



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 12, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

"But we had hoped..." These are some of the saddest words in the entire Bible — and they come on Easter Day. Two travelers on the road hear that Jesus is no longer in the tomb. They hear this as bad news. They speak of hope in the past tense and they journey with heavy steps and even heavier hearts. But a meal changes everything. A stranger takes bread, in a way that seems so familiar. And he blesses it and breaks it, as if he has done this before. And when he gives it to them, he gives them so much more than a meal. The way Luke tells it, that's when their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. A meal changes everything. It offers hope in the present tense.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Allegro from Concerto in G major
G. B. Pergolesi; Ben Ketter, flute

Choral Introit (11 a.m.)

Blest Are They Whose Spirits Long
music: G.F. Handel; Village Voices

Call to Worship

Rev. Diane Quaintance

The lilies have all been delivered.
The horns and trumpets have all been packed up.
And yet Easter is still in the air.

Easter is not a one-day affair.
It is a journey just begun.
It is a promise long kept.
It is hope that never gives up.

Easter is God's love revealed to us,
in honest conversation,
in shared hospitality,
in the breaking of bread.

Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

*Hymn

God the Sculptor of the Mountains
JENNINGS-HOUSTON



1	God	the sculp - tor	of the	moun - tains,	God	the
2	God	the nui - sance	of the	Pha - raoh,	God	the
3	God	the dress - er	of the	vine - yard,	God	the
4	God	the un - ex - pect - ed	in -	fant,	God	the



mill - er	of the	sand,	God	the jewel - er	of the
cleav - er	of the	sea,	God	the pil - lar	in the
plant - er	of the	wheat,	God	the reap - er	of the
calm, de - ter - mined	youth,		God	the ta - ble - turn - ing	



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
we are aim - less; lead us now.
we are hun - gry; feed us now.
we are search - ing; meet us now.

***Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us, God, for sometimes we get lost along the way.

Lost in ourselves,

**we dwell on yesterday's embarrassment and disappointment,
limiting what grace can do in our lives.**

Lost in our days,

**we race from one commitment to the next,
or drift from one hour to the next,
unaware of your presence.**

Lost in our fear,

**we build walls around ourselves to protect our hearts from pain,
prohibiting joy and healing from breaking through.**

So find us, O God.

Walk alongside us and stay with us.

Open our eyes so we might rest in your truth. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the same notation and lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!".

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (8 a.m.)
Laura Edgington (9:30 a.m.)
Patricia Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Hope in the Present Tense

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether
UNION SEMINARY



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Offertory

Stay With Us

words: Herbert Brokering; music: Walter Pelz; The Village Choir; Ben Ketter, flute

Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to you this day be sung.

Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.

Walk with us, our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry.

Feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side.

Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end.

Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

*Talk with us till we behold a joyful life unfold: Heal our eyes to see the prize:
Jesus take us to the light.*

*Stay with us till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun:
cheer the heart, your grace impart. Jesus, bring eternal life.*

*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

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

Go, My Children, With My Blessing
AR HYD Y NOS

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

**"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."**

**"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

*Benediction

*Response

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men." The first two measures of the first system correspond to "A - men, a - men." The second system corresponds to "A - men, a - men, a - men." The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Postlude

I'll Praise My Maker
music: Genevan Psalter Tune, arr. by Robert Powell

**All who are able may stand*

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 13, 2015)

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, April 13

John 14:1-7

In this passage some read an exclusive message of who is not going to be welcomed into God's kingdom. The intention of the text is just the opposite. Jesus is promising to "prepare a place" for us. In this word, like all of his words, he speaks with love and hope.

Tuesday, April 14

Isaiah 43:1-3

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

Wednesday, April 15

1 Peter 1:3-9

Resurrection. Peter describes the resurrection not as simply what happens to Jesus, but as the first indication of what happens to us all. It is living this faith in the midst of struggles that shows the hope we hold in Christ.

Thursday, April 16

1 John 1:1-2:2

Sin. We don't use the word as often as we used to. There is no one, however, who fails to hold dreams for themselves. We have dreams of who we wish we were; we imagine living as a better person than we are today. And we would have to admit that God has dreams for us. The good news of 1 John is the promise that anything that stands in the way of our fulfilling God's dreams for our lives can be washed away. What are your dreams for your heart, your life today?

Friday, April 17

1 John 4: 7-12

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

Saturday, April 18

John 15:1-11

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

TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Coffee and lemonade are available on the east side of Friendship Hall following worship services.

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

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE 5 P.M. TONIGHT - The service includes simple songs, silence and scripture. We also share communion together. Taizé worship takes place on the second Sunday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Village Chapel.

FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT: PC(USA), VILLAGE CHURCH AND YOU - Learn about the overture presented to the General Assembly in 2014 and what issues are at stake for climate change and good stewardship. Why is divestment a growing international movement? And where do Presbyterians stand?" Taught by Jerry Rees and Nicola Juricak. 9:30 am. today in Room 126.

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 and 11 a.m.

KIDS' KINGDOM CHURCH SCHOOL - Parents may check in their elementary (K-5) aged students on the 3rd floor. Check the large bulletin boards located in the Children and Family wing for which room your child's class will travel to that day. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

CLUB V6 (6th GRADE) - 'Tweens will discover the similarities between themselves and the many unlikely people selected by God to do extraordinary things. Meet in Room 302 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

AARP 55 ALIVE DRIVING CLASS will be held from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, April 16 & 17, in Room 233. Cost is \$20 (\$15 if you are an AARP member) per person payable to AARP. Bring a brown bag lunch or eat out. To enroll call Marianne, 913-671-2333.

VILLAGE UNIVERSITY

School of Theology Religions of the World - April 15: Islam - the religion, the impact of terrorism and what Jihad and Sharia law are and are not; April 22 - Hinduism and Scientology. A key part of each session is how each faith connects or does not connect with Christianity. Taught by Rev. Dr. John Borden 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 15-May 13, in Room 132.

Leaving a Spiritual Will or Spiritual Legacy - Journalist and Presbyterian Elder Bill Tammeus will share the difference between a spiritual will and spiritual legacy and help participants begin to create a spiritual will. We'll talk about the five things dying people want to share: "I forgive you," "please forgive me," "I love you," "thank you," and "goodbye." 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 22, 29 and May 6, in Room 126.

The Reformation in Germany - This three-week study led by Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee will trace the beginnings of European reform under Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon and explore the later stages of German reform inspired by Martin Bucer, John Calvin and the Heidelberg theologians. 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, April 29-May 13, in Room 127. Child care is not available.

Keeping Kids Safe Online - Learn more about the possible dangers of internet usage, practical safety tips and tools and the cybercrime reporting process. This presentation covers electronic safety concepts, including gaming systems, music devices and other wireless/internet communication. Presentation designed by Sunflower House, Overland Park Police Department and FBI Cyber Crime Task Force. This program is appropriate for adults only. This training is approved for 2 clock hours, KDHE. Taught by Detective Marcus Fizer from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, in Room 232. Register at marianne@villagepres.org .

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS - The menu for April 15 is beef tips over noodles, vegetarian entree, green vegetable, salad bar & dessert. Make a dinner reservation with Stacy at 913-671-2334 or stacy.fischer@villagepres.org or online at villagepres.org.

NEW TOURS FOR VILLAGE CHURCH & FRIENDS - Journey to Scotland with Rev. Jenny McDevitt: May 27-June 9, 2016. Space is limited for this amazing journey to Scotland and exploring Presbyterian roots. Glasgow, Isle of Iona, Isle of Skye, the Highland and Edinburgh. Act fast!; Autumn in Amalfi & Sicily with Rev. Jay McKell: October 2016; and Seattle in September: Sept. 14-20, 2015. Please come to a tour meeting at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in Room 127. Contact Lisa@LisaBallTravelDesign.com if you are interested.

ART & HORS D'OEUVRES MAY 1 – Join us for Art & Hors D'oeuvres from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, May 1, in Friendship Hall. Admission is free. The event showcases artists of all ages, amateur to professional, including our own Village Church Preschool. We'll also have a "Jazz Jam" with Kansas City's own Elder Statesmen of Jazz with light refreshments and more. Parking is available in the south lot and at Prairie School. Call 913-671-2331 for more information.

VILLAGE CHURCH NIGHT AT SPORTING KC - Join the Village Church at the Sporting KC Soccer Game at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Tickets are \$33 a person and include bus transportation to and from the game. The bus will leave promptly at 2:30 p.m. from the south parking lot at Village Church. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331 to reserve your tickets.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY - The wishes of the Food Pantry for the month of April are for cereal – whole grain preferably, but all kinds gratefully accepted. The Clothes Closet has a need for X-Large clothing for men and women – there is never enough for the demand. Shoes, for all ages and sizes, are also needed. The Clothes Closet is always asking for linens – sheets and pillowcases, towels and washcloths.

KC CARE CLINIC HOLDS FREE MEDICAL CLINIC NEXT SATURDAY - The Kansas City CARE Clinic will be holding a one-day free medical clinic event 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, at the Bartle Hall Kansas City Convention Center for those in the area who have no or limited access to health care. Patients are encouraged to call ahead at 1-800-340-1301 and make an appointment. Village Church is one of three churches in Kansas City providing ongoing mission work one Saturday a month to the Kansas City CARE Clinic. If interested contact Debbie Skaggs at 816-777-2761 or debbies@kccareclinic.org.

BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 28 - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres," or stop by our registration table in the foyer outside Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.- noon on April 19 or 26. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

VILLAGE CHOIR SINGS NATIONAL ANTHEM TODAY AT SPORTING PARK - The Village Choir will sing the national anthem at the FC Kansas City National Women's Soccer League team's home opener at Sporting Park today at 3 p.m. The 2014 NWSL champions, FC Kansas City faces off against Sky Blue FC. Tickets are just \$7 and parking is free.

VILLAGE IN THE CITY: INSPIRING MUSIC FOR AN APRIL EVENING, 7 P.M. APRIL 26 AT HELZBERG HALL– The Village Choir will collaborate with the choirs of Baker University and Benedictine College and organist Dr. Elisa Bickers, all under the direction of Matthew Shepard. The program includes *Festina Lente for Strings and Harp* by Arvo Pärt, Josef Rheinberger's *Concerto in G minor for Orchestra and Organ*, concluding with *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Admission is free. Tickets are required and are available through kauffmancenter.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF - This five-week series is about the grieving process and how to support those who are heartbroken. The series is free. Registration is required. The series runs from April 15-May 13 (4:30-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Room 124). Contact Sandy Perry at 913-671-2327 or sandy.perry@villagepres.org for more information.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP - The next six week series begins on April 23-May 28 (6:30- 8 p.m. every Thursday, in Room 206). The group is facilitated by Village member Peg Borden and covers myriad topics including: understanding grief, working with emotions, parenting, self-image, conflict resolution and much more. To register, contact Sandy Perry at 913-671-2327 or sandy.perry@villagepres.org. Child care is available by reservation only. Contact Marjean Lindquist at 913-671-2322 for child care.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SEEKING OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH VOLUNTEERS - Make a difference in a child's life and your own! Wednesdays, through April 29, read to an Operation Breakthrough preschooler at Village Church from 9:30-11 a.m. This program needs 40 volunteers (men and women) and 80 books per week on Wednesdays. Consider donating your time and preschool level books. Questions? Contact Cindy Whitham, ciwhitham@aol.com at 913-262-3062. Child care: Call Pam at 913-671-2352 to make a reservation by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

WOW LUNCHEON AT CHEESECAKE FACTORY - All ladies are welcome to join Women of Wisdom (WOW) for a spring luncheon at noon on Monday, April 27. We will meet at the Cheesecake Factory, 6675 W. 119th in Overland Park. Choose from over 200 menu selections and top off our lunch choosing from the more than 40 cheesecakes and desserts. Join us for fabulous food, fun and fellowship. RSVP by Friday, April 24, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, or 913-209-9608, or to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net, or 913-432-4321.

AMAZING GRACES SPRING EVENT: CREATE AN HERB GARDEN - All women are invited to create their own mini herb garden at Red Cedar Garden with owner Ricki Creamer at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25. Lynn Soulier from Gardens of Delight will enlighten us as to the medicinal and culinary uses for herbs. To reserve your spot, send a check for \$10 payable to "Presbyterian Women of Village Church" to Kathy Collins at 4716 W. 86th Street, Prairie Village, KS 66207 by April 18.

PAGE TURNERS MEETING - Page Turners will meet on April 28, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 127, to discuss *The Husband's Secret* by Laura Moriarty. All are welcome. Discussions are interesting even to those who've not read the book.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL - meets in the Youth Loft at 9 :30 a.m. Room 333.

HIGH SCHOOL 'CHEER' YOUTH GROUP - meets tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

CONFIRMATION – meets tonight at 6:30 p.m. Just come upstairs to the Youth Loft, Room 333.

TWOSDAYS – an after school program for 7th-8th graders every Tuesday. Twosdays is a time for games and fellowship, from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

MIDDLE SCHOOL 'GPS' YOUTH GROUP – meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Faith That Is Not In Vain

Easter is not a day. It's a turning point. Easter is the day we set aside to reflect on the day God set aside to breathe a permanent hope into human history. Easter is the day God set aside to reveal that the love of God is stronger than the powers of death. The promise of the resurrection is not limited to life beyond the grave; the resurrection begins shaping our lives today. The Apostle Paul once wrote, *If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.* For the six Sundays following Easter, we will reflect on how and why faith is not in vain.

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 ❖ Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of children and family ministry

Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Rev. Jay McKell, parish associate for pastoral care

Elizabeth Nolen, interim coordinator for young adult ministry ❖ 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 9:30 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.