



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 3, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The Gospel of Mark ends rather abruptly. Biblical scholars are convinced that Mark originally ended at verse 8: "They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." There are 12 more verses in Chapter 16, but these were added later by the church. Today we will consider the implications of Easter as Mark tells it. Before fear overcame the first witnesses they were given one instruction: Go to Galilee. So today, we ask, "What's in Galilee?"

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Gathering Songs

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

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

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

Call to Worship

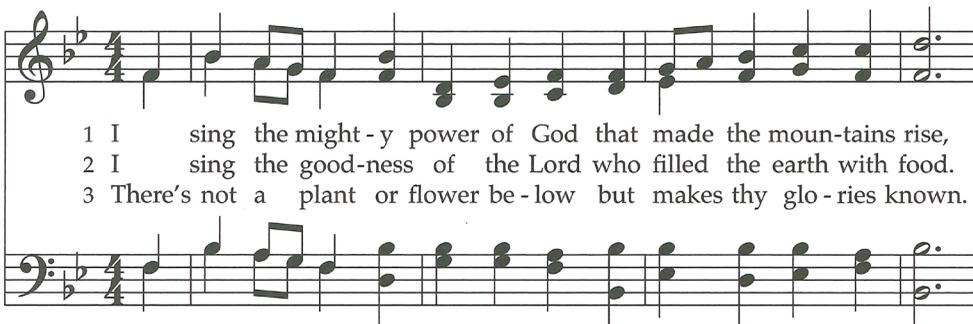
Rev. Jay McKell

At the Sea of Galilee,
Jesus called out the best in his disciples.
 "Follow me," he said.
And the world changed.

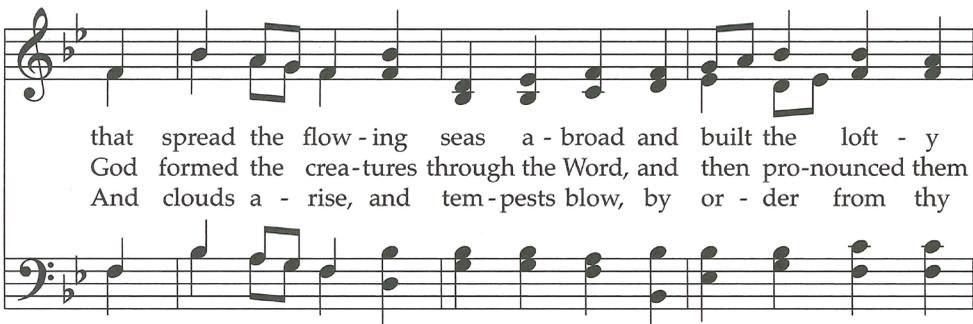
Here in this time of worship,
Jesus calls out the best in his disciples.
 "Follow me," he says.
This is how the world will change.

*Hymn

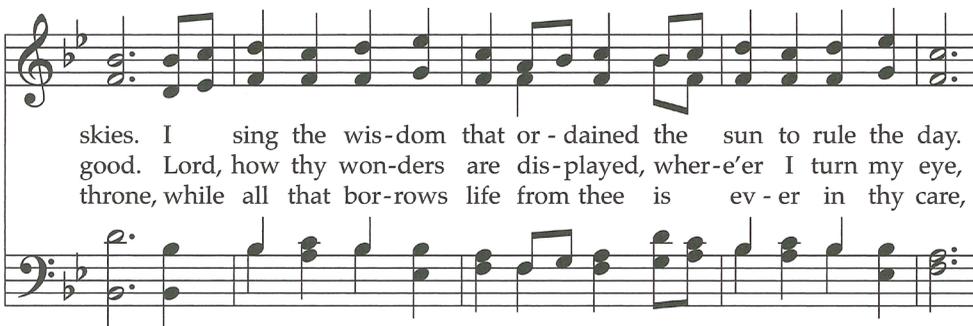
I Sing the Mighty Power of God
ELLACOMBE



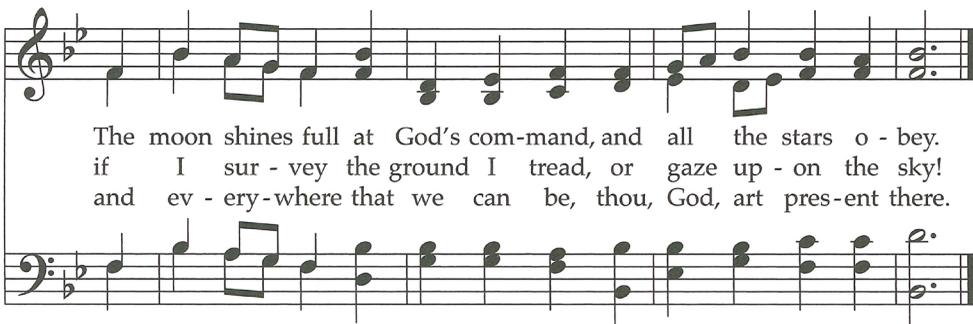
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

*Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us God,
for we do not know where to go from here.
Everywhere we look,
we find another dead-end.**

**On the outskirts of Jerusalem,
in the rubble of Nepal,
in the streets of Baltimore,
in the corners of Kansas City,
we are afraid,
we are grieving,
and we are looking for you.**

**There is a wideness in your mercy, O God,
but there is a wilderness in this world.**

**Turn us around and show us your way.
Resurrect our courage and our conviction
with your faith, your hope, and your love. (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!

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The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Bob Tobia (8 a.m.); Patti Howell (9:30 a.m.); Bill Nulton (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8

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

Musical Offering

Meditation on "Adoro Te Devote" (Jesus, We Adore You) (8, 11 a.m.)
13th Century Hymn, arr. by Jacques Berthier; Ben Ketter, flute

Arise, and Hail the Sacred Day (9:30 a.m.)
words and music: William Billings; More Love Chorale

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-15

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City
CHARLESTOWN

1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Offertory

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

words and music: Dolly Parton; The Village Choir; Jessica Salley, soloist

*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

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers
SUO GAN

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
2 Christ has ris-en for the peo-ple whom he died to love and save;
3 Christ has ris-en and for ev-er lives to chal-lenge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de-nied.
Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re-li-gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
Christ has ris-en for dis-ci-ples hud-dled in an up-stairs room.
Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
ev-i-dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

*Benediction

*Response

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Amen!

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand*

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of May 4, 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 4

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, May 5

Isaiah 43:1-3

No life is 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, May 6

1 Peter 1:3-9

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

Thursday, May 7

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, May 8

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, May 9

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 in Rooms 232 and 233 following worship services.

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

TODAY IS FRUIT SUNDAY! – Thank you for supporting the pantry today with your donations of canned fruit. During the rest of May we will be asking for donations of all varieties of canned vegetables. The Clothes Closet currently has a shortage of men's shoes and clothing in large sizes for men and women. As always, our clients love sheets, blankets and towels of all kinds. Thank you for your wonderful support throughout the year of the Village Church Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.

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

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 Friday, May 8 & 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 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, now through 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 6 celebrates Cinco de Mayo—nacho bar, chicken fajitas, vegetable fajitas, salad bar & dessert. Make a reservation at stacy.fischer@villagepres.org or 913-671-2334.

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 includes 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

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.

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, Pittsburg, PA 15264-3700.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

JOB SEARCH CLASS - The next Career Center series begins Monday, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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. 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 - Last CHEER of the school year 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 – Last GPS of the school year, bring a towel and a change of clothes for Messy Game Night meeting at 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

CONFIRMATION DINNER – Confirmands & family are invited join us in celebration of this year's Confirmation Class at 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 4 in Friendship Hall.

Special Thanks FROM MARK BALL

Dear Village Friends,

Last Sunday's concert at Helzberg Hall, "Village in the City," was a powerful witness to your faith in the God of peace who loves the whole world. Through the vision of our Endowment Trust and our Session, who provided funding for the concert, we were able to share a powerful experience of music with 100 undergraduate students, and an audience of a thousand people. We also were able to share the story of our Dominican Republic Medical Partnership.

At the end of the concert, I shared with the audience my feeling that the best line in the cantata was this: *O Man (and Woman, and Child) greatly beloved, fear not, peace be unto thee.* Then I challenged them to believe that they are dearly loved – and that love can empower us to go out into the world, without fear, to work for peace, justice, reconciliation, and a world that reflects God's *Shalom*.

There is so much more – and so many people to thank – but I wanted to start with you.

God's peace today,
Mark Ball

Watch Village Construction Progress - We have placed a camera focused on the Welcome Center construction site and one in the Sanctuary. These cameras are taking photos every 30 seconds, enabling us to have time lapse videos. We are uploading these videos to our website on Mondays and Thursdays. You can find the link on villagepres.org under the top tab "Stay Informed" and click on "Construction Progress." From there, you can watch time lapse videos of the Welcome Center construction or the Sanctuary construction.

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.