



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 31, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today we begin a new series, "The Most Fascinating People." Some of these people you know, but most will be new to many of us. Experience teaches us that God often comes to us through other people. So this summer, as we consider these people, be prepared for glimpses of God among us.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Gathering Songs

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.

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Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*3

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

In every season,
in every circumstance,
worship is what we do:

**when we are filled with joy
when we are anxious about the future
when we need a friend
when we are full of good news
when we need to hear good news.**

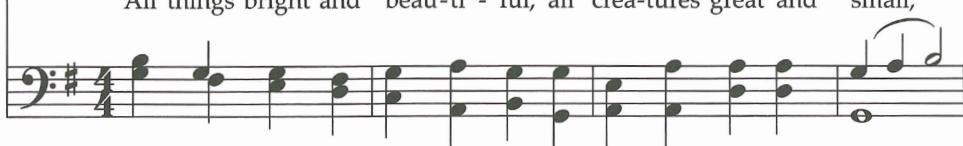
We were made to worship God,
and God will always find us here.

*Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Refrain



Fine



to Refrain



*Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, O God,
when our hands are too greedy,
when our hearts are too hard,
when our motivations are too selfish.**

**Forgive us when our faith is too fragile,
when our imaginations are too weak,
when our judgement is too harsh.**

**Forgive us, O God,
when we forget what grace looks like.** (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!



*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Dee Couch (8 a.m.); Hoyl Lockett (9:30 a.m.); Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1-8

Call to Prayer

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:9-21

Sermon

Eve

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
ST. CHRISTOPHER

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, thy shad - o w for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - o w of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
I ask no oth - er sun-shine than the sun-shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my strick-en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn-ing of the noon-tide heat, and the bur-den of the day.
the won - ders of re-deem-ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Offertory

Dona Nobis Pacem
16th Century Canon, setting: Hopson; 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

Arise, Your Light Is Come!
FESTAL SONG

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A -rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*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 June 1, 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, June 1

Matthew 16:13-20

Who is he? Jesus is not asking a "fill in the blank" theological quiz. Jesus knows that our beliefs show up in our behavior. Who we believe him to be influences how we live.

Tuesday, June 2

Matthew 11:28-30

The yoke Jesus speaks of is his life. His life is not easy because he is always moving toward the cross. And yet, because it is his life, when we live it, he shares it with us. The load of living the life God calls us to live is a lifted burden because God shares that burden with us.

Wednesday, June 3

Psalm 91

It sounds like the scripture promises that nothing bad will happen to those who believe. That would be nice, but it doesn't fit with our experience. We know that even the most faithful suffer. And yet, trusting in God changes the perspective and power of suffering in our lives. No matter how fragile life becomes, there is a "refuge and fortress" that is trustworthy.

Thursday, June 4

Matthew 12:1-14

The people are questioning Jesus' practice of the faith. He doesn't seem to be following the rules. Jesus responds by showing that the word of God is always good news. If we follow our faith and it does not bring life to us and others, we are likely to be missing something.

Friday, June 5

Micah 6:1-8

This text begins with God reminding his people how God has already blessed them. The prophet reminds them of the Exodus. Then the prophet says that God wants his people to respond. And with what shall we come before the Lord? Justice, kindness, humility in the presence of God.

Saturday, June 6

Luke 11:1-13

"Teach us to pray," the disciples asked. Jesus says, pray for the kingdom of God. Kingdom of God or reign of God or promised day of God is the language Jesus used to describe the life God intends for the whole world. Don't be afraid to pray big prayers, he seems to suggest. What is your biggest hope? Pray about that. And be persistent in your prayers.

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 MAY 24 & TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Dave Francisco by Jean Francisco and in loving memory of Jack & David Lillard by Mardel & David Lillard.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL - Parents may check in their preschool-aged 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.

BROADLY GRADED CHURCH SCHOOL for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Meet in Room 203 for fun stories from the Old Testament.

CLUB V6 (6th GRADE) - Today is Move-Up Sunday. Join us in the Courtyard for a quick bite to eat and brief presentation.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - The Most Fascinating People - There are lots of fascinating people in the Bible. You will recognize some of their names; some will not be familiar at all. Their stories will give you glimpses of God, and perhaps of yourself. Some of them are ordinary folks, and some do extraordinary things. Our SUMMER SUNDAYS class — a combined class for youth and adults — will follow Tom Are's sermon series. Leaders will rotate, offering their own perspective on the biblical character of the week. **May 31 through Aug. 23. 11 a.m.-noon in Rooms 126 and 127.** The upcoming classes include:

Today – Eve (Genesis 2-3) – taught by Owen Gray

June 7 – Onesimus (The Letter of Philemon) – taught by Rev. Jenny McDevitt

June 14 – Amos (Amos: 8:1-12 and 5:21-24) – taught by Dr. John Borden

June 21 – Joseph of Arimathea (Mark 15:42-47) – taught by David May

June 28 - James (The Letter of James) – taught by Dr. Gus Breytspraak

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - School's out; summer is here and the Clothes Closet needs Summer clothes – all sizes. The wishes of the Food Pantry this last week of May is for canned vegetables – all varieties. For those of you planting your gardens, please plant a row for the Food Pantry. Fresh vegetables are a huge hit with the Pantry's clients. The church's gardens provide some but more is always welcome! Thank you.

CROSS-LINES COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to help teach basic computer skills to clients in its computer lab. Several former clients were providing instruction but they have moved on to full-time jobs that conflict with lab hours. If you are interested in volunteering in the computer lab, please call Dani Lucas, case worker, at 913-281-3388 extension 234.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

ISLAM & ECOLOGY PRESENTATION - The EAC is co-sponsoring a presentation by Dr. Syed Hasan entitled "Islam & Ecology" from 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 1, in Room 127. Professor Hasan will offer a brief introduction to the faith of Islam and discuss the role of human beings as trustees of the earth and its environment. He will present Islamic perspectives on ecology and environment, including climate change. Dr. Hasan has been an active leader of the Muslim community in KC and contributes a column in the Faith Section of the *KC Star*. This event is free and open to everyone. To register, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333. Walk-ins are welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM LUNCHEON AT THE BRISTOL - Women of Wisdom, WOW, will begin the summer with lunch at the Bristol at 119th and Nall in Leawood. We'll meet at noon on Wednesday, June 3. We welcome all women of PW to join us for this lunch time feast. RSVP by Tuesday, June 2, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608, or to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net, or 913-432-4321.

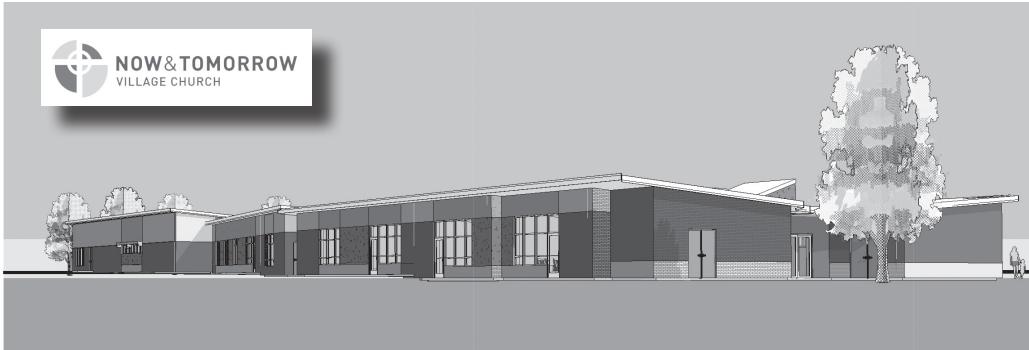
YOUTH MINISTRY

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

YOUTH WEEK – This year's Youth Week is starts tomorrow! On 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 and info.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 7 TO VOTE ON THE NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR IN PASTORAL CARE

We have great news! The APNC (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee) has been very hard at work, and they have identified a candidate to serve as our next associate pastor for Pastoral Care. The session has called a congregational meeting to act on the recommendation of the APNC on Sunday, June 7, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service in Friendship Hall. The candidate will be present in other worship services.



Celebrate with us!

Come join us as we break ground on the new
Village Church Child & Family Development Center

1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at Meneilly Center for Mission, 9900 Mission Road

Calling all VCCFDC alumni!

We would like to invite you to join us and break ground for the brand new facility.
See you there June 7 at 1:30 p.m.

The Summer Sings at Village Church **Music to Enliven the Spirit and Refresh the Soul**

Four kinds of musical events to make the summertime SING!

- Sing the Faith –three “hymn sings” for singers of all abilities
- Two Song Recitals – performed by wonderful singers – each followed by a reception
- Singing 101 – an introduction to singing for those who are unsure about their singing
- SING MASTERWORKS – three opportunities to sing the great choral works you love – open to everyone in the Kansas City musical community. RSVP to Mark@villagepres.org to reserve a score – or to request child care. Child care reservation is needed seven days prior to the event.

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3 **Sing the Faith I** – Hymns, Songs, and Spirituals for Everyone to Sing
Village Chapel

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 **Sing the Faith II** – Hymns, Songs, and Spirituals for Everyone to Sing
Village Chapel

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17 **Singing 101** – an hour of group singing lessons from Mark Ball
If you already know how to sing – you may not attend.
If you are shy or unsure about your singing – this is for you.

6 p.m. Sunday, June 21 **Christopher Reames**, tenor, and Mark Ball, piano, present an
Village Chapel evening of beautiful songs.

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 **Sing Masterworks** – Vivaldi “Gloria” and Vaughan Williams
Friendship Hall “Mystical Songs.” This event is for singers, and especially those who like to sing.

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 **Sing Masterworks** – Brahms “A German Requiem.” This event is
Friendship Hall for singers, and especially those who have sung this great work before.

6 p.m. Sunday, July 12 **Alannah Garnier, soprano; Devin Burton, baritone;** and Mark Ball and
Village Chapel Elisa Bickers, pianists, present an evening of beautiful songs and duets.

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15 **Sing the Faith III** Hymns, Songs, and Spirituals for Everyone to Sing
Village Chapel

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22 **Sing Masterworks** – Handel Messiah (selected choruses).
Friendship Hall This event is for singers who love to sing “Messiah.”

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The Bible is filled with stories of ordinary people. Some of them are good. Many of them are surprisingly selfish. Most are afraid, yet some show courage in the face of fear. Some accomplish big things, but most we know only for a moment. Some have strange names, like Onesimus and Rizpah and others bear names we give to our children, like Mary and James. And yet, the most fascinating thing about these people is that we know their names because they, at least for a moment, were part of God's story. This list is long of those who have been part of God's work of redemption in this world. As we consider these fascinating people from the Bible, we may discover how our name is on the list of God's good work as well.

May 31	Eve	July 12	The Ethiopian Eunuch
June 7	Onesimus	July 19	Mary
June 14	Amos	July 26	Naaman
June 21	Joseph of Arimathea	Aug. 2	Barabbas
June 28	James	Aug. 16	The Beloved Disciple
July 5	Samson	Aug. 23	Mattithiahu, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah and Hilkiah

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.*