



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 30, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Each Sunday we are sent out into the world with a benediction. It is a mixture of ancient words and contemporary thought. It is a word that reminds us who we are. It is a word that reminds us that we are called. Mostly, the benediction is a blessing. In this sermon series, "God's Beloved World," we will reflect on the weekly benediction.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Petite Scherzo
by Franz Schubert

Call to Worship

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

These are the words that have called us here:

Come.

See.

Listen.

Taste.

Rest.

Love.

These are the words that will send out us from here:

Go.

Make.

Strive.

Remember.

Live.

Love.

Words have the power to change us.

May God open our ears and awaken our hearts.

*Hymn, No.366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRYDOL

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Could the Gospel really be true? Do you love us that much?

We want to believe it.

But we know the truth of ourselves, and you do, too.

You know that we can be fragile,

but that we can also stomp all over others.

We read and study your Word,

but we so often say the wrong things.

We are so afraid of making mistakes,

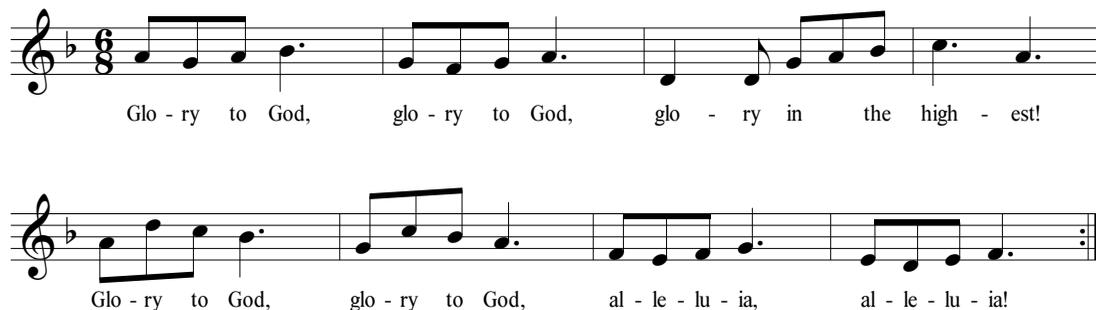
that we sometimes play it too safe.

Forgive us for all of our contradictions and complexities.

Speak to us your words of grace until they settle in our soul. (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, al - le - lu - ia!

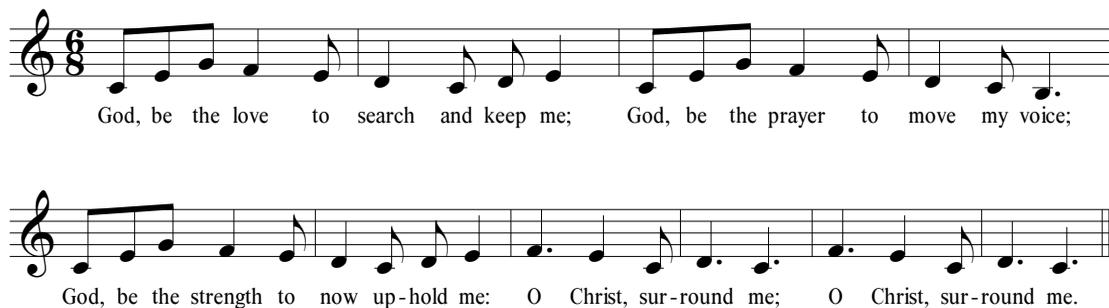
*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders (9:30 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now up-hold me: O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

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

Teach Me To Fly

music: Mark A. Miller; More Love Chorale; Carol Are, soprano (8 a.m.)

Welcome

music: Mark A. Miller and Laurie Zelman; Alegría (9:30 a.m.)

O Nata Lux

music: Tom Porter; Village Voices (11 a.m.)

O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world.

Mercifully consider worthy the prayers and praises that are offered.

You who in flesh were once clothed to return dignity to the lost,

Grant us to be made members of your holy body.

Prayer for Illumination

Dee Couch (8 a.m.); Fred Logan (9:30 a.m.); Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13 (pg. 1047)

Sermon

God's Beloved World

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

Offertory

Praise The Lord

music: George Frederic Handel; arr. Hal Hopson; Village Choir

*Response

**For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, we give you our thanks indeed.
All that we have, comes from you.
All the love we know, comes from you.
Take the gifts we offer back to you now
and use them for your holy work in this beautiful but broken world.
We are creatures of your own making,
and you have entrusted us with sacred responsibility.
So make us instruments of your peace,
witnesses of your presence,
and reminders of your grace.
We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who redeems us all. Amen.**

*Hymn, No. 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm
REPTON

*Benediction

*Response

Choral Amen
Village Choir

*Postlude

Minuet No. 5
by Franz Schubert

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of October 31, 2016)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Dr. Rodger Nishioka 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, Oct. 31

Psalm 142

The voice of the Psalmist is a lonely and bleak one. The truth of our lives is that each of us will find ourselves in a similar moment when it feels as if life is crashing down around us. Being a follower of Jesus Christ does not guarantee that our lives will be easy. This Psalm is proof of that. What our faith does provide for us is a way to survive. Cry out to God who is our refuge even in the most desperate of times. The good news is this – that God receives our cries and responds out of His great love!

All Saints Day, Nov. 1

Ephesians 1:11-23

Today is All Saints Day—a day when the church remembers all the saints, past and present and those who are to come. Paul writes to the saints in Ephesus, giving thanks for them and reminding them of what is to come as a result of their faithfulness. On this day, take time to remember and give thanks for the saints in your life – children, youth, young adults, and adults—those who are among you and those who are now in heaven.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

Psalm 50

In the story of creation in Genesis, God spoke and there was light. In this Psalm, the writer reminds us that God is not silent. God, creator of the universe who spoke all creation into being, is still speaking today. God speaks even in rebuke for those people who are disobeying God. And God invites all to speak to God for God is listening. What will you say to God today?

Thursday, Nov. 3

Acts 22:22-23:11

The apostle Paul is in trouble...again. This time he is before the Roman tribunal in Jerusalem. He is in trouble for preaching about Jesus Christ. He is brought up on charges and bound and his life is being threatened. But Paul appears to keep calm even though his very life is in danger. In this charged situation, Jesus appears to him and tells him to "keep up your courage." Remember that in all ways, Jesus is with us and calls us to courage!

Friday, Nov. 4

Psalm 17:1-9

It is a lifelong lesson to learn that some things are simply not within our control. We cannot control the actions of others. We cannot control the fears or the anger of others. All we can control is what we do and how we respond. For some of us, it is too easy to forget this and to be drawn into trying to fix every problem. Rightly, the Psalmist asks God to show His steadfast love and sustaining care and to uphold us and protect us in times of struggle. While we cannot be in complete control, we can trust that God is!

Saturday, Nov. 5

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Last week I was in our national conference center in Montreat, in the mountains of Western North Carolina. I arrived at night and woke the next morning to a beautiful blue sky and the surrounding mountains bursting with gold and red and orange and yellow leaves. What a glorious site! I echoed the words of the Psalmist that the Lord IS great and greatly to be praised! I could not help but breathe deeply the fresh mountain air and sing praises to God. The Psalmist reminds us that God is near to all who call on Him. Trust that the Lord is near to you today as you praise God for His wondrous works!

AND THOU,
AMERICA

★ A PATRIOTIC CONCERT OF CELEBRATION ★

4 P.M. SUNDAY 11.6.16

FREE ADMISSION
★ TICKETS REQUIRED ★

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts – Helzberg Hall

Performers include the Village Chamber Choir, Kearney High School Chamber Choir, singers from Lawrence High School and Lawrence Free State High School and the Kansas City Wind Symphony, a member ensemble of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

Reserved tickets are no longer available, however those without tickets should still plan to attend! The box office will be giving vouchers on the day of the concert to ticketless patrons. Ushers will seat those with vouchers in empty seats following the first piece on the concert program.

Second Thursday Recital Nov. 10
Featured Artist Alison Sneegas Borberg

Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Village Church Chapel, for our next Second Thursday Recital. Our guest artist is soprano Alison Sneegas Borberg who will be accompanied on piano by her mother, Marvie Sneegas. The program will be a mixture of spiritual, standards and favorite musical theater stand outs.



Alison is delighted to share the stage with her mom at Village Church. Alison has worked at the major theaters in town, with favorite shows including *Side by Side by Sondheim*, *Bernstein's Broadway*, *Cinderella in Into the Woods*, *Sarah in Guys and Dolls* and *Mary in It's a Wonderful Life* and dozens of cabarets at Quality Hill Playhouse.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Bob Long by Mazie Long and family.

BE SURE TO CONGRATULATE YOUR FAVORITE 3RD GRADER TODAY! The 3rd Grade class receives their very own Spark! Bible today. This exciting moment represents a rite of passage for your third grader. Join the Children and Family Ministry Committee as they encourage children to read and explore the Bible, acknowledging their growing understanding of their faith.

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 – K–1st GRADE new curriculum! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. First Grade meets in Room 303. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **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. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **CONNECT WITH 6TH GRADE** – Relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. Room 302. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Upcoming Village U classes:

CLIMBING YOUR FAMILY TREE WITH ANCESTRY.COM Ancestry.com is a great premium website with genealogy resources to help you find your ancestors. Learn how to navigate and understand its basic features. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. Room 230.

THE VALUE OF DOUBT - Based on his new book, *The Value of Doubt: Why Unanswered Questions, Not Unquestioned Answers, Build Faith*, Bill Tammeus explores some eternal questions and how answers may be found through the challenging paths of doubts and hard questions. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 2-16. Room 126.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE YOUNG ADULTS GONE? - This class will explore some of the latest research that tells us more about who the young adults are who have left the church, and why so few of them believe they can find a meaningful faith in the church as it exists. Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Rev. Hallie Hottle, instructors. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30. Room 127.

SUPER SATURDAY HANDWORKS & E-WORKS - Enjoy community and fellowship and/or take some time for yourself doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. Child care is only available from 9:30 a.m.-noon. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. Rooms 126 and 127.

UNDERSTANDING MORE ABOUT ANCESTRY.COM - Learn how to find just the information you need while using advanced search tools on Ancestry.com. Find some hidden gems that will help you in your research. Parts of this class will be a live demonstration of Ancestry.com. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, Room 230.

ART IN THE "CHURCH ATTIC" – GIVING THANKS THEME - Miss Carol, the beloved owner of "Art in the Attic," is bringing her love of art and kids to Village Church. This class is for children three years and older who must be accompanied by a parent, caregiver or grandparent. The kids will be creating a project with a "Giving Thanks" theme. Cost: \$7 per child. Class limit: 12 children. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. Room 203.

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES - Join special event florist Katherine Taylor and learn how to create a low-profile holiday centerpiece for you to bring home to your table. The cost includes all materials and supplies. Cost: \$35 per person. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Rooms 232 & 233.

STRAWBERRY HILL MUSEUM AND CULTURE CENTER - The museum is located in the old Croatian neighborhood in Kansas City, Kansas. Part of the building housing the Museum is an elaborate Queen Ann style mansion built in 1887. From 1919 until 1988 it served as the St. John the Baptist Children's Home. Depart at 9:30 a.m. and return about 1:30 p.m. \$20 fee for transportation and museum cost and a lunch featuring Croatian foods. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

VILLAGE FORUM SUNDAY MORNING CLASS - The class is focusing on "Faith in Action at the Ballot Box." The Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force will present the final class that highlights considerations for Christians on current important social issues:

Nov. 6 – Livable Wage/Raising the Minimum Wage, led by Mike Enriquez, Stand UP KC

FALL ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES - Check villagepres.org for details.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER NOV. 2 – Breaded chicken sandwich, white beans w/spinach, vegetable mélange, mini turkey corn dogs. Each Wednesday, price is \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar and dessert. \$3-children ages 3-10. Children under 3 are free. Reservations are required by noon every Monday. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners. Please RSVP for our Nov. 16 Thanksgiving Potluck by Sunday, Nov. 13.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Today is the first collection day for the food items needed to fill the 500 Thanksgiving Baskets for the Village Church Food Pantry's clients. Collection will go on for two more Sundays, so if you forgot today, you can bring them either of the next two Sundays - OR - \$25 will feed a family of two and \$40, a family of four. Your generous donations will allow another family to have a most thankful Thanksgiving.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - Friday, Nov. 11, Village will for 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. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

STAR FAMILIES - Village Church Christmas "Star Families" will be available for adoption in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon on Sundays, Nov. 6 and 13. Return unwrapped gifts to the Operation Breakthrough truck 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday, Dec. 11. Each child receives three new unwrapped gifts, and the parent receives a \$25 gift card to either Target or Walmart. Monetary donations to Village Church will be accepted for Star Family holiday meals from Nov. 6 -Dec. 11. Please note "Operation Breakthrough" in the memo of your check. Contact Marilyn Borel at rmborel@sbcglobal.com or 913-708-1917 for more information.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE is looking for host homes! You'll be responsible for providing an international student with a place to stay as well as a few meals during the week. It's a great opportunity to learn about a new culture, and to show these students the best of ours. For more information, contact Judy Miller at judy.miller@kcpl.com or 816-651-5387.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

TRY TAIZÉ WORSHIP - If you are weary, if you are tired, if you are looking for a chance to catch your breath, check out what our Taizé worship service is all about. Modeled after worship from the Taizé community in France, the service includes song, silence, and scripture — all experienced at a quiet, reflective pace. We will also take communion together. Taizé is held at 6:30 p.m. every second Sunday of the month at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road, Overland Park. Our next service is Nov. 13.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS! – Pastoral Care and Counseling appreciates everything the PC&C volunteers do to provide care and compassion to so many. We couldn't do our ministry without you! To express our gratitude, we invite you to the Pastoral Care and Counseling Volunteer Appreciation Event at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11. RSVP by this Friday, Nov. 4, to Linda Alley at 913-671-2367 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE WILL BE HELD DEC. 4 - This special service to remember loved ones we deeply miss will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the Sanctuary. It includes prayers, music, reflection, candle lighting and the proclamation of God's holy promise: there's a light in this world that the darkness will never overcome. If your loved one passed away during 2016 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be included in the program. If you would like to include any other names, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2367 or linda.alley@villagepres.org by noon Monday, Nov. 21.

POINSETTIAS PROVIDE CHRISTMAS CHEER - Delivering a poinsettia to members who are unable to attend church is a long-standing tradition at Village Church. You can help the tradition continue on Sunday, Dec. 4. If you would like to know more, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT invites you and anyone you wish to bring to join us as we explore the Strength of Vulnerability through the wisdom of Village's Rev. Jenny McDevitt. We will meet on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 3:30-5 p.m. in Room 126. Coffee and homemade cookies will be served. RSVP to Niki Krenzel at susannkrenzel@aol.com by Nov. 8. For child care, RSVP no later than Nov. 7 to pam.southerland@villagepres.org.

WOW LUNCH AT YA YA'S - Wednesday, Nov. 16, at The Bristol at 5400 W. 119th St. in Leawood, Women of Wisdom will gather for a noon lunch. RSVP by Nov. 14 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

MISSION SEWING is low on large pieces of cotton and cotton-blend fabric suitable for large dresses and backings for "children's nappies." Check your stashes. Donations are appreciated! Knitters, be sure to pick up your red and green yarn for the Christmas baby hats. Call Edie Hultman for more information: 913-432-3515.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHT DINNER RESERVATIONS OPEN NOV. 13 - Presbyterian Women invite you to celebrate Advent, this holy season rich with hope and wonder, at the intergenerational PW Candlelight Advent Dinner on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6. Rev. Hallie Hottle will give the meditation on "Seeking the Sacred." Reservations (\$16/person) will be sold beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13, in Friendship Hall or online at villagepres.org. Plan to get your reservations early, seating is limited! Child care is available with advance reservation. Questions? Contact Sarah McKee at 913-439-0035 or sarahmckee810@yahoo.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THANKSGIVING BASKET PACKING - 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. All young adults and children invited to the Village Food Pantry to help pack Thanksgiving goodies into baskets for those who need them! Space is limited so please sign up online at signup.com/go/VillagePresYA.

MMPM - Midweek Morning Prayer for Mamas! 9:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings, Village Church Chapel. We'll pray for each other, then join for coffee and convo. in the Cup. All 20s and 30s Moms welcome.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

CHEER - High school youth group tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All are welcome for a night of discussion, amazing people and a great time!

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

TWOSDAYS - All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us from 4-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons in the Youth Loft for fun and food!

LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY - Do you have leftover candy from Halloween, or maybe candy that just isn't your favorite? Donate it to the Youth Department! Every year we send care packages to our graduated youth in college or wherever they may be. Just drop it off at the front desk and label it "Youth Department." We know our former youth will really appreciate it!

2016 Meneilly Conference
“Forming Faith Foundations for Young People”
Presented by Rev. Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean
9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in Friendship Hall



Free and open to all. Enjoy coffee, pastries and fruit starting at 9 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Epic Church: Growing Young in the Age of Benign Whatever-ism

Game scientist Jane McGonigal argues that young people steeped in video culture becomes virtuosos of hope—in ways the world desperately needs. Why are young people more likely to find hope in a video game than in the church? Twelve years into the ongoing National Study of Youth and Religion, we have some clues—now backed by research from the Fuller Youth Institute about what does (and doesn't) seem to help churches “grow younger.”

10:45 a.m. “How are the Children?” Practices for Parents and Congregations that Lay a Foundation for Young Faith

What happens to young people’s faith after high school? Faithful young adults seem to have shared many similar assets during the high school years. Taking our cues from the second wave of research from the National Study of Youth and Religion, we will explore how parents and congregations can share faith with young people in ways that feel honest to where they are spiritually, and help youth form foundations for a faith of their own.

Dr. Dean is the Mary D. Synnott Professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary where she works closely with the Institute for Youth Ministry. She is the author of numerous books on youth and the church and embodies that rare combination of thoughtful theologian and helpful practitioner. She is a dynamic and inspiring teacher and lives out her passion for young people and the church.

Register online at villagepres.org/meneilly-conference.

Trick Or Treat In The Village Cup Coffee Shop

Bring the kids to trick or treat in the Village Cup from 1-7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 31.

Gifts of Stock and Securities

At year end, many of you make a gift to Village Church through a transfer of stocks and securities. It is very helpful to know about stock transfers in advance, and to know how to credit the gift. We have an account set up to receive these transfers. For this information and to share with us your plan to transfer stock, please give Molly Sirridge, 913-671-2325, or Kathy Lueckert, 913-671-2365 a call.

NEW SERMON SERIES

God's Beloved World - It is Beautiful, but Broken

This is God's world. But the ways of this world are not as God intends. Anyone can see that and many complain about the way things are; but faith invites us to hold a new perspective. Even when broken, the world is beautiful. It's not just the color of nature or the sounds that fill the air; it is the beauty of human compassion, genuine friendship, and humble service. The broken world is still beautiful. And this world is loved by God, so it should be loved by us. Such love is the currency of Christian living.

Oct. 30	God's Beloved World
Nov. 6	Do You See It?
Nov. 13	Blessed are Those who Mourn
Nov. 20	It is Worth the Struggle

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
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.