SERVICE OF WORSHIP
January 31, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
A sanctuary has a pulpit. If you are to stand in a pulpit, it helps to remember those who have stood there before you. You might also imagine those who will stand there in the future. It helps to remember that any word spoken is only part of a much larger proclamation that reaches through the generations. Words spoken in a pulpit are always the words of a particular preacher. But when both the speaker and the listener are faithful, God can use ordinary human language to become the word of God. A pulpit doesn’t make that happen; but it reminds us that it can and does happen.
Prelude

Call to Worship

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,
God gathers us beneath the cross.

When we forget who we are or wonder if we are loved,
Christ invites us to splash in the waters of baptism
and sit down at the table of grace.

When we are in need of comfort and when we need to be challenged,
the Spirit reveals the Word of God to us, offering direction and wisdom.

In every season of life, in every circumstance of the world,
this place is our home,
and God always meets us here.

*Hymn, No. 611

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
You bless us richly;
    forgive our reluctance to share.
You hold us close to your heart;
    forgive us for keeping others at arm’s length.
You lift us from where we have fallen;
    forgive us for not offering a helping hand.
You grace us with joy,
    forgive us for living in fear.
You whisper truth and shout resurrection;
    forgive us for staying silent when your Word needs our voice.

Have mercy on us, O God,
and give us the gift of another day, and another chance. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response (all in unison, then in canon)

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

Why Village Matters

Environmental Action Committee

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem (11 a.m.)

Lighting the Way

words and music by Will Todd; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.); Bill Hare (9:30 a.m.); Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8 (pg. 653)
Call to Prayer

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

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

If You Continue in My Word
words: John 8:31-32; music: Donald Busarow; The Village Choir; Wayne Bates, trumpet

If you continue in my word, then you are truly my disciples;
and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-8 (pg. 430)

Sermon

Standing on the Promises: A Pulpit in this Room
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 838 (st. 1, 4)  
Standing on the Promises
PROMISES

Offertory
19th Century Shaker Hymn; Music Ministry Interns (8, 11 a.m.); More Love Chorale (9:30 a.m.)

More Love

If ye love not each other in daily communion,
how can ye love God, whom ye have not seen?
More love, more love! The heavens are blessing, the angels are calling, 
O Zion, more love!

*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. 463
HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION
FOUNDATION

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Postlude
Invention No. 1
by J. S. Bach

*All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns
Monday, Feb. 1

Hebrews 11:1-12

This is a passage about hope. The writer of Hebrews reminds the church of their past. Hope is like that…it grows in the soil of memory. As Christians, remembering the stories of God's faithfulness yesterday is what nourishes hope as we look to tomorrow. What Biblical stories encourage or inspire you?

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Psalm 62

This is a song of praise declaring that God is God. There are many voices and paths we take in life. The Scriptures speak of the constant temptation to prioritize insignificant things. The Psalmist speaks of true life resting in God's purpose for us all. Every day is a collection of choices, all of which reflect that we believe to be important. Let your choices today be a song of praise to the living God.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Mark 8:14-21

The reading from Monday includes a recital of the stories of God from days gone by. The reading today illustrates the struggles the disciples have when they cannot/ do not remember what Jesus had done among them. Think about your own journey of faith: when has God blessed you? How does that encourage you today?

Thursday, Feb. 4

Mark 8:27-9:1

Knowing who Jesus is is important. But following Jesus is what really matters. Of course, we can't follow him without knowing him, but the goal is to follow. And following is the difficult part.

Friday, Feb. 5

Isaiah 55

The joy in this text echoes many places in Scripture. The people of God have passed through the storm or made it through the difficult season. From the other side they see that God has been faithful, and they offer this as a hymn of praise. We all walk through storms, and when we are wise, we take time to recognize the power that brings us through.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Hebrews 12:1-2

All of chapter 11 is a recital of the heroes of the Old Testament and how God has been faithful. This letter to the Hebrews wants us to remember those who have gone before us in faith. Who has shaped your faith? Who has influenced your faith? Give thanks for them, for they are part of your “cloud of witnesses.”
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**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.

**KC WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT TODAY** - 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; and features Guest Conductor Langston Hemenway of William Jewell College. The Kansas City Wind Symphony is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

**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 from September-May. Fall enrollment opens 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 at villagepres.org, by email (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:***

**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.

**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.

**Lenten Class on Prayer** - Join us to explore ancient and contemporary forms of prayer, and even ways to turn some of your typical routine into prayerful exercises. We will walk a labyrinth, use our bodies and voices for prayer, and even learn how to turn social media into a prayerful time. Taught by Rev. Sally Wright. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 17-March 23, in Room 126.
**Parting of the Ways** - Early Christian communities developed a wide variety of disparate beliefs. The Jerusalem Church, led by Jesus’ brother, James, understood itself to be a natural extension of Jewish faith and practice. Pauline Christians and various Gnostic sects held different views. The class will examine how these competing ideologies led to separate and distinctive Jewish and Christian traditions. Taught by Rev. Dwight Tawney. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 17-March 9, in Room 127.

**Piecing Your Family Puzzle Together** - Let a professional genealogist guide you into your family’s past. Learn how to gather and organize information, how to use various websites, how to locate your family history, how to make a research trip and how to use courthouse and military records. Taught by Char Mitts. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb.17-March 16, in Room 132.

**Sex and Sexuality in Adolescence** - Hear what recent research is showing us about adolescent behaviors when it comes to sex, health and the development of sexuality. We will discuss what it means as we talk to our students about sex and what our response should be as caring adults. This class is for parents of students at any age (younger kids will be teenagers one day, too!). Taught by Rev. Zach Walker. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 17-24, in Rooms 232 & 233.

**CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER FEB. 3** - Swiss steak, roasted new potatoes, vegetarian entree, 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, or go to villagepres.org under Connectional Ministries to make a reservation.

**COMPUTER MINISTRY**

**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 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. The event is free and open to the public.

**MISSION**

**FOOD PANTRY** - SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is next Sunday, Feb. 7! We hope to collect lots of hearty soups to supply our shelves for the cold winter months. Canned soups are easily prepared by adults and children and make a nice hot meal on a cold winter day. Look for sales on hearty soups at our grocery stores. The Pantry can never have enough hearty soups. All in-kind donations may be placed in Pantry boxes at the church entrances.

**CROSS-LINES COMPUTER LAB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** - If you have basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Outlook and know how to browse the Internet, Cross-Lines Community Outreach can use your help in the computer lab that Village Church helped establish. Clients need assistance setting up email accounts, applying for jobs and working on resumes. Lab times are from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Call Lauren Oropeza at Cross-Lines at 913-281-3388.

**GLOBAL MISSION OFFERING FEB. 7** - The proceeds from this offering help support the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership providing health care services to Haitian cane cutters and their families via partnership with the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic; and the youth spring break international mission project. Please find the yellow envelopes in the hymnal slot for each pew.
PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

HIGH, LOW OR JUST RIGHT – BE IN THE KNOW! Stop by the Bride’s Room anytime between services where the Village nurses are happy to check your blood pressure.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP STARTS THIS TUESDAY - If you are divorced and are looking for a group, come to the new Divorce Support Group. From 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 2-March 8, in Room 132. Dr. Dave Ehman, a licensed psychologist, will facilitate the group. Child care is available by advance request. To register contact Linda Alley, 913-671-2327 or 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. Enjoy a meditation by Carol Are (wife of senior pastor Tom Are). Reservations for the brunch ($16) can be made online at villagepres.org or at church between worship services today, Feb. 7 and 14.

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 Krenzel at susannkrenzel@aol.com or 315-767-6629. Child care is available for those who register by Feb. 1 at pam.southerland@villagepres.org.

WOW LUNCH AT TATSU’S - Join WOW (Women of Wisdom) for lunch at Tatsu’s French Restaurant at noon Wednesday, Feb. 17. Tatsu’s is located near 90th and Roe. RSVP by noon Feb. 16 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608, or to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net, 913-432-4321.

MONTREAT WOMEN’S CONNECTION - The 2016 Montreat Women’s Connection is Aug. 12-14 and will be presenting “Momastery at Montreat: An Evening with Glennon Doyle Melton.” Glennon will be with us on Saturday night, Aug. 13, and will offer a discussion and Q & A session, followed by a book signing/meet and greet/photo op. For conference details, visit montreat.org/women. If you are interested in attending, please email Katherine Caputo at katherinebestcaputo@hotmail.com before Feb. 15.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CHILI COOK-OFF TICKETS ON SALE IN FRIENDSHIP HALL! - This year’s Chili Cook-off is Feb. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are available in Friendship Hall for $10/person and $30/family. All proceeds benefit youth mission trips – come on out and support our students!

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. 15, Feb. 29) 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.

MEET THE NEW HEAD OF ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 7
The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has found a candidate to lead Adult Educational Ministry at Village. They will introduce the candidate in all worship services on Sunday, Feb. 7. Our deepest thanks to Rev. Diane Quaintance who has served Village so well as interim pastor of Adult Educational Ministries. Diane will continue in this position through the end of February.
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 this Friday, Feb. 5, at 913-671-2341 or marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.

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.

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.
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
Jan. 24 A Reservation at the Table: The Lord’s Table
Jan. 31 Standing on the Promises: A Pulpit in this Room
Feb. 7 The Soundtrack of Worship

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

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. 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.