



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 14, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

This first Sunday of Lent we begin a series that springs from Paul's intriguing and honest statement: *we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.* During this Lenten season we will notice the importance of this promise for ordinary people. Failure, weakness, even brokenness are not signs of God's absence, but sometimes prove to be the places where the light shines.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Yo Soy La Locura
by Anonimo

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

We are here because God is good.

**God called life into being,
and created us out of the dust.**

We are here because life is hard.

**We are no strangers to heartbreak,
and we seek peace in the midst of chaos.**

We are here because God is generous.

**We have been given companions on the journey,
and love that never leaves us.**

We are here because there is work to do.

**Embracing both our faith and our fragility,
God has a purpose and a plan for us all.**

*Hymn, No. 761

Called As Partners In Christ's Service
BEECHER

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Amen
AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The image shows a musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line.

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem (11 a.m.)

It Is Well With My Soul
arr. by Jake Runestad; Alegría Young Adult Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (8 a.m.)
Laura Edgington (9:30 a.m.)
Katherine Caputo (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-18 (pg. 1053)

Sermon

All Are Ministers

Rev. Tom Are, Jr. (8, 9:30 a.m.)
Rev. Zach Walker (11 a.m.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 719

Come, Labor On
ORA LABORA

Offertory

Even Here
by Mark A. Miller and Laurie Zelman; Village Choir

*Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body. You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Linstead

*Benediction

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
Old Hundredth

**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

*Postlude

Xacara
by Antonio Martin y Coll

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 15, 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, Feb. 15

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

God promises the Israelite people, who lived in years of captivity in Egypt, a new home. "A land flowing with milk and honey." The imagery alone promotes an idea that God's promises are rich in abundance and hope. At the heart of this passage are the people responding with glad thanksgiving. They are commanded to take the first fruits of their harvest and to place them in a basket, and to bring them before the Lord. They bring to the Lord not only bountiful baskets, but also themselves, and they remember their story of deliverance.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Psalms 91

This Psalm speaks of God as our refuge and our fortress, our shield and our shelter. It also tells us that it is in God alone whom we trust. How does our trust in God provide protection? Our faith alone may not be equipped enough to shield us from human imperfection. And the psalmist is not suggesting that the pains of human life, or of this world, are not real. Rather, it's intended to provide comfort that God will continue to send angels to bear us up and to hold our hand along the way.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Luke 4:1-13

This dual of wits and scripture between Jesus and the devil always intrigues the imagination. Jesus even warns us, do not put God to the test. But God in Jesus Christ takes the test for us. Tempted by all the royalties of this world, to save ourselves from famine, to have authority over all the earth, to be invincible. God took the test for us, and taught us not to test God, but trust. Another interesting discovery in this passage is even the devil can quote scripture, using a phrase from the above Psalm 91.

Thursday, Feb. 18

Romans 10: 8-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart." These words Paul exhorts is from Deuteronomy 30:14. Paul goes on to explain this ancient idea of the Law being written upon our hearts by saying, "we confess with our mouth, but we believe with our heart." This movement between heart and lips is not accidental, for it requires travel through the mind and body, as well. If God's Word is made incarnate enough to live among us, than surely the Word of God is made to live within us.

Friday, Feb. 19

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

What is being an ambassador of Christ? Ambassadors are representatives of their sovereign. Their message and work is not an expression of themselves, but more importantly, of the one who sent them. An ambassador usually lives in a foreign land surrounded by people speaking in a very different tongue. As children of God we are called to live in this world as citizens of heaven. Sometimes that means not being afraid to be different. As ambassadors we are also called to speak with the vision of the one we represent. At times, as Christians we are asked to speak up, and speak out for Christ.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Isaiah 58:1-12

During Lent many people do some kind of fasting practice. But here, Isaiah suggests that a practice of fasting is not to deny ourselves of something, but to humble oneself. His appeal for fasting is to "loose the bonds of injustice" and to "let the oppressed go free." When we make our fast to humbly serve others, we will be like a spring where water never fails. We will be like a "watered garden" where the needs of all will be satisfied in "parched places."



Visiting Scholar
Amy-Jill Levine PhD.

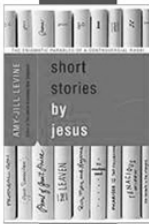
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Influential Author Presents

**“Jesus the Jewish Storyteller:
Hearing the Parables Anew”**

March 4 & 5

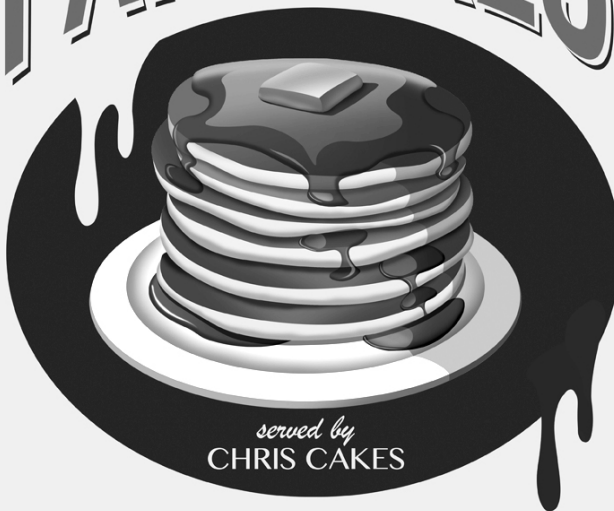
At Village Church

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COME JOIN US TODAY

PANCAKES



served by
CHRIS CAKES

All are invited!
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Today in
Friendship Hall
\$5 a person

Sponsored by
Children & Family Ministry

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.

CHURCH-WIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY - Children & Family Ministry invites you to a church-wide pancake dinner today from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Chris Cakes will be here to serve up the flapjacks. Cost is \$5 a person. Happy Valentine's Day!

JOIN US TONIGHT – Our Taizé worship service will be held at 5 p.m. this evening in the Chapel. Experience a quiet, candlelit worship service that includes song, silence, scripture and communion.

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.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

AMERICAN PUBLIC SQUARE FAITH FELLOWSHIP EVENT AT VILLAGE CHURCH FEB. 18 - Join American Public Square as it comes to Village Church for the third event in its Faith Fellowship series. We will look at "varieties of spiritual experience" from different perspectives drawn from both Western and Eastern traditions. Rev. Brian Ellison will moderate a panel discussing the issue and answering questions from the audience on Thursday, Feb. 18, in Friendship Hall: Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.; Program, 8- 9 a.m. For more information on the event and to register, go to americanpublicsquare.org or call 816-235-5067.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

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. 17 - Beer battered cod, chicken fingers, cole slaw, mac and cheese, 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.

TWO NEW U.S. TOURS FOR VILLAGE CHURCH - "Beautiful North America Tours: National Parks and Places of History and Beauty"-Sedona and the Grand Canyon National Park: Oct. 9-14, 2016. Feel the excitement of New York City at Christmas time: Dec. 1-4, 2016. Join us for an information meeting at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, in Room 132. Contact Lisa Ball at Lisa@LisaBallTravelDesign.com for more information.

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.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY - Thank you for donating 1,900 pounds of delicious, hearty soups last week on Souper Bowl Sunday! This week we are requesting all types of rice and rice mixes, dried beans and pasta for hearty meals on cold winter days. The Clothes Closet is requesting warm boots and shoes for winter weather. We continue to need clothing of all kinds in extra large sizes. Thank you for your wonderful support.

PRISON MINISTRY POETRY READING - Village member Arlin Buyert, who coordinates a prison ministry program in conjunction with Lansing Correctional Facility, invites you to a poetry reading by inmates incarcerated at Lansing at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Johnson Co. Library on 87th St. in Overland Park. The Arts in Prison program, in collaboration with the Writers' Place and the library, are hosting the reading. Call Arlin Buyert, Village Prison Ministry volunteer coordinator, at 913-909-2915 for more information.

VOLUNTEER - On Saturday morning, Feb. 27, the Village Deacons will host a Mission Service Day working with several non-profits. Volunteer slots are still available with Heartland Habitat for Humanity, Hope Faith Ministries and Avenue of Life. If you would like to work with a team and then enjoy a pizza lunch, contact Deborah White in the Mission office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

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. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Call Lauren Oropeza at Cross-Lines at 913-281-3388.

MUSIC MINISTRY

TE DEUM ANTIQUA & KANSAS CITY BAROQUE CONSORTIUM CONCERT, FEB. 21 - Te Deum Antiqua and Kansas City Baroque Consortium will perform Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostri: Meditations on the Suffering of Christ* at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 40th and Main in Kansas City, MO. Deitrich Buxtehude's 17th century oratorio reflects upon "the most holy limbs of our suffering Christ" in seven cantatas. A \$10 donation is requested, free for students with ID.

NOWLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR & VILLAGE CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT FEB. 23 - The Black & Gold Nowlin Middle School Choir will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Village Sanctuary with the Village Chamber Choir. The Nowlin Middle School Black & Gold Choir has been chosen to perform at Helzberg Hall as part of the American Choral Directors Convention (Southwest Division) this coming March. The Feb. 23 concert at Village Church will give them a chance to do a "dress rehearsal" before a live audience in advance of their ACDA Convention performance.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY - If you have family members or friends who are currently serving in the military, we would like to add them to the prayer list. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org with the person's name, rank, where he/she is based, and any other information you would like to share. Their service is greatly appreciated.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION – One way Village helps care for our members is having emergency contact information on file for each person. This information is extremely helpful when there is an injury or illness that happens at the church, or if a member is hospitalized and we need to locate him/her. Share the contact person's name, phone number and relationship to you with Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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, email Katherine Caputo at katherinebestcaputo@hotmail.com by tomorrow, Feb. 15.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CHILI COOK-OFF TICKETS ON SALE IN FRIENDSHIP HALL! - This year's Chili Cook-off is next Sunday, 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 CLASSES – 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. 15, Feb. 29, March 7) 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.

Coming Soon...

A major facelift for the Village Church website. For the past several months, our marketing and communications team has been working on redesigning our website: villagepres.org. It's scheduled to launch next week. Please bear with us as we make this transition, running tests and making adjustments that can only be made once the new site is live. Stay tuned!



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.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY...

At the Heart of Giving...

Your gift to Village Church during the annual commitment campaign is so important in continuing the work that we do here at Village Church. Thank you!

Would you like to help one of our mission efforts do even more?

We have asked Mission Sewing what would help them extend their donations to area hospitals, cancer centers, hospice homes and other area agencies.

They welcomed the offer and have put together a Wish List.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase an item or two from this Wish List and bring with you on **Sunday, March 6**, to Friendship Hall and drop off at the Village Commitment table.

Mission Sewing Wish List

Gingher scissors 7"

Soft & Crafty Polyester fiber fill - 5 or 10 lb bulk box

Satin ribbon - 1/4" in pastel colors

Bernat Softee Baby yarn - white, pink, baby blue

Lion Brand, Pound of Love yarn - pink, white or blue

Coats brand thread - white, black, green, blues

Rotary cutter sharpener - 45 & 60 ml blades

Fabric - cotton, flannel (No satin)

Serger

Monetary donations also accepted

Thank you for your generosity! Your gift will help Mission Sewing construct more items to help those who suffer with an illness.

Items include: walker bags, eyeglass cases, peanut-shaped pillows, lap robes for all ages, blankets for newborns and pajamas for children. Knitters create newborn caps and cancer hats among other projects.



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

SERMON SERIES

Treasure in Clay Jars

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth that the Gospel Ministry is a “treasure we hold in clay jars.” This is a metaphor that resonates because we all know how fragile faith can be. We know how fragile Christians can be. One of the wonders of grace is that God continues to be found among the weak and fragile of faith. God’s treasure is carried in clay jars, meaning God’s beauty can show up in our brokenness. It’s good news. I hope you will join us to hear it.

Feb. 14	All Are Ministers
Feb. 21	When the Church Gets it Wrong
Feb. 28	Some Things Never Change...Until They Do
March 6	I Believe, Help My Unbelief
March 13	The Brokenness of Jesus
March 20	When the Nation is Broken
March 27	Easter Isn’t Over

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.