



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 22, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

It's a strange story. Jesus turns over tables and chases folks away from the temple. He condemned them for making God's house a den of robbers. His actions frightened some but proved to be magnetic for others. The early church couldn't forget this day when Jesus disrupted everything in the temple. But at least they came out better than the fig tree.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Praeludio Maestoso (8 a.m.)

by Carson Cooman

Fantasy No. 3 (9:30 a.m.)

by Michael Helman; Village Ringers

Down By The Riverside (11 a.m.)

arr. Arnold Sherman; Morning Bells

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

Have you heard—God so loves the world!

Yes, we have heard this wonderful news for the world.

Have you heard—as far as the east is from the west,
so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Yes, we have heard this wonderful news for us.

Have you heard—Christ promised that he will be with you always,
even to the end of the age.

Yes, we have heard. To this gracious God we have come to offer our praise.

*Hymn, No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*Prayer of Confession

God of grace and glory,

**When we have assumed our good is greater than it is,
forgive us.**

**When we have assumed our sin is something we can handle on our own,
forgive us.**

**When we have heard your Gospel promise and reduced it to
trivialities and slogans,
to self-help froth and minutiae,
forgive us.**

**Remind us again that resurrection is global good news,
and renew in us your boldest dreams.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for a response. The first staff is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for the first line of the response. The second staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, but changes to 9/8 time for the second line. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'.

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters: Heartland Presbyterian Center

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Cre - ate in me a clean - er heart, O God,

and re - mind my soul what mat - ters most of all.

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The image shows four staves of musical notation for a call to prayer. The first staff is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It contains the melody for the first line of the call to prayer. The second staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, and 4/4 time. It contains the melody for the second line of the call to prayer. The lyrics are 'Cre - ate in me a clean - er heart, O God, and re - mind my soul what mat - ters most of all.' The third and fourth staves are identical to the first and second staves, respectively.

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

God Who Touches Earth with Beauty
by Dale E. Ramsey; Village Choir

God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew. With your Spirit recreate me pure and strong and true. Like your springs and running waters, make me crystal pure. Like your rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong and sure. Like your dancing waves of sunlight, make me glad and free. Like the straightness of the pine trees, let me upright be. Like the arching of the heavens, lift my thoughts above. Turn my dreams to noble action, and to ministries of love. God who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew. Keep me ever, by your Spirit, pure and strong and true. —Mary S. Edgar, 1925

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.)
Kevin Hennessy (9:30 a.m.)
Matthew Christopher Shepard (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:12-24 (pg.922)

Sermon

This Is Not the Time for Trivia

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains
JENNINGS-HOUSTON

Offertory

Aria (8 a.m.)
by Carson Cooman
Gaudeamus: Let Us Be Joyful! (9:30 a.m.)
by Arnold B. Sherman; Village Ringers
A Festal Song (11 a.m.)
by Donald Noller; Morning Bells

*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. 340

This Is My Song
FINLANDIA

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

May the Love of the Lord Rest Upon Your Soul
Maria Ling and Swee Hong Lim

*Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth
arr. Wayne L. Wold

**All who are able may stand*
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MUSIC NOTES

Today's anthem, "God Who Touches Earth with Beauty," was written by Village Choir Bass Dale Ramsey. Chosen for Earth Day, this anthem celebrates aspects of personality which give us the ability to communicate trust and confidence in the midst of a cynical and difficult world. The text, imaginatively set for choir with an orchestral organ accompaniment, is rich in metaphorical language which celebrates the inspiration we humans can find in God's creation all around us.

The Call to Prayer that we will sing during this sermon series has been composed by Dr. Elisa Bickers to align directly with the sermon of the day. Therefore, the words that we sing together, as we prepare ourselves for prayer, will also direct our souls toward the day's message.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 23, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Tom Are, Jr. 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, April 23

John 14:1-7

Some have read in these words an exclusive message of who is not going to be welcomed into God's kingdom. The intention of the text is just the opposite. Jesus is promising to "prepare a place" for us. When it comes to salvation, Jesus does all the work. He prepares, he comes again; and he takes us to himself. In this word, like all his words, he speaks with love and hope.

Tuesday, April 24

Isaiah 43:1-3

No life is free from suffering. For some it seems to be a constant reality. For others less so, but no one escapes injury to heart and body. Suffering is a reality in this life. The greater question is this: Will suffering define us? God promises to be present during hardship that we might be defined and shaped by his love rather than the most painful of circumstances.

Wednesday, April 25

1 Peter 1:3-9

Peter describes the resurrection not only as what happens to Jesus, but also as the first indication of what happens to us all. Living this faith, in the midst of struggles, shows the hope we hold in Christ.

Thursday, April 26

1 John 1:1-2:2

Sin. We don't use the word as often as we used to. There is no one, however, who escapes sin. We have dreams of who we wish we were; we imagine living as a better person than we are today. When it comes to important relationships, even those we love the most, we sometimes mess things up. And God has dreams for us, too; and God's dreams for us are always big! The good news of 1 John is the promise that anything that stands in the way of our fulfilling God's dreams for our lives can be washed away. What are your dreams for your heart, your life today?

Friday, April 27

1 John 4: 7-12

No one has ever seen God. But John says, if we love one another, that is the closest we will come to seeing God in this world. The love we have for others is a reflection of God's love in our lives.

Saturday, April 28

John 15:1-11

Jesus speaks of pruning branches. It is impossible to take a trip without leaving some things behind. Faith is a trip, a journey. The closer we get to God, the more will be pruned or left behind. It may seem painful along the way, but the pruning leads to greater life.



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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.

Stephen Ministry Retreat



with **Professor Allan Hugh Cole, Jr., Ph.D**

"The Authentic Caregiver and The Power of Vulnerability"

9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5

Friendship Hall, Village on Mission

Admission is free. Lunch provided. All are welcome to attend.
RSVP by April 30 to len.carrell@villagepres.org

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Sarah Susan Hitchcock by her family.

MOZART IN THE VILLAGE CONCERT TODAY – The concert is at 3 p.m. in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Performers include the Village Chamber Choir and Orchestra and soprano soloist Jee Yeun Kim singing the Mozart Vespers. Admission is free. A retiring offering will benefit The Veterans Community Project.

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 date is 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 to present your pictures on the internet, how to edit pictures on your computer then share these in the cloud. Pictures from old family albums, on a CD/DVD, your cell phone, or email attachments can be made into a slideshow. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, Room 316.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

FLORAL ARRANGING – Come enjoy this instructor-led course. 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, April 24, Room 133.

GAME NIGHT – Looking for a fun night out? Come the first Thursday of the month to learn a new board game or play an old favorite. No previous experience needed! Come laugh and meet new friends. Games provided but feel free to bring your own, too! 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, Room 233.

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN, a Friday morning class, will close our year reflecting on mercy using Anne LaMott's captivating and moving book, "Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy." "By embracing mercy, we give our families, our communities and even ourselves the opportunity to see the world in gentler and more engaging ways...mercy is the light that shines in dark places." All women are invited to join us. Rev. Diane Quaintance, facilitator. 9:30-11a.m. Fridays, April 27 through May 25.

INTERMEDIATE GOOGLE SHEETS – This class is recommended for those who have a basic understanding of Excel OR Google Sheets. Topics include filtering and sorting data, creating charts and graphs, and utilizing functions to easily perform mathematical and statistical calculations. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, Room 316. Call 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org to register.

FROM EVE TO GOMER – WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT – Beginning with Eve and including Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, Rahab, Deborah, Jael, Abigail, Huldah, Vashti, and ending with Gomer, these are women whose witness, for good or for ill, have shaped us as God's people. We will explore these women and learn more about each of them and how they have influenced our life and witness as followers of Jesus Christ. Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 9 and 16, Rooms 232 & 233.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

9:30-10:30 a.m.

FAITH JOURNEY – The class is finishing out the spring with “Misquoting Jesus-The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why” by Bart D. Ehrman. Taught by Kathy Ray, Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – Join the class today and on April 29 for an exciting series on symbolism in Christian art taught by Kim Higgins. Kim is a teacher at the Nelson Art Gallery and a member of Village Church. The class meets in Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER – If you are interested in biblically-based lessons that help you increase your impact on others in your life, you should visit this class. Small groups will be exploring the Acts of the Apostles. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre, the group is asking where we are called as apostles and what that even means. Room 124.

VILLAGE FORUM – Join us today (Earth Day) for From Couch to Earth Care in Five Steps, presented by Rev. Chad Cooper, executive director of Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition. With concerns about the state of the environment growing, encouraging people of faith to become more involved in protecting the earth is more important than ever. Room 126.

10:45-11:45 a.m.

PSALMS FOR LIFE – Dr. Rodger Nishioka is teaching a new Sunday morning class from 10:45-11:45 a.m. on the Psalms. The Psalms are sources of inspiration and instruction. We will explore some of the most popular such as Psalm 23 to the most challenging. This class is for the novice and seasoned Bible reader and runs now through May 20 in Rooms 132 and 133.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

TODAY – We welcome Michael Megraw who will be inviting our children, youth and families to attend the Heartland Presbyterian Center and Camps and our very own Traveling Day Camp at Village on Antioch from July 30-Aug. 3. Join him in Friendship Hall between services to learn more about being a camper or working as a paid or volunteer staff member. Come make s'mores at his morning campfire!

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.

6TH GRADE MOVING-UP DAY is scheduled for Sunday, May 6. All 6th graders and families please plan to attend this celebration. Contact the Youth Ministry office to RSVP at 913-671-2302.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for April 25 is Drive-In Night! Burgers, hot dogs, onion rings, etc. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet at 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 free. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon tomorrow.

VILLAGE GOLF OUTING - Join us for monthly casual golf outings, a four-person scramble format and runs now thru October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Sycamore Ridge on Tuesday, May 8, with an 8 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP by May 1 to Brad Steil, 913-469-5683, bradsteil@everestkc.net or Art Newcomer, 913 -752-7540, artnewcome@aol.com.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – HEADS UP: CANNED FRUIT SUNDAY IS MAY 6. Please start checking the sales now. The Food Pantry is currently asking for all varieties of cereal - healthy or kid-friendly - perhaps something other than Cheerios, so that the clients will have a variety from which to choose. Clean, empty egg cartons for 12-18 eggs are still needed. The Clothes Closet is asking for any and all linens - bed, bath and kitchen.

PRAYERS TO HAITI – Village members Gary Anderson and Dr. Ted Higgins, along with a team of medical and non-medical participants, are spending this week at the Higgins Brothers SurgiCenter for Hope in Fonds-Parisien. HBSH is a full-service, pay-what-you-can surgical facility in eastern Haiti. Every January, April, July and October, Dr. Higgins takes a team to HBSH to train and support the Haitian medical residents and nurses who run the facility year round. If you interested in participating, email or call Lora Garrison, director of international mission, at lora.garrison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Every year, Village Church sponsors an apartment with Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Hillcrest offers homeless families a place to live rent free while they get back on their feet and move to self-sufficiency. If you would like to help stock the kitchen and spruce up the apartment before a new family moves in and deliver a welcome meal, contact volunteer coordinators Nancy Gatewood (nngatewood@gmail.com or 913-638-1922) or Karen Reimer (KW.reimer16@gmail.com or 913-219-8389). All volunteer expenses for groceries and supplies are reimbursed.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY? Village Church provides weekend bags of nutritious food to more than 100 low-income children every week during the school year. Village is looking for two volunteer coordinators to help sign up volunteers and connect with Harvesters during the 2018-2019 school year. The program is not a huge time commitment but the impact is huge for the kids. If you are interested in learning more, contact Jane Emley at 913-302-7544 or Amy Turpin at 913-908-1138.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – On Friday, May 11, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. We need cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 10. If you can help, you can sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up.

MUSIC MINISTRY

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT – 7 p.m. Friday, May 4, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. The Pepperdine Chamber Choir is Pepperdine University's top-tier vocal ensemble. The Chamber Choir is comprised of both music majors and non-music majors and tours regularly both domestically and abroad. This concert is free.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary for this free concert. The program, "Top of the Pops," will feature a lively selection of music from composers John Philip Sousa, John Williams, Roger Cichy and more! This program will also feature guest soloists Dr. Chris White on trombone, Dr. Zach Shemon on alto saxophone, along with guest conductor Brady Finch.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS THIS WEEK – If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, come to Growing Through Grief. During this five-week class you will learn more about the grieving process, meet others who understand your struggles, and be reminded that God is always with us through even the hardest of moments. The series is from 5:30-6:45 p.m. every Wednesday, April 25-May 23, in Room 124. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Village Courtyard (outside the Cup). What do you want? And is what you want the right thing to want? We're spending April and May following our sermon series: Curate Your Heart. Come, let's do some heart work, together. Food provided!

COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY – May 9, 5:30 p.m. (family dinner), 6-7 p.m. Bible Study (child care provided). Every second Wednesday come connect with other young adult parents while kiddos are cared for in the nursery! RSVP at villagepres.org/youngadults by May 2.

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) – 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.

The New Tax Reform– How will it Affect Your Charitable Giving? by Judy Frame Wiseman 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, in Room 132

Major changes to our tax rules were enacted in late 2017 and may have an impact on your charitable gift income tax deduction for 2018 and beyond. If you are 70 ½ and have retirement distributions, we'll talk about why making your charitable contribution directly to the charity from your IRA may be even more advantageous for you after tax reform. We will also talk about why tax reform may affect your tax deduction from your gift, and ways to maximize the tax benefit of your gift. If you have other questions about the new tax laws, bring those too!

Village Elder Judy Frame Wiseman is a CPA, tax lawyer and teaching professor at UMKC School of Law.



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

Officer Nominations

The Congregational Nominating Committee will be meeting soon, and they request your input. Please submit names of anyone you recommend to serve as an officer. Send recommendations to Marsha Hansen at marsha.hansen@villagepres.org. Include your name, the name of the person you recommend, the office in which they might serve (elder, elder trustee, deacon). It is also helpful to include relevant information regarding the gifts and experiences this person would bring as an officer at Village.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Curate Your Heart

Some have said we are defined by our work. Some have said we are what we eat. At the deepest level, we are what we love. We can love all manner of things. We love our families and we love vacation. We love our country and we can love good coffee. It seems that love just happens, that love is something into which we fall. But love is also chosen. It is important to ask ourselves if we love the right things. In this sermon series, we will explore how following the life of Christ is a practice of training our hearts to want what God wants, to love the right things. If we are what we love, then curating our hearts is important work.

April 15	What Do You Want?
April 22	This Is Not the Time for Trivia
April 29	We Are Part of a Long Amazing Story
May 6	It's Not Always About Bliss
May 13	It's Not Always About Me—Even When It Is
May 20	Love Is Not the Only Thing
May 27	Do You Have Time, or Does Time Have You?

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. Becky Chamberlain, interim 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.