



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 10, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Thomas...he's the doubting disciple. "Unless I put my finger in the mark of the nails in his hands I will not believe." That's what he said. He got that chance. Jesus appeared to his disciples a second time and held out his hands. I don't know if he touched Jesus' hands or not. The Bible doesn't say. Somehow, I don't think that mattered anymore.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Gathering Songs

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

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joyce! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

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voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

Introit (11 a.m.)

Shout With Joy
by Mark Patterson; Morning Stars

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Here in this place,
light streams in and music rings out.

**Here in this place,
friends are greeted and strangers are welcomed.**

Here among these people,
hands are held and concerns are shared.

**Here among these people,
water is poured and promises are made.**

Here in this moment,
grace is offered and hope is real.

Here in this moment,
God is among us and we are at peace.

*Hymn

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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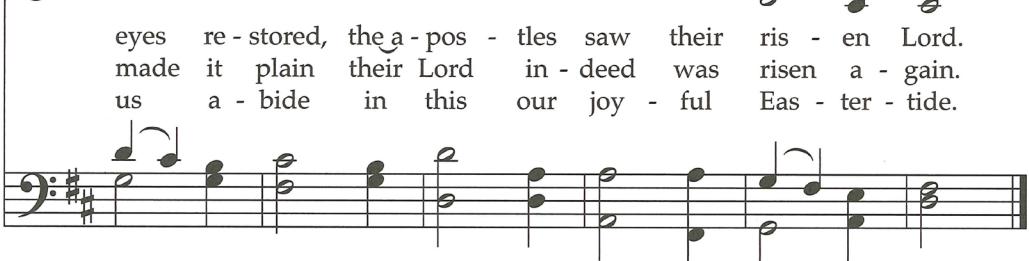
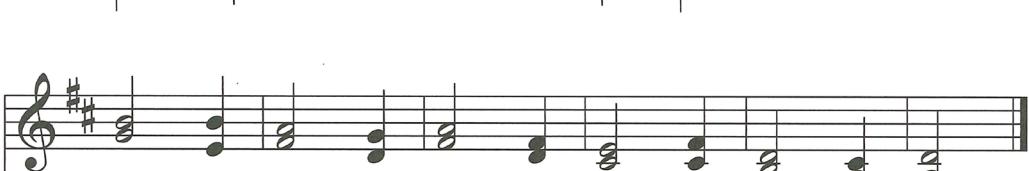


2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the

3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -



glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with



*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
We have a history of disbelief.
Thomas couldn't believe that you were alive;
we can't believe that we are loved.**

**We call the gospel Good News . . .
but sometimes the news seems too good to be true.**

**Help us to receive and believe all that you have to offer.
Let the truth wash over us like the waters of our baptism.
Let it carry us all the way home.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Be Not Afraid

A musical score for two voices, featuring two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time (indicated by '4'). The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics 'Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below each staff. The score is titled 'Be Not Afraid' at the top right.

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*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (8 a.m.)

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

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Hymn, No. 482 (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;

Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (8 a.m.)

Sandy Wells (9:30 a.m.)

Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 20:24-31

Response

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

Sermon

Too Good To Be True?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
DUNLAP'S CREEK

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Offertory

i thank You God

words: e. e. cummings; music: Lloyd Pfautsch; The Village Choir

*i thank You God for most this amazing
 day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
 and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
 which is natural which is infinite which is yes
 (i who have died am alive again today,
 and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
 day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
 great happening illimitably earth)
 how should tasting touching hearing seeing
 breathing any-lifted from the no
 of all nothing-human merely being
 doubt unimaginable You?
 (now the ears of my ears awake and
 now the eyes of my eyes are opened)*

*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!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!**
**What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**
**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

*Benediction

*Response

Go With Us, Lord
TALLIS' CANON

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand*

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of May 11, 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, May 11

Philippians 2:1-2

Be of one mind, Paul says. The unity of the church is a core value for Paul. "One mind" sounds like Paul is asking us to think alike, maybe even think the same things. That's not the point. It's not even possible. A better way to think of this is "one attitude" or "one orientation" toward each other. You know that being divided from people you love is the hardest thing in the world. The way to reconciliation is not often by "thinking;" it's by loving. That is the attitude of which Paul speaks.

Tuesday, May 12

Philippians 2:3-4

Humility. We tend to think of humility as a personal virtue, something we possess. Humility is more complicated than that. Humility is not something we perceive about ourselves; humility results from how we perceive others. Humility is the fruit of seeing the neighbor a little more like God sees the neighbor...as one of value.

Wednesday, May 13

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul is probably quoting a hymn, perhaps a hymn the Philippian congregation would know. It is an amazing affirmation: Jesus, the one before whom every knee shall bow, is one who humbles himself to dwell and sacrifice for God's children. Read again the note from yesterday...Jesus humbles himself not simply because Jesus is humble, but because of the value Jesus sees in you.

Thursday, May 14

Philippians 2:12

Work out your own salvation? We can't save ourselves...but we can live everyday in gratitude that the love of God can be trusted, that the grace of God is given in Jesus Christ. To work out your salvation is to live like you trust in God's promised day all will be well.

Friday, May 15

Philippians 2:13

"For it is God who is at work in you—for his good pleasure." Think about God's pleasure. Do you often think about the possibility of causing God joy? Faith is a journey...a journey of the mind, the heart and mostly of relationships. Continuing the journey is what gives God joy. Think a bit about how your faith has grown in the past year or so. How's your journey?

Saturday, May 16

Philippians 2: 14-18

Paul is encouraging the church in these verses. He reminding them to be as faithful as they can, because their faithfulness gives him strength and joy...after all, he has given his life that they may know the gospel. But he also reminds them how he is trying to be as faithful as he can in difficult circumstances From the beginning, we learn, being Christian is never an easy thing...but it's easier when we remember we are not Christian alone...There are always others who encourage us.

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 THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Harold Purington by Marian Purington, John & Martha Seymour.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Renew your baptismal vows today as we join in the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism with the following children and their families: 9:30 a.m. service: Elizabeth Bryan Beal (Rebecca and Jack Beal, parents); Georgia Mabel Deupree (Brittany and Austin Deupree, parents); Grayson Lee Jones (Jane and Bryson Jones, parents); Emma Kate Elizabeth Stenger (Anne and Sean Stenger, parents). 11 a.m. service: James Hurst Logan (Jordan and Christopher Logan, parents).

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - Children and Family Ministry is celebrating all mothers today! We hope you got your carnation as you joined us for worship this morning.

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.

THE FOOD PANTRY is requesting all varieties of canned vegetables during May. Every family takes home six or more cans of vegetables when they shop with us. Now that summer is here, the Clothes Closet is looking for all types of warm weather clothing, especially in larger sizes for men and women. And we always have a need for towels, sheets and other household linens. Thank you for your support!

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) - 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. Friday, May 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* - On May 13 the class will study Christian Science and other religions. Taught by Rev. Dr. John Borden. **Class will meet from 4:45-5:45 p.m. in Room 232.**

The Reformation in Germany - This study led by Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee will trace the beginnings of European reform under Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon and explore the later stages of German reform inspired by Martin Bucer, John Calvin and the Heidelberg theologians. 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, 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 May 13 is BBQ pork sliders, chicken drumsticks, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, green beans, salad bar & dessert. Make a reservation at stacy.fischer@villagepres.org or 913-671-2334. This will be the last Wednesday Night Dinner of this school year. Dinners resume Sept. 9.

VILLAGE MORNING STARS CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be performing at the May 13 Wednesday Night Dinner. The children will collect a special offering for the Presbyterian Mission Agency for relief efforts after the earthquake in Nepal.

AGE 60'S DINNER AT OLIVE GARDEN - Join us for dinner at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant at 6750 W. 95th Street in Overland Park (95th Street & east of Metcalf) at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21. Visit olivegarden.com to check out their menu. Reservations are under "Village Church." Each person is responsible for his/her own tab. RSVP to Stacy at 913-671-2334 or stacy.fischer@villagepres.org.

LET'S GO TO THE BALLGAME! Join the Village Church group to watch the Kansas City Royals take on the Cleveland Indians 7:10 p.m. Wednesday, June 3. The bus leaves the south parking lot of the church at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28 each and include the cost of the bus ride to and from the stadium. Call the Connectional Ministries office at 913-671-2334 to reserve your ticket.

MISSION

HELP EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN NEPAL - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas with ACT Alliance, and its members who are already on the ground. PDA will remain active through the long term recovery, accompanying partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience. Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR999999 with reference to Nepal. Gifts can be made online. You'll find the link under Featured Events on the home page of our website villagepres.org. You can also call 1-800-872-3283 weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., or checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

JOB SEARCH CLASS - The next Career Center series begins tomorrow, May 11, 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 232. This free class will show you how to plan and conduct your job search in today's job market. To register, contact Sandy Perry at 913-671-2327 or at sandy.perry@villagepres.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION - These presentations are open to the congregation as well as the public and take place from 5-6 p.m. in Room 132. Join us as the topics interest you. The next presentation on Thursday, May 14, features Penny Shaffer, program director of Health & Human Services at Johnson County Community College on "Understanding the Culture of Those We Want to Serve."

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - join us at the 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. services on May 17 to celebrate our 2015 Confirmation Class graduates.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDY HALL - we are hosting a study hall on May 17 from 5-10 p.m. for all high school students. Come study for finals and grab a snack or two. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH WEEK - this year's Youth Week is June 1-4. We have some new exciting events planned as well as your favorites from last year! Go to villagepresyouth.org and click on the "Forms" tab to find the Youth Week registration form.

Hosted by
Rev. Brian
Ellison, KCUR
contributor
and Village
Church parish
associate



Featured guest:
Steve Kraske
KCUR radio host &
commentator

**6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
VILLAGE CHAPEL**

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

"Intense love doesn't measure, it just gives." - Mother Teresa

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

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.