



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 26, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

After the resurrection, Jesus has a meaningful encounter with some of his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. Perhaps most well known is his conversation with Peter, when Jesus asks three times if Peter loves him. In addition to encountering the risen Christ, Peter finds himself repeating over and over again that yes, he does love Jesus. Or does he? This event contains more than just an exercise in repetition, it also provides a clue about what it means to be in conversation with the living God.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

Rev. Brian Ellison, parish associate

Born in a manger, calling us from the shore,
Jesus meets us where we are.

Entering our homes, teaching us his ways,
Jesus meets us where we are.

Quieting the storms, feeding our deepest hungers,
Jesus meets us where we are.

On the beach at daybreak, in the darkest corners of our hearts,
Jesus meets us where we are.

*Hymn

Morning Has Broken
 BUNESSAN



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

*Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, God, for the times we let you down.
Release us, God, from the times we let ourselves down.
We want so deeply to please you.
We want so desperately to love you.
Our mistakes sometimes surprise even us.**

**Remind us,
again and again and again,
that you are a God of grace,
and that we are never beyond your redemption. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Be Not Afraid

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!'. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Two systems of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first system contains the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system contains the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!" The music consists of a treble and bass staff with chords and melodic lines.

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**

Prayer for Illumination

Laura Hewitt (8 a.m.)
Kevin Hennessey (9:30 a.m.)
Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 21:15-17

Response

Your truth is ever before us; by it you set us free.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
WAFARIN' STRANGER

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you, and will find a solace there.**

Offertory

Feed My Lambs
words and music: Natalie Sleeth; The Village Choir

*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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
I'M GONNA LIVE

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

*Benediction

*Response

A - men, a - men.

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

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand*

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 27, 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 27

2 Corinthians 7:5-7

Sometimes it is good to remember that Paul was a hard worker who faced adversity. When there are "conflicts on the outside, and fears within," it is what we do in the face of it that makes a big difference.

Tuesday, April 28

Psalms 38

In many ways this is a difficult psalm. It is hard to fully put yourself into the deep regret communicated in it. But stick with it until the end; sometimes when we feel we have done something wrong it is easier to wish God was far away, but the psalmist calls God to be ever closer during such a time.

Wednesday, April 29

2 Kings 1:1-15

Can you imagine being the third captain sent to talk to Elijah after what happened to the two captains before you? What does it take for you to stand in awe of what God can do? What have you seen in your life that makes you stand in awe?

Thursday, April 30

Mark 7:31-36

This is a miraculous story, but the phrase that sticks out sometimes is when they say Jesus "has done everything well." How deeply true that statement is! And yet how difficult it is to do some things well. Each of us struggles with something in our lives that we simply wished we did better. What would it take for you to admit your struggle to someone else?

Friday, May 1

Numbers 22:21-39

Ever feel like a donkey knew more than you do? Balaam knows how that feels. Sometimes it is we who are stubborn, even when the world is telling us a plain truth.

Saturday, May 2

James 5:13-18

The power of prayer. James is such a practical letter, filled with advice that is often easy to connect to today's life – which is why a reminder of the practicality of prayer is so important. A solid prayer life is difficult to maintain, but ultimately is an important, and practical, connection to God and faith.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Coffee and lemonade are available in Rooms 232 and 233 following worship services.

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

VILLAGE IN THE CITY 7 P.M. TONIGHT 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. Admission is free but tickets are required. If you would like to attend Sunday's concert but do not have a ticket, come to the Kauffman Center box office at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are being returned all the time, and there will be seats available. The first piece in the concert is 10 minutes long, and latecomers will be seated immediately following its performance as well. Bottom line: no one should stay home because they do not have a ticket.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children during service. Please return the bags to the baskets located outside of Friendship Hall or at the top of the steps by the Youth Loft. Thank you.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST - Join Children and Family Ministry as we honor all of those who volunteer in teaching ministry throughout Village. Chris Cakes will be here from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in Rooms 232-233. Tickets are \$5.

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) - Join us for a fun new way to explore the ancestors of our faith. '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

Breakfast and Bible with Buddies: A Bible Study for Men - Rev. Tom Are's morning study continues from 7-8 a.m. on Fridays, May 1, 8, and 15. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast (\$6), and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from his favorite Gospel-The Gospel of Mark. To make a reservation for breakfast, contact marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

VILLAGE UNIVERSITY

School of Theology *Religions of the World* - 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, through May 13, in Room 132.

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.

Village Talk - Join us from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, in the Village Chapel, Steve Kraske, KCUR radio host and commentator, will be Rev. Brian Ellison's guest.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS - The menu for April 29 is baked ziti with meat, baked vegetarian ziti, green vegetable, salad bar & dessert. Make a reservation at stacy.fischer@villagepres.org or 913-671-2334.

ART & HORS D'OEUVRES MAY 1 – Join us for Art & Hors D'oeuvres from 5-7 p.m. next Friday, May 1, in Friendship Hall. Admission is free. The event showcases artists of all ages, amateur to professional. We'll also have a "Jazz Jam" with Kansas City's own Elder Statesmen of Jazz, 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. next 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 cereal donations that you have given the Food Pantry during April have stocked our shelves with such a great variety of cereal – and the clients are so appreciative. Thank you for those you have also brought in today. Next week is CANNED FRUIT SUNDAY and the Pantry is hoping that you will arrive with a can of fruit in each hand – fruit cocktail, pineapple, pears, mandarin oranges, etc.

BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 28 - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. next 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 today. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - On Friday, May 8, Village Church will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines Kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need four to five volunteers to help cook from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and three to four more volunteers to serve from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations. The cookies can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 7. Contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or at marianne.weber@villagepres.org. to help.

REGISTER NOW FOR CELEBRATION DOMINICANA, MAY 9-11 – Come support the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership, an international mission of Village Church, by participating in Celebration Dominicana on May 9 and 11. A Benefit Dinner "Fiesta" with live music and a silent auction will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Country Club of Leawood. Then the 11th Annual Village Church Golf Classic will start at 1 p.m. Monday, May 11, also at Country Club of Leawood. For more information or to register online, visit villagepres.org and click on the Quick Link "Celebration Dominicana," or visit our table in the hospitality rooms outside of Friendship Hall.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

JOB SEARCH CLASS - Could you use some fresh ideas for your job search? The next Career Center series begins Monday, May 11, 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 232. Following that first initial meeting, you will be provided with email lessons focused not only on your job search but on your emotional balance during your job search as well. This free class will show you how to plan and conduct your job search in today's job market. To register, please contact Sandy Perry at 913-671-2327 or at sandy.perry@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PAGE TURNERS MEETING - Page Turners will meet on Tuesday, April 28, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 127, to discuss *The Husband's Secret* by Laura Moriarty.

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.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT FAMILY BRUNCH IN THE COURTYARD - Stop by the courtyard with your kiddos for fellowship, refreshments, and fun from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. Drop by before or after the worship service to meet other Village Church families. RSVP to brandidavis@kc.rr.com.

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.

GRADUATING SENIOR DINNER – All high school seniors are invited to join us at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, in Friendship Hall. We will be celebrating your graduation and your time at Village! Please RSVP to Adam Reimer at adam.reimer@villagepres.org.



Watch Village Construction Progress - We are frequently posting pictures and video of our construction progress on our Village Church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/villagepres. We will soon be posting links on our villagepres.org where you can see time lapse video of Sanctuary and Welcome Center construction progress.

DRMP Seeking Volunteer Accountant - The Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) is looking for an individual willing to volunteer their time as an accountant/bookkeeper for the organization. Minimal time required (less than 10 hours a month), and must know QuickBooks. Please contact Andrea Huffman, director of international mission, at andrea.huffman@villagepres.org for more information.

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.

April 12	Hope in the Present Tense - Rev. Jenny McDevitt
April 19	Resurrection Choices
April 26	Relationship Semantics - Rev. Zach Walker
May 3	What's in Galilee?
May 10	Too Good To Be True?
May 17	The Absence of the Resurrected One

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.