



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 28, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

James uses strong language. But this is appropriate, because language is strong. Our words are powerful, oftentimes more powerful than we realize. The recent emphasis on bullying, the fraternity scandal at the University of Oklahoma, and last week's tragedy in Charleston all tell us this is true. The strength of words can hurt us. The strength of words can also save us. Jesus is the Word of God. In the beginning was the Word. God spoke creation into existence. Words can destroy, but words can also create. Our words are constantly creating and re-creating us. This begs the question: who are you becoming?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

This Is the Day

God Welcomes All

God Is Here Today

God is here to - day; as cer - tain
as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

Call to Worship (John 1:1-5)

Len Carrell

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

**All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.**

What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

*Hymn

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the

swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy

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How does the crea - ture say Praise
How does the crea - ture cry Save
How does the crea - ture say Thanks
How does the crea - ture say Life
How does the crea - ture say Peace
How do your chil - dren say Home

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, this is our confession:

When we are filled with despair,

we forget how you said, "Let there be light."

When we feel lost and alone,

we forget how you said, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

When we worry there is no hope left for us,

we forget how you said, "I am doing a new thing, even now."

Send your Spirit to encourage our living.

Fulfill in us the truth you spoke long ago. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Glory to God

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

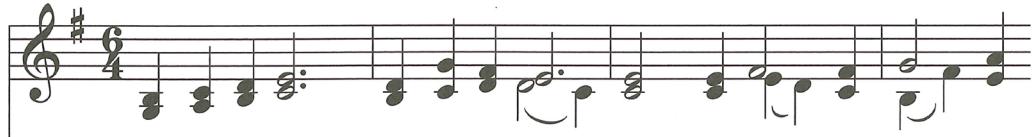
*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

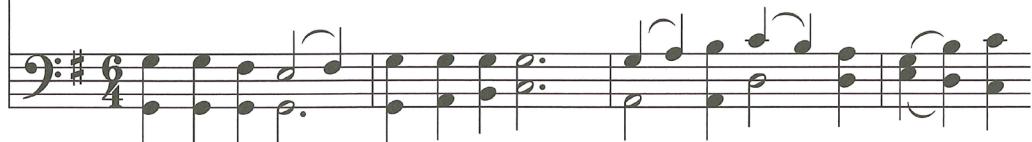
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

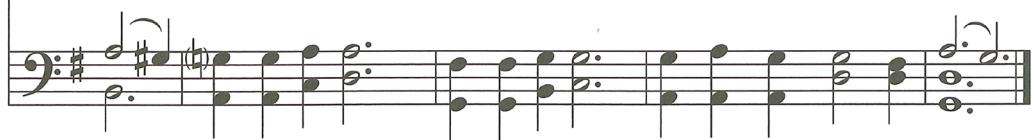
Calm to the Waves



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be



still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.



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

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
American Gospel Song; Jessica Salley, soprano

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.)
George Beaumont (9:30 a.m.)
Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

James 3:1-12

Sermon

James

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill
HEALER



light of each to - mor - row,

Fine



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your peace and

2 In the pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is still un-

3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery

4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of

to Refrain



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.

fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.

broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.

heal - ing; Spir - it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

Offertory

Children Will Listen

words and music: Stephen Sondheim; Jessica Salley, soprano

Careful the things you say, Children will listen.

Careful the things you do, Children will see. And learn.

Guide them along the way, Children will glisten,

Children will look to you for which way to turn,

To learn what to be.

Careful before you say, "Listen to me."

Children will listen.

Careful the wish you make, Wishes are children.

Careful the path they take – Wishes come true, Not free.

Careful the spell you cast, Not just on children.

Sometimes the spell may last, Past what you can see –

And turn against you ...

Careful the tale you tell. That is the spell.

Children will listen ...

*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

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, featuring a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first two staves begin with the first two lines of the hymn. The third staff continues with the third line, followed by the fourth line on the fourth staff. The fifth staff concludes the hymn with the final line.

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won-ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

*Benediction

*Response

**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 29, 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 29

Mark 2:1-12

This paralyzed man was carried to Jesus. It is likely he was carried everywhere he went by these friends. It is an instructive word about healing; it seldom happens in isolation. Healing of the body or the spirit requires community. At its essence, the church is just that: a community where we can find mending for our brokenness.

Tuesday, June 30

Mark 2:13-17

Jesus eats with Levi. To eat together was to claim family ties; the table was the family table. Jesus will eat with anyone because in his eyes all people are children of God. When he invites us to the Lord's Table it is his declaration that we are family with God, and no one is excluded.

Wednesday, July 1

Mark 2:18-22

The new wine will burst the old skins. Because the lives that we lead fall short of the call of God, we should expect God to do new things among us. The new thing is not likely to fit into our lives if they stay "business as usual." It may require something new to your schedule or your routine; but the work of God is the work of new life.

Thursday, July 2

Mark 2:23-27

In every reading for this week we have noticed some opposition to Jesus' ministry. There have been questions raised, dissent expressed; and soon plans will emerge to destroy him. It is something we should recognize; Jesus offends us sometimes. Think about that today. What is it in his message that challenges, maybe even offends you?

Friday, July 3

Mark 3:1-6

This is more than a story about physical healing. God recognizes that, like a withered hand, there are forces in our lives that suck the life from us. Sometimes it is work or the lack thereof. Sometimes it is our own character or the demands of the day. Sometimes it is the lack of certainty about where we are going, but we can get sucked lifeless sometimes. It is to that moment and that circumstance that the gospel seeks to breathe life back into us. Of course, we still must "stretch out our hand."

Saturday, July 4

Mark 3:31-35

These are my brothers and sisters. The scripture describes the church as family, as people who belong to one another because they belong to God. It is in living Christ's commandments that we act like family.

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 Barclay Cunningham by Betty Cunningham and Shauna Lee Scranton by Lee Scranton, Michael, Shelby and family.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY - Join us today at our 40th Annual Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. 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 per person.

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.

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.

GRADUATED 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 - 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

July 19 – Mary (Luke 1,2) – taught by Rev. Diane Quaintance

Watch for the NEW FALL 2015 VILLAGE U Catalog - Village Church is a learning community with a long commitment to providing opportunities for adults – young and older—to grow in knowledge and faith together. Whether it is a small group that meets weekly like "A Path With Heart" or a monthly program like "Village Talk," a Sunday morning class or Day Trip to Fort Leavenworth, the fall 2015 Village U catalog is a wide umbrella encompassing all our learning opportunities in one, easy-to-find location. Some things you will discover right away are that: we have shortened the name to Village U; we've broadened the umbrella to include ALL that's offered for adults; we've dropped the "Registration Fee"; child care will be available for most classes for a one-time \$40 fee for the fall term, and reservations will be required in advance; some classes will have a small fee for materials, resources, etc.; you will be able to register online, by telephone, by fax or by mail.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

AGE 40'S & 50'S DINNER JULY 17 - We'll meet at the Red Snapper Pan-Asian Bistro at 8430 Ward Parkway at 6 p.m. Friday, July 17. Check out the menu at kcredsnapper.com. 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

PROTECTING THE WATERWAYS OF JOHNSON COUNTY - The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church is sponsoring a presentation by Kristin Riott of *Bridging the Gap* entitled "Protecting the Waterways of Johnson County" from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, in Room 127. In addition to food for thought, Kristin will bring Spin! Pizza and salad. She will talk about factors that cause over 40% of U.S. waterways to be unfit for swimming and what private citizens can do to help. Please register by contacting Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne@villagepres.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - The kids are home for the summer, which means they are not getting their free lunches (and breakfasts) at school. Please be generous with your donations this summer of breakfast cereal, plastic jars of jelly and peanut butter. These are all kid-friendly foods, tasty and easy to prepare by the children themselves. The Clothes Closet has a need for small kitchen items, dishes and household linens. Thank you!.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM MID-SUMMER LUNCHEON - Please join us at noon on Thursday, July 16, at The Tavern in Mission Farms, 10681 Mission Road in Leawood. All women are invited to share warm fellowship and good food at this popular restaurant that features classic American cuisine served in a stylish, comfortable setting. RSVP to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net, or Marvie Sneegas, at 913-209-9608 or sneegi@kc.rr.com by Tuesday, July 14. Whether you have been a long-time attendee at WOW get-togethers or are considering attending for the first time, please know that you are warmly welcomed.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

TUESDAY 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.

TUESDAY 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!

WEDNESDAY 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.

THURSDAY 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!

THURSDAY MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL “CRAFTERNOONS” - 3-4:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Youth Loft (Room 333). All youth are invited.



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, July 1 **An American Sing** - American folk songs, hymns, and spirituals, patriotic songs and American show tunes that will have us all waving the red, white and blue.
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 **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 **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 **Sing the Faith III** Hymns, Songs and Spirituals for Everyone to Sing
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22 **Sing Masterworks** – Handel’s *Messiah* (selected choruses) 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 19	Mary
June 7	Onesimus	July 26	Naaman
June 14	Amos	Aug. 2	Barabbas
June 21	Joseph of Arimathea	Aug. 9	The Widow at Zarephath
June 28	James	Aug. 16	The Beloved Disciple
July 5	Samson	Aug. 23	Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah and Hilkiah
July 12	The Ethiopian Eunuch		

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.*