



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 19, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

We turn to Mary today. It would be understandable if your mind raced to words of trust spoken by teenage Mary to the angel: Let it be with me according to your word. Or perhaps you can hear her singing praise to God: My soul magnifies the Lord. But there were other moments. There was that evening when she discovered her 12 year old had not gotten into the church bus on the way home from Jerusalem—she didn't know where he was. Or the time Jesus as much as told her that he had a new family now...those who do the will of God. Motherhood is complicated. But we see her again. I'm sure when Jesus looked out at the gawking crowd who gathered to watch him die, he knew she would be there. There are no words. No description of her. But she is there.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Gathering Songs

Prelude (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Just a Closer Walk With Thee – Amazing Grace
 American Gospel Songs, arr. by Don Gillis;
 The Village Brass Quintet: Cynthia Hartwell, trumpet;
 Stan Chappell, trumpet; Tom Mahan, trombone;
 Matthew LaMar, horn; Michael Hegge, tuba

Call to Worship

Len Carrell

Mary sang praise:

**My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Even on days when we forget how desperately we need saving,
 still we have reason to sing:

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

*Hymn

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show
 LLANFAIR

**Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!
 saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
 angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
 all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!**

**Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
 Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
 Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!
 Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!**

**Trumpets, voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
 in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
 All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
 singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!**

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.**

Scripture Reading

John 19:25b-30

Musical Offering

Were You There?

Traditional Spiritual; The Village Brass Quintet; Alannah Garnier, Devin Burton, soloists

Sermon

Mary

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

I Want to Be as Close to You
DAVIDSON



1 I want to be as close to you as
2 I want to be as close to you as
3 I want to be as close to you as
4 You want to be as close to me as
5 Like Mar - y, John, and Mag - da - lene, make



she who gave you birth. Christ Je - sus, let my
was be - lov - ed John. Christ, let me fol - low
Mag - da - lene who went, pro - claim - ing news of
moth - er, broth - er, friend. Christ, keep me faith - ful
us dis - ci - ples true. Like moth - er, broth - er,



"yes," like hers, bring bless - ings on our earth.
where you lead, by trust and friend - ship drawn.
death's de - feat, your first a - pos - tle sent.
to your love, a love that has no end.
sis - ter, friend, Christ, keep us close to you.

Offertory

O, Divine Redeemer
music: Charles Gounod; Alannah Garnier and Devin Burton, soloists

*Response

God, We Honor You

God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.

God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.

Take what we bring, of - fered to you.

Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

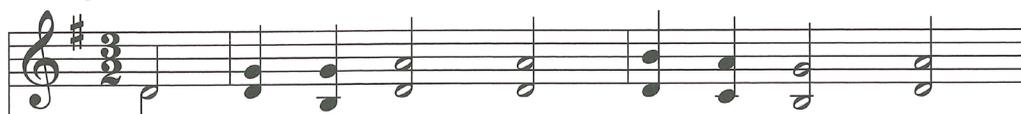
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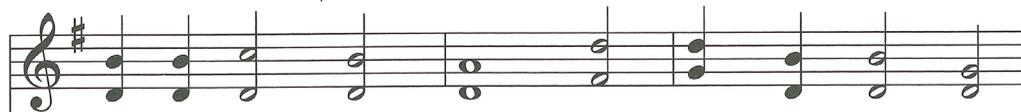
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

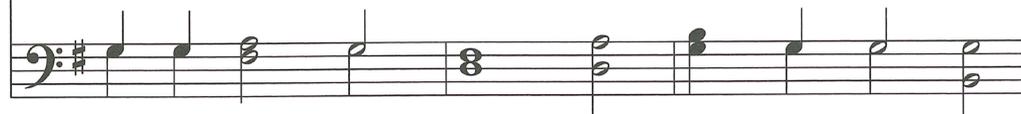
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
AZMON



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.



*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 July 20, 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, July 20

Philippians 1:1-11

Paul writes to the Philippian congregation and remembers their past with them: You have shared in the gospel from the first day until now. Faith is like that. There are those in our past who have strengthened us. Who is that for you? Who would speak of you as one who shares in the faith with them?

Tuesday, July 21

Philippians 1:12-18

The Philippians are worried about Paul because he is in jail. But he tells them that he is all right. The gospel is being proclaimed. Of course, he would like to be out of jail, but what is most important is that he is able to live his faith. Even in the harshest moments of our lives, living our faith gives us comfort. Life can take much from us, but never the opportunity to be faithful.

Wednesday, July 22

Philippians 1:19-30

Paul sees his options from prison. He will die there. If so, Christ is still Lord. So Paul is not afraid. If he is released, he will rejoin this congregation in ministry. That is his joy. Either way, there is nothing to fear. When you find yourself free from fear, nothing in the world can destroy you.

Thursday, July 23

Philippians 2:1-13

God is at work in you. The description of Christ in this passage of one of humility. Such humility may seem to be evidence of the absence of God, but Paul speaks to the contrary...this is the power of God at work in Christ and in us.

Friday, July 24

Philippians 2:19-31

This is a passage about friendships. These people love each other. When they can see one another, there is reason to rejoice. Who are the people who fill your heart? What are your reasons for rejoicing today?

Saturday, July 25

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Paul does not speak of the gospel as a single moment experience: he is pressing on. Every day brings new opportunities to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Paul, even in prison, knows that he is not alone, for others are pressing on as well. It is important for us all to remember that we are not alone in our Christian journey.

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 FRIENDSHIP HALL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mardie Kirkwood by her family.

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:** Gwendolyn Grace Gafford (Emily and Atlee Gafford, parents); Elizabeth Berrigan Hennessy (Cara and Nick Hennessy, parents); Gabriella Elizabeth Jackson (Alissa and Mike Jackson, parents). **11 a.m. service:** Connor James Fletcher Cook and Crosby Sullivan Thomas Cook (Shannon and Joe Cook, parents); Andrew John Shehane (Amy Richards Howard and Patrick Shehane, parents); Greyson Douglas Winters (Megan and Jeff Winters, parents).

CAMP DISCOVERY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SINGS today at the 11 a.m. service.

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

July 26 – Naaman (2 Kings 5) – taught by Rev. Dwight Tawney

Aug. 2 – Barabbas (Mark 15: 6-15) – taught by Rev. Zach Walker

Aug. 9 – Widow of Zarephath (I Kings 17:7-16) – taught by Cheryl Couch-Thomas

Exercise for Seniors - All summer exercise classes will be held at Village Church in Room 333 (the Youth Loft). Classes start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday's class will start at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. A second class starts at 10:30 a.m. and includes chairs and no floor exercises. Thank you for being flexible, see you in class!

Take a peek at the NEW FALL 2015 VILLAGE U Catalog - Moses has been called lawgiver, prophet, wonder worker, the mouthpiece of God. As the leader of the Exodus community, he played a crucial role in shaping the religious norms of an emerging nation. He is one of the most familiar biblical characters, yet, history has no record of him. Rev. Dwight Tawney, will explore the biblical record and recent archaeological discoveries in search of new perspectives of Moses. **Cloud of Witnesses, Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Room 232. Village U catalogs will be available the first of August.**

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Are you looking for a fun way to get involved at Village Church? Each Wednesday Night from September-May, dinner is served in Friendship Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Each week, a team of volunteers helps to set up & cleanup for these dinners. You can be on a team once a month or every week. It's a great way to help out and have a great dinner with Village friends. Call Stacy at 913-671-2334 if you are interested in being a part of a team.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - It's hard to believe that school starts in less than a month- and that's a month when some children are not getting their free meals at school. The Food Pantry needs cereal, peanut butter and hearty soup to help fill this void. Diapers and pull-ups are also in demand, because these items cannot be purchased with food stamps. So much is needed, please be generous with your donations!

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

PARKINSON'S 101: UNDERSTANDING THE DISEASE - All are welcome to attend a presentation by Jane Ann Gorsky, executive direction of the National Parkinson Foundation of Heartland, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, in Room 228. This presentation is sponsored by Stephen Ministry.

CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND? - Do you like helping others? Do you have just one hour or more a month to assist those who could use your assistance? Then please consider volunteering for the Helping Hand ministry. All skill levels are welcomed — you will self-select your own projects. There are three broad categories you can help with: Household Help, Meals and Transportation. To find out more or to sign up, please contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

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. -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 morning sites 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.

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

“We are surrounded by God’s benefits.
The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.”

– John Calvin



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

*It has been a summer of beautiful singing!
Thanks to all who shared their voices. One event left:*

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, in Friendship Hall: Sing Masterworks – Handel’s *Messiah* (selected choruses). This event is for singers who love to sing *The Messiah*. Members of the wider musical community are encouraged to participate. Dr. Stephanie Henry, a long-time leader in our choral music community, will conduct. Accompaniment will be provided by stringed instruments and harpsichord. RSVP to mark@villagepres.org to reserve your score (and please tell Mark your voice part). If you prefer to sing from your own score – you may do so, but still RSVP so you will have a place to sit!

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	Mattithaiah, 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

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.