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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 24, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

There's a table in this room. Like tables in your own home, at this table food is shared. At this table, stories are told. At this table, gifts are offered and gifts are received with great joy. At this table, we practice being family.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Andante in F*  
by W. A. Mozart

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

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 all who need it.**

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

**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

\*Hymn, No. 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
CWM RHONDDA

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**This past week has been like so many before it:**

**we thought we would be better than we were.**

**We wanted to pray more, study more, trust more.**

**We meant to be gentle, with each other and with the world.**

**We intended to let grace have the last word.**

**We have disappointed ourselves again, O God,**

**and we are afraid we have disappointed you, too.**

**There is such distance between who we are and who we want to be.**

**Help us.**

**Receive us as we are, but do not leave us this way.** (Silent prayer)

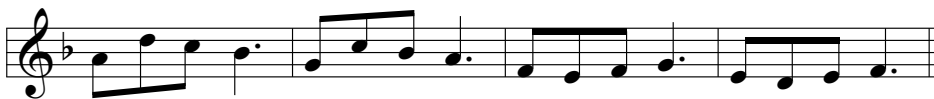
\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response (all in unison, then in canon)

Glory to God  
GLORIA



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination     Dee Couch (8 a.m.); Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.); Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading     Acts 2:43-47 (pg. 993)

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.**

Anthem

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*

Early American hymn, arranged by Alice Parker; The Village Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35 (pg. 964)

Sermon

*A Reservation at the Table: The Lord's Table*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 537

*When at This Table*  
FEASTDAY

Offertory

*The Ground*

music: Ola Gjeilo; words: from the Latin Mass; The Village Choir

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

\*Response

*Doxology with Alleluias*  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 694

*Great God of Every Blessing*  
AURELIA

\*Benediction

\*Response (all in unison, then in canon)

*Go With Us Lord*  
TALLIS CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

\*Postlude

*Diferencias sobre el canto de La Dama de Demanda*  
by Antonio de Cabezón

\*All who are able may stand

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## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of January 25, 2016)

The following are daily Bible readings 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 and our mission. Pray for God's world.

### **Monday, Jan. 25**

**Matthew 19:1-12**

This is not the first time Jesus has spoken a word about marriage and divorce. The first time he does so is in a little sermon he gives on a mount. In it he seems to be saying there is no just cause for the dismissal, or devaluing and abandonment of another person. The Pharisees want to test his understanding of Moses's interpretation of the law. The issue is really not about divorce at all. It's about whether or not God brokers any deals when it comes to divine will. God does not make discounted deals of God's will.

### **Tuesday, Jan. 26**

**Matthew 19:13-15**

How many times have you seen an image of Jesus with children all around him hanging in a Sunday school classroom? Little children pictured climbing on him and sitting on his lap and hearing his stories. But in this passage we get a hint of how this may not have been an accurate portrayal. The disciples "spoke sternly" to the parents who were bringing their children to Jesus. In the first century, children were considered intrusive to life, and looked upon as a distraction and with little significance. Jesus's words in effect is a command to the church that all whom the church may consider "little" among us, should never be kept away from the promises of Christ.

### **Wednesday, Jan. 27**

**Matthew 19:16-22**

A rich young man asks Jesus, what "good deed must I do" to have eternal life? He is failing the lesson even in his question. This young man lives in a world where the things he desires he acquires through transaction. He is stuck in a world of his own making, and rejects the idea of the new world that Jesus is ushering in. He is reminded of the second tablet of the commandments focused on how to treat others, and of Leviticus 19:18 that says to love one's neighbor. It is not his being rich that appears to be the problem, but rather his own wealthy self-interest that is stopping him from seeing the poverty of his own self-sufficiency.

### **Thursday, Jan. 28**

**Matthew 19:23-30**

The remainder of this story is a lesson directed to the disciples, and their concern is a legitimate one. If there is no hope for even a rich man who has everything and who seems to be a good person, then what hope is there for those who have nothing? On the surface, the question Peter and the others are asking appears to be self-serving, but what they want to know is if their sacrifice and discipleship matters. They want to see the end of the road. And Jesus tells them that those who follow him with humility and compassion for others, will be able to see the kingdom of heaven on earth, in a way this young man will struggle to see it.

### **Friday, Jan. 29**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

A story of day laborers waiting in an open marketplace in order for work to find them is all too familiar in our world today. It is the difference of a life filled, or a life empty; having a meal to eat, or going hungry. This landowner's interest is in the life of the laborers, not in his own profit or benefit. This story isn't intended as a direct correlation to life, it is a story of God's amazing grace. But a life freely filled with God's grace is a life fed and filled, not empty. The different response of the early arrivers and the other laborers to the generosity of this landowner teaches us a lot, but asks us this: Are we grateful or resentful for the generous gift of God's grace for all people equally?

### **Saturday, Jan. 30**

**Matthew 20:17-28**

This moment in Matthew's gospel, from the beginning of Chapter 19 up to now, illustrates how the gates of the kingdom become narrower. As Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem and ultimately to his impending suffering, crucifixion and death, the cost of discipleship increases. In a moment of incredible bad timing, the mother of James and John barter for her sons to have the best seats at the glorious feast, one on his right and one on his left. If you recall, there were two others who were crucified with Jesus, both on his right and on his left. I don't think that's what she had in mind. Discipleship is not about getting the best seat; it is about losing our life to servanthood.

**T.A.K.E. Defense for Girls and Women Saturday, Jan. 30  
10 a.m.-noon in Friendship Hall**

T.A.K.E. Defense Training provides girls and women of all ages with unique reality-based, hands-on self-defense training. Such training provides safety awareness that everyone needs and deserves.

Your T.A.K.E. training, an integral element in the comprehensive safety awareness program, will take place in a two-hour session from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Jan. 30, in Friendship Hall at Village Church. You'll receive priceless awareness education and practical application of the skills demonstrated and learned in the session. We will also cover internet safety, community safety, home safety, safe travel and much more. It's our goal to give you the advantage if you're ever in a situation that makes you question your safety.

A \$12 donation is requested but not required. This is a special event being offered through Village U.

Email [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2333 to register.



**CHURCH-WIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST FEB. 14**

Children and Family Ministry is hosting a church-wide Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m.-noon on Valentine's Day Sunday, Feb. 14, in Friendship Hall. Cost is \$5 a person. Join your friends and family for pancakes, sausage and the ever entertaining pancake magic of Chris Cakes!

## 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. At the end of the worship service, please return the bags to the baskets located in the narthex.

### 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 9:30 a.m and 11 a.m.

**KIDS' KINGDOM CHURCH SCHOOL** - Parents may check in their elementary (K-5) aged students on the 3rd floor. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**CLUB V6 (6TH GRADE)** - Fun and relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 302.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** - Children are encouraged to bring cans of soup every Sunday now through Feb. 7. The Village Food Pantry will receive all donations.

**VILLAGE KID'S DAY OUT PROGRAM** - The Child Care Department is pleased to offer our Kid's Day Out program for the 2016/2017 school year. This program is for children ages 2-4 yrs from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Thursdays and is in session from September-May. We have a loving, energetic staff that will make your child's experience a positive one. Fall enrollment begins from 8 a.m.-noon on Monday, Feb. 1, for Village members, KDO Alumni siblings, and Village Preschool families. Enrollment for community members is from 8 a.m.-noon on Monday, Feb. 8. Contact Marjean at 913-671-2322 for information.

### ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SPRING 2016 VILLAGE U CLASSES** - You may enroll for all courses online at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org), by email ([marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org)), by calling 913-671-2333 or in person in Room 119 at Village Church. There is a one-time only child care fee of \$40.

#### **UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:**

**Learn to Lose Fat and Feel Amazing by Incorporating Real Food into Your Life** - Learn what it means to eat real food and how it can have an incredibly positive impact, not only on your physique, but also on how you feel. Taught by Jon Rowley from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in Room 233.

**Great Books Discussion** - If you're interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come read and discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Child care is not available. Led by Betty Long from 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in Room 127.

**Sing Before Supper** - "The only thing better than singing is MORE singing!" So said the great Ella Fitzgerald. Come to the Chapel for a fun and lively time of singing - old favorites and new treasures. Led by Mark Ball from 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the Chapel.

**Date Nights** - Join us for a Date Night once a month with your spouse. Our next Date Night is from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in Room 232. Led by Clint & Kim Carter. We will begin with a 30-minute discussion on a topic to help you strengthen your marriage, and then couples will be free to leave on their own for some time away for dinner and discussion. Child care is available with advance reservation.

**Organizing 101** - Want to get organized in the new year? Join professional organizer Gracie Luce for easy and simple ideas from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in Room 133. Register with Marianne Weber. Child care may be available by registering with Marjean Lindquist.



## CONNECTONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER JAN. 27** -Chicken pot pie, vegetable rice pilaf, salad bar, dessert. Price is \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar, dessert & drink, \$3 – children ages 3-10, ages 2 & under are free. Reservations no later than this evening. Call 913-671-2331 or email [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org), or go to [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) under Connectional Ministries to make a reservation.

**COMPUTER CLASSES** are free of charge. **Beginner Excel Computer Class:** 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. **Basic Computer Class:** 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 23- March 15 or 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 24-March 16. Call Cindy at 913-671-2331 or email [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) to sign up for classes.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

**COP 21 PRESENTATION** – At 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in Room 127, the EAC is co-sponsoring a presentation on COP 21 and Beyond by Dr. Chris King, a retired Brigadier General who represents the U.S. on an international military advisory council dealing with national security and climate change. He will discuss how the results of the Climate Change Summit (COP 21) must be implemented at a world scale to assure that the most positive future possible is achieved for all God's People and all God's Creation. The event is free and open to the public.

## MISSION

**FOOD PANTRY** - Heads Up - **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** is Feb. 7! Please check the grocery stores for sales of hearty soups. In the meantime, the Food Pantry is collecting personal care items-bars of soap, toothpaste, small bottles of dish soap, shampoo or hand lotion and facial tissues. The Clothes Closet continues to need winter coats. If you're not wearing it, one of the Closet's clients would love to. Thank you for your support.

**JANUARY LUGGAGE DRIVE FOR DRMP** - Village's Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) is looking for large used suitcases in which to pack medical supplies and equipment to take to the Dominican Republic. If you have any large (25" or larger) suitcases that you no longer need, we would love to take them off your hands! You can drop them off at Reception or at the International Mission Office, Room 212c. For more information, contact Andrea Huffman, director of international mission, at [andrea.huffman@villagepres.org](mailto:andrea.huffman@villagepres.org). We will be collecting luggage through next Sunday, Jan. 31.

**DO YOU KNOW OF A NONPROFIT THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM A VILLAGE MISSION GRANT?** Between now and March 31, the Village Church Mission Committee is accepting applications for local community grants. The grants generally range from \$2,000-\$5,000. The application form and criteria for 2016 are available on the Village Church website under "Mission." We are also looking for ideas for a Signature Mission for the coming year. If you have any questions about the grant process or Signature Mission, contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**KC WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT JAN. 31** - The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present a free concert in the Village Church Sanctuary at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31. This concert is entitled "Of Wonder and Imagination," and the program will include a variety of music that features brass and percussion. The musical selections include the *Fanfare* from the ballet *Le Peri* by Dukas, *Celebration Overture* by Creston, *Symphony No. 4* by Hovhaness, and a new piece, *Serenity*, by Gjeilo that was transcribed for wind band. The concert will conclude with *Gazebo Dances* by Corigliano that has fanciful mixed meters and an exciting *Tarantella Dance*. Featuring Guest Conductor Langston Hemenway of William Jewell College. The Kansas City Wind Symphony is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS** – The Village nurses are happy to check your blood pressure anytime between worship services in the Bride's Room.

**CAREER CENTER STARTS TOMORROW** – If you are looking for a new job, please come to the Career Center class. You'll learn how to plan a step-by-step search that works in today's job market. Class is at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 25, in Room 232. If you are interested in attending, contact Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP STARTS FEB. 2** – A new Divorce Support Group will meet for six weeks from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2-March 8, in Room 132. Dr. Dave Ehman, a licensed psychologist, will facilitate the group. Child care is available by advance request. Contact Pam Southerland by Tuesday, Jan. 26, for child care at 913-671-2352 or [pam.southerland@villagepres.org](mailto:pam.southerland@villagepres.org). To register, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN BRUNCH FEB. 20** – "Walking Willing" is the theme for the Celebration of Faithful Women brunch scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in Friendship Hall. We will celebrate all women, enjoy a meditation by Carol Are (wife of senior pastor Tom Are), and recognize our 2016 PW Honorary Life Members: Kim Higgins, Arlene Raudenbush and Priscilla Wilson. Reservations for the brunch (\$16) begin today online at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) or at church.

**WOMEN WITH SPIRIT "WAYS TO LENT"** – Join Women with Spirit (WWS) from 3:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, in Rooms 126 & 127 for "Ways to Lent" led by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. A fun and thoughtful conversation on this often overlooked tradition in our modern day lives. RSVP to Niki Krenznel at [susannkrenznel@aol.com](mailto:susannkrenznel@aol.com) or 315-767-6629. Child care is available for those who register by Feb. 1 at [pam.southerland@villagepres.org](mailto:pam.southerland@villagepres.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Meet in the Youth Loft at 9:30 a.m. Room 333.

**CHEER H.S. YOUTH GROUP** – Meets tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft.

**ODD MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY** – This is a new high school girls' bible study that meets on odd dated Mondays (e.g., Feb. 1, Feb. 8) from 3-4 p.m. in the Upper Room. Join us for this great time together!

**TWOSDAYS** – Middle schoolers join us Tuesdays after school from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

**GPS M.S. YOUTH GROUP** – Meets this Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. In the Youth Loft.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/DINNER** – Instead of gathering after a Sunday worship service, this year's Annual Meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Rev. Tom Are will provide a review of 2015 and plans for 2016. The Session will present the budget for 2016. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, advise Marsha Hansen no later than Friday, Feb. 5, at 913-671-2341 or [marsha.hansen@villagepres.org](mailto:marsha.hansen@villagepres.org).

## THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. — Proverbs 11:25

2nd Thursday Recital Series

# HARMONIE WINDS

Kansas City's classic wind ensemble, presents a concert of Tafelmusik (Music for Parties)

12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Village Sanctuary



This free performance will include music by Mozart, Rossini, Grainger, Handel, Albeniz and Krommer.

Harmonie Winds was formed 20 years ago to explore the wonderful wind band music of the late 18th century. Both the instrumentation and most of the repertoire of our ensemble come from the *Harmonies* or wind ensembles that were so popular in the 18th and early 19th centuries in central Europe. Mozart wrote the best examples of this format and therefore the ensemble always features at least some of his music on their programs.



**WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY** - If weather is predicted to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. service will be cancelled.

## SERMON SERIES

### **The House of God and Our Home**

God is not tied to any particular place. It is true that God can be worshipped anywhere. But we have learned that it is important to have a place, a holy place where we worship. We, at Village, have a room that on one hand is like any room; and on another hand is like no other room. Join us in January as we consider what makes this room holy.

Jan. 3	Holy Places: Sanctuary
Jan. 10	Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Jan. 17	Ordinary Water and Holy Promise: The Font
<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>A Reservation at the Table: The Lord's Table</b>
Jan. 31	Standing on the Promises: A Pulpit In this Room
Feb. 7	The Soundtrack of Worship

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Mark Ball, director of music

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

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music

Rev. Diane Quaintance, interim director of adult educational ministry

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

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

*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org). Click the Quick Link "Live Service Broadcasts."*

*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.*