



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 21, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Joseph of Arimathea took the dead body of Jesus and placed it in the tomb. Death does a number on our hope. It took some courage to ask the authorities for Jesus' body...he was a criminal, after all. But Joseph summoned up the courage to extend this last act of love for Jesus. With care he placed Jesus in the tomb, having every reason to expect he would stay there. And still, Joseph was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. Evidently, hope does a number on death as well.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

The Old Ark's a Moverin'

Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Douglass Smith;
Village Brass Quintet: Cynthia Hartwell, trumpet;
Stan Chappell, trumpet; Tom Mahan, trombone;
Matthew LaMar, horn; Michael Hegge, tuba

Call to Worship

Rev. Brian Ellison, parish associate

By gathering together in worship, we declare:

We have some measure of faith,

and we would like to have more.

What happens here in this space,

matters out there in the world.

Our lives are not in vain,

and today is not yesterday lived over again.

God's love is real,

and is always moving us toward grace.

With confidence and joy,

with courage and hope,

let us worship God.

*Hymn

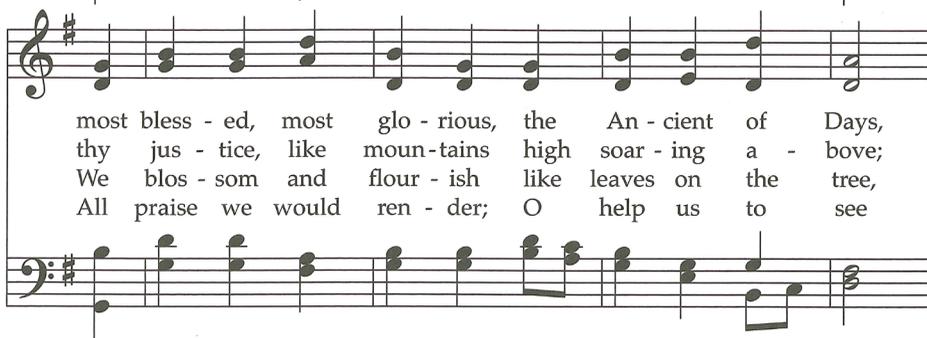
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
ST. DENIO



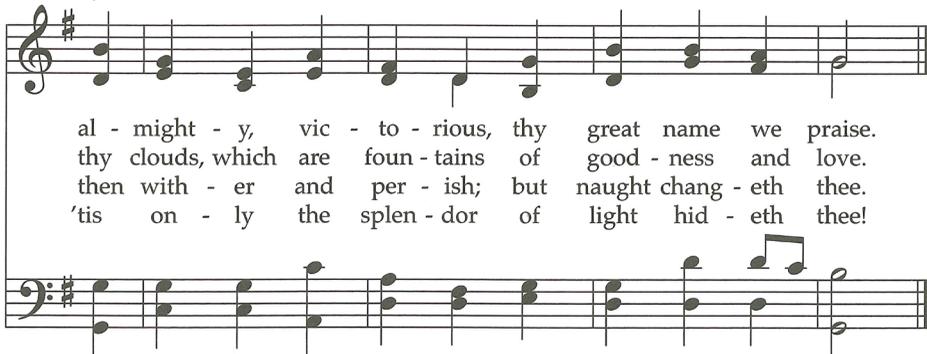
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
We want to be more faithful than we are.**

**Unlike Onesimus the slave,
we do not trust that people will let their best selves emerge.**

**Unlike Amos the prophet,
we do not always see clearly how to best love our neighbor.**

**Unlike Joseph of Arimathea,
we do not have hope sturdy enough to stare down death.**

**Surround us with your story, O God,
so that your truth would become our truth. (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 and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature has 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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Musical Offering

Compensation/Prayer

Charles Lloyd, Jr.; Leslie Adams; Devin Burton, baritone

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.)

Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.)

Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:42-47

Sermon

Joseph of Arimathea

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Offertory

Amazing Grace
arr. by Thomas Jenkins; The Village Brass Quintet

*Response

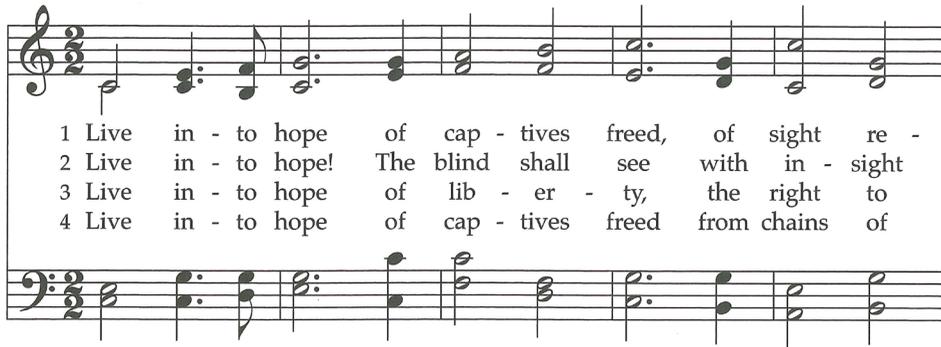
Doxology with Alleluias
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!**

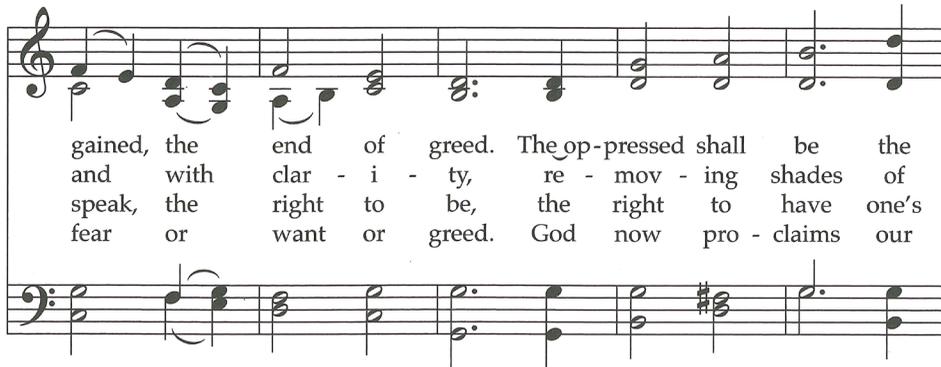
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

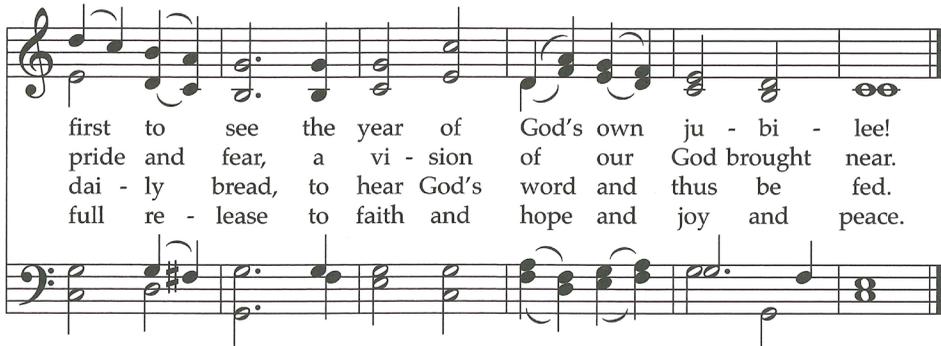
Live into Hope
TRURO



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

*Benediction

*Response

Send Me, Jesus

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is divided into two parts: 'Leader' and 'All'. The lyrics for the first system are: "Send me, Lord. Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me,". The second system includes a "Repeat ad lib." section and an "End" section. The lyrics for the second system are: "Je - sus; send me, Lord. Send me, Lord.".

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand*

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of June 22, 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 22

Luke 14:15-24

The parable ends harshly... "none of those invited will taste my dinner." The truth of this parable is that some moments come and once they pass we cannot get them back. Consider today an invitation from God. How will you respond to this day?

Tuesday, June 23

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling! The Psalm begins by praising God for the beauty of creation. The changing of seasons is a glorious reminder of God's creativity. Then the Psalm turns to scripture: "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." We need more than nature to know God. Scripture speaks of God's involvement in the human story. What is your favorite scripture text? Does it "revive the soul?"

Wednesday, June 24

Luke 15:1-10

Which one of you? The answer is "none of us." Such extravagant behavior. Who leaves 99 to search for one? We would cut our losses...but not God. God's love cannot let go of us. God's heart calls us by name. Read this again as a story of God's love for you.

Thursday, June 25

Luke 15:11-32

Has anyone ever waited for you? For how long? Do you remember finding that person waiting and saying, "I can't believe you are still here...still waiting?" Love is like that.

Friday, June 26

James 1:1-15

All this talk about temptation. Temptation is not the dessert tray or some such thing. The temptation for Christians is always to forget we are Christians. When trouble comes, when disappointment comes, when testing comes...and it always comes. Remembering that we are loved by God and called by God makes all the difference.

Saturday, June 27

Psalm 139

God knows you. This psalm speaks of God's intimate knowledge of God's children. God knows everything about us. At first that may seem unsettling; but this full knowledge results from God's love, even God's fascination with God's children. When members join the church we always ask, "Do you acknowledge yourself as a child of God, an object of God's love?" The answer is always, "Yes."

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.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to use as tools in worship. At the end of the worship service, please return the bags to the baskets located outside of Friendship Hall.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST LITTLE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH - The rose on the communion table announces the happy news of the birth of our newest members in our family of faith: Madeline Ardea Chonko McInerney (Julie and Kieran McInerney, parents) and Landon Theodore Berka (Jennifer and Ed Berka, parents). If you are a member of Village Church and have a new baby, share the excitement with us. Call 913-671-2359 or 913-671-2355. A rose will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday of this month in honor of these precious children of God.

RECITAL WITH TENOR CHRISTOPHER REAMES TODAY AT 6 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL - Christopher Reames served as a music ministry intern while he was a student at William Jewell College (2003-2005). He has since gone on to complete a Master of Music degree at The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and has completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of New York at Stonybrook. In April 2014 he returned to Kansas City to perform the role of Uriel in our Haydn Creation concert at Helzberg Hall. We are delighted to welcome him back to Village Church for a lovely evening of singing. He will join with pianist Mark Ball to present songs by Robert Schumann and Claude Debussy and a collection of hymns and spirituals. There is no admission charge.

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 – Grades K-5 - Parents may check in their elementary-aged students (K-5) in Room 203 for a broadly-graded class. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

CLUB V6 (6th GRADE) - Join Middle School Youth in the Youth Loft. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

TRAVELING DAY CAMP - July 27-31 (due to construction, will be at Southminster Presbyterian Church at 6306 Roe Ave. in Prairie Village). There are still a few spots open for this all-day fun! Call 913-671-2355 or 913-671-2359 for more info.

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. **Now through Aug. 23, 11 a.m.-noon in Rooms 126 and 127.** The upcoming classes include:

Today – Joseph of Arimathea (Mark 15:42-47) – taught by Dr. David May

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

July 5 – Samson (Judges 16) – taught by Dr. John Borden

July 12 – The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40) – taught by Rev. Sally Wright

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - Summer's here! No school. No lunch. You can impact a child's life by donating cans of hearty soup or canned pasta dinners to the Food Pantry to fill the void of no school lunches. Bring several cans with you on your next visit to church. The Clothes Closet is requesting all type of household linens – sheets, towels, blankets, etc. Thank you for your support during these summer months.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - On Friday, July 10, Village Church will 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 help serve from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need folks to donate cookies. Deliver them at the church reception desk on Thursday, July 9, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or at marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

THE NURSES ARE MOVING! THE NURSES ARE MOVING! - During the months of June, July and August, the nurses will be taking blood pressures in the Heritage Dining Room (otherwise known as The Small Dining Room, or Room 230). This will make it much more convenient during construction. They will be ready to assist you from 9-9:30 a.m. and again from 10:30-11 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL "PIX & POP" - Graduated 6-8th graders are invited from 1:30-3:30 p.m. every Tuesday, in Room 304 to watch the Pixar movie we will focus on the following Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL "LATE NITE" - 8-10 p.m. Tuesday evenings in the Youth Loft (Room 333). Graduated 9-12th graders are invited to enjoy the late summer nights. Each week we'll have a different adventure!

MIDDLE SCHOOL "MISSION DAY" - 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Youth Loft (Room 333). Graduated 6-8th graders, join us for different and exciting volunteer activities, followed by lunch.

HIGH SCHOOL "BREAKFAST CLUB" - 8-9 a.m. Thursday mornings, site will vary (see website for location each week). Join us for a little devotional and some delicious food!

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

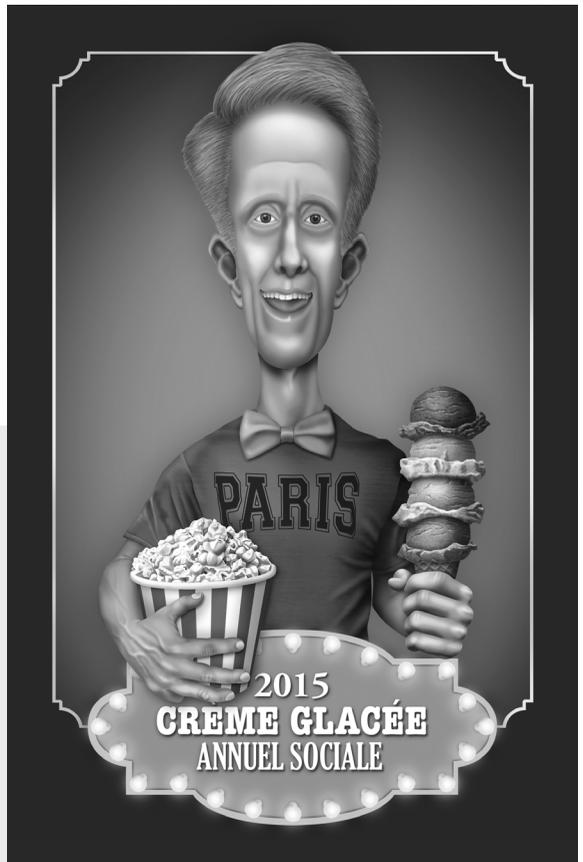
"CRAFTERNOONS" - 3-4:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Youth Loft (Room 333). All youth are invited.

N.Y.C. MISSION TRIP - Yesterday our youth left for New York City. We ask for your prayers of safety and enlightenment.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Join us for our 40th Annual Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, June 28, in Friendship Hall. It's also a celebration of Pastor Jay McKell's service to Village Church! New this year is a photo booth, petting zoo and Kona Ice Truck that will have flavored, shaved ice drinks. We'll also have our old favorites: popcorn, clowns, balloon figures, inflatables, a 15-foot slide, food, fun and of course all the ice cream you can eat!

Admission is \$2 a person. Email Cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for more info.





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.

6 p.m. today, June 21
Village Chapel

Christopher Reames, tenor, and Mark Ball, piano, present an evening of beautiful songs.

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24
Friendship Hall

Sing Masterworks – Vivaldi’s *Gloria* and Vaughan Williams *Mystical Songs*. This event is for singers, and especially those who like to sing the great masterworks.

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8
Friendship Hall

Sing Masterworks – Brahms’ *A German Requiem*. This event is for singers, and especially those who have sung this great work before.

6 p.m. Sunday, July 12
Village Chapel

Alannah Garnier, soprano; Devin Burton, baritone; and Mark Ball and Elisa Bickers, pianists, present an evening of beautiful songs and duets.

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15
Village Chapel

Sing the Faith III Hymns, Songs and Spirituals for Everyone to Sing

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22
Friendship Hall

Sing Masterworks – Handel’s *Messiah* (selected choruses). This event is for singers who love to sing “Messiah.”

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

“My dad has always taught me these words: care and share.”
—Tiger Woods

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	Mattithaiah, 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 ❖ Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care

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.