3-D artifacts, and 300 cubic feet of archival material. Georgia Klein, Facilitator. Cost for the tour is \$30 per person. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, April 12.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

TODAY – Sanctuary Palm Parade: children ages 4 yrs.-6th grade meet in Room 309 by 9:10 a.m. Children up to 3 years (escorted by their parents) are welcome.

EASTER SUNDAY – Children's Sunday School will NOT be in session, but child care will be available for children 3 yrs. and under.

BIRTH-6TH GRADE – Registration cards and classroom schedules are available at sign-in desks outside of Rooms 107 and 307.

INFANTS-TODDLERS – Child care is available for Sanctuary services and The Gathering in Rooms 111 and 114.

PRESCHOOLERS – Preschool Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rooms 101-107.

K-6TH GRADERS – Kids' Kingdom Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Room 309. See posted schedules for locations.

MORNING STARS CHILDREN'S CHOIRS – Prelude Choir (K-2nd) is in Room 307. Morning Stars Choir (3rd-6th) is in Room 305. Both choirs go directly from Sunday School at 10:30 and meet until 11 a.m.

NEW BABIES – Help us welcome new babies! Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

BAPTISMS – Future baptism dates are May 13 and July 15. An education class is offered for those members new to Village baptism. Call the Children and Family Ministry office with any questions at 913-671-2350.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for March 28 (Holy Week) – New England clam chowdah, vegetarian soup, grilled cheese sandwiches. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar and dessert is \$7. Salad bar and dessert is \$6. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and children age 3 and under are no charge. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon tomorrow.

VILLAGE GOLF OUTING – Do you like a casual golf outing? Then this is for you! The monthly outings are a four-man scramble format and run April-October. All are invited and you do not need to be a member of Village Church. The first outing is at Deer Creek on Tuesday, April 17, with 8 a.m. tee time. To sign up, contact Brad Steil, 913-469-5683, bradsteil@everestkc.net or Art Newcomer, 913-752-7540, artnewcome@aol.com.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Spring is officially here. As you are sprucing up your warm weather wardrobe, please donate the replaced clothing to the Clothes Closet. The Closet will start accepting the spring and summer clothing - gently used, clean and sized - starting April 1. The Food Pantry's clients have been enjoying the variety of one-pound boxes of pasta that you have been donating. Please continue during March. Thank you.

HILLCREST SPRING FLING CLEAN-UP – Hillcrest Transitional Housing invites volunteers from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 7, to help with indoor and outdoor beautification projects at their Kansas City, Kansas campus for homeless families and youth at 738 N. 31st St. Register at hillcresttransitionalhousing.org/clean. Contact 913-400-2573.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the Village on Mission Chapel, for our next Second Thursday with soprano Kayleigh Aytes who is enchanting audiences with her graceful voice and elegant musicianship. Recent engagements included collaborations with the Te Deum Chamber Choir and the Kansas City Baroque Consortium as a guest soloist.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

JOIN US FOR THE FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH APRIL 4 – If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, come to the Faith and Grief lunch from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in Friendship Hall. There will be a short program and conversation around tables led by a trained facilitator. Lunch is included. Registration is extremely helpful; go online at faithandgrief.org. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS APRIL 25 – Growing Through Grief is a five-week class where you can meet others who are grieving and understand your struggles. One of the pastoral care pastors is the facilitator. The next series is from 5-6:45 p.m. every Wednesday, April 25-May 23, in Room 124. You'll receive your own copy of "Understanding Your Grief – Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart," by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. Reading this book is optional yet is very helpful. The series and book is offered at no cost. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT'S FLOWER POWER WITH GREGORY – Join us at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at Gregory's Fine Floral – 8833 Roe Ave. in Prairie Village. The cost is \$5. Due to space restrictions, the first 15 women to send in their \$5 by April 3 are guaranteed a spot. Email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com for additional information. Child care is available with a reservation.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – NO meetings this week or next! We resume 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 12, in the church courtyard, to begin our new series on “A Quick Look at Our Most Influential Theologians.” Food and beverages provided.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY – We love our city, so we’re spending one Saturday a month exploring different areas of KC. April’s theme: We love River Market! 10:30 a.m.-noon April 21. We’ll begin at Quay Coffee in River Market, make our way through the Farmer’s Market and end at Strange Days Brewing Company. RSPV online VillagePres.org>Young Adult Overview.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for any of our weekly activities – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (middle school and high school) – 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

SNL (high school youth group) – After our Spring break hiatus, we resume tonight and meet on Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

TWOSDAYS (middle school after school program) – Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

GPS (middle school youth group) – Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – Thursdays, 7:30-8:15 a.m. at Zach’s house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village, Kan.) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN! – Sign up for the middle school mission trip, high school Montreat and Boundary Waters adventure. Register and pay for trips online at villagepresyouth.org/form.

“Religious awe is the same organic thrill which we feel in a forest at twilight, or in a mountain gorge.”

–William James



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, March 29 - 7 p.m. Village on Mission

Good Friday, March 30 - 7 p.m. Village on Mission & Village on Antioch

Easter Sunday, April 1 - Village on Mission: 8, 9:30 a.m. (two 9:30 services: Rev. Tom Are preaches in the Sanctuary; Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaches in Friendship Hall), 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. (The Gathering-Friendship Hall)
Village on Antioch: 9:30 a.m. (Easter Egg Hunt follows worship)

There is no Children's Sunday School at Village on Mission Easter morning. Child care will be available for newborns up to 3 years old for all Holy Week services.

Village on Mission is providing free shuttle bus service Easter morning from 8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Buses will pick up at the Blue Moose parking lot at Prairie Village Shopping Center and drop off at the west entrance of Village on Mission.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

When Things Have Gone Wrong

The season of Lent is a slow walk to the cross. On one hand, the cross is shocking. On the other hand, it is expected. Things go wrong in everyone's life. Life is not fair. No one escapes suffering. Power is often used in abusive fashion. The passion of Christ did not eliminate the brokenness in our world, but he did battle it every day. He showed us the healing difference that love can make in a world that always knows pain and disappointment. The life of Christ is not simplistic or Pollyanna, but it is hope when things have gone wrong.

Feb. 25	The Heart Has a History
March 4	Christ on the Frontier; Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick
March 11	When God is in the Room
March 18	Is it Easier if You Know Who to Blame?
March 25	(Palm Sunday) Business as Usual or Not?
March 29	Maundy Thursday
March 30	Good Friday
April 1	Easter

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist
Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care
Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration
Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music
Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments ❖ Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries
Deborah White, director of mission ❖ Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries
Ellen Wootton, interim director of children and family ministry ❖ 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 Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

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

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, hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.