



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 26, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Naaman was a powerful man. He was also a man burdened with leprosy. He sought out the prophet Elijah with the hope that Elijah could heal him. Elijah gives Naaman simple instructions, and the General is cleansed of his leprosy. It sounds like one of those “and they all lived happily ever after” stories. But Naaman’s story continues. His experience of grace causes him to see the rest of his life with new eyes, and he discovers how hard it is to live faithfully in a complicated world.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

With the gift of a new day,

we are reminded again of the goodness of God.

So, we have come to this place in this hour,

to remind God of our gratitude

and to offer our lives in faithfulness.

*Hymn

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We pray for peace:

not just the absence of conflict, but shalom.

We pray for the relief that fills our souls

when we do what we are supposed to do.

We want to do what is right, and sometimes we do;

but even then our motives are seldom pure,

our efforts are flawed,

and our hearts are torn between love and fear.

The struggle to be faithful is complicated;

So, we pray for peace. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Musical Offering

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings (Psalm 84)

music: Samuel Liddle; Judy Bliss (8 a.m.) soloist

Lord, Thy Mercy

music: J. S. Bach (from 'Christmas Oratorio'); Rachel Priest, Doug Fishel, duet (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Call to Prayer

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for Je - sus will nev - er say no.'

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

Dee Couch (8 a.m.); Sandy Wells (9:30 a.m.); Andrew Frazier (11 a.m.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me
FIRST SONG

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -



fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -



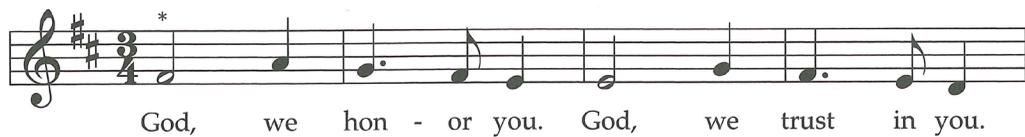
fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Offertory

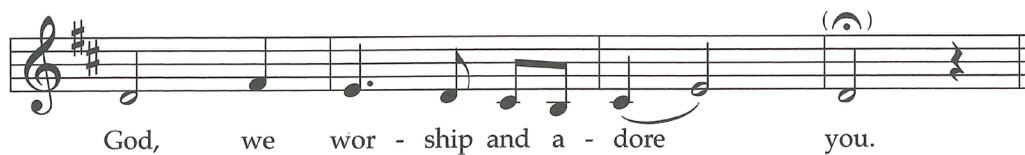
Song of Micah
music: John Ness Beck; Judy Bliss, soloist (8 a.m.)

*Response

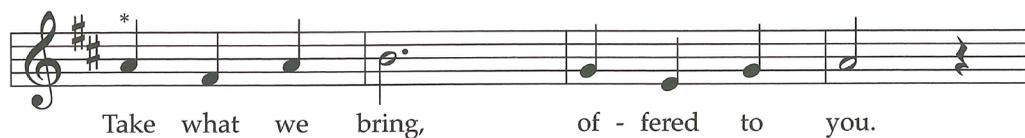
God, We Honor You



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.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

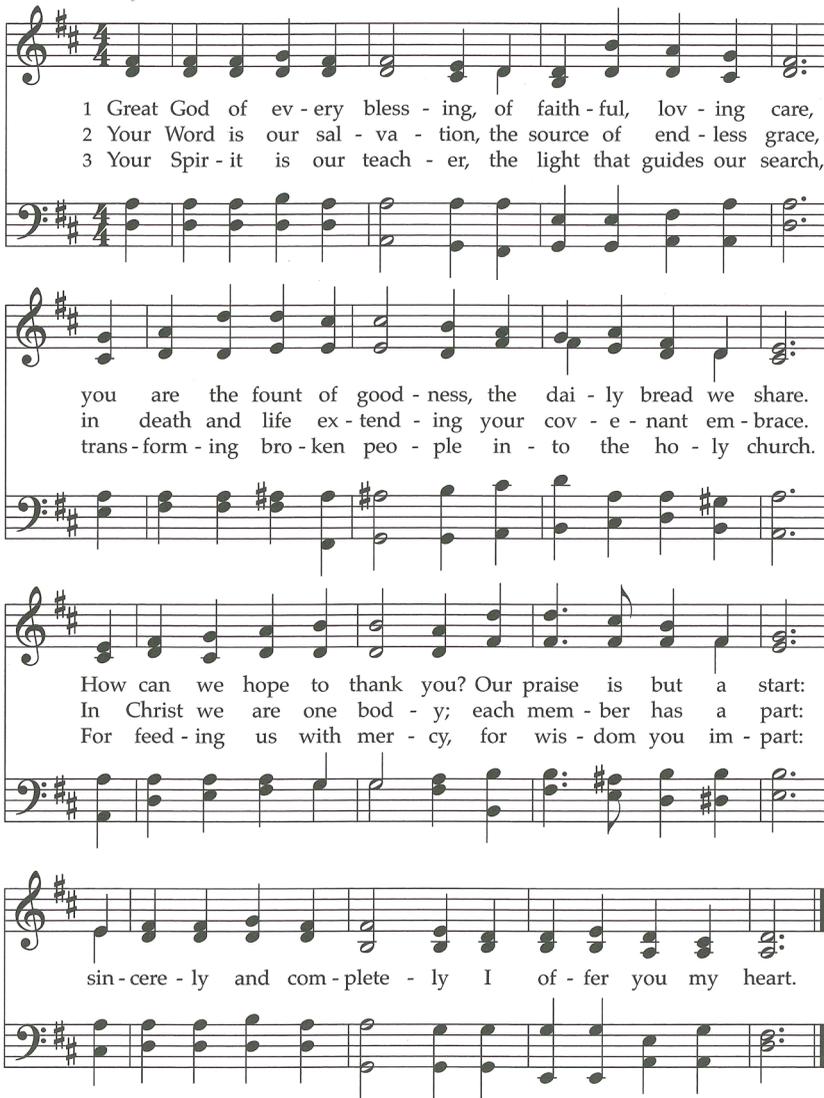


al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Great God of Every Blessing
AURELIA



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,
you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

*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 27, 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 27

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Wisdom. Paul connects real wisdom with the "mind of Christ." Paul even says "we have" the mind of Christ; That Christian wisdom that seems like "foolishness" to the world may result from recognizing wisdom is as much a matter of the heart as the brain. Thinking apart from love is what is truly foolish. In an age known for information, there seems to be a lack of wisdom. What is the wisdom that guides you?

Tuesday, July 28

Psalms 133

Unity: It is a central ethic of the faith. If you have experienced estrangement from someone you love, then you understand the reason for the celebration of living in unity. The image of the oil running down reflects the practice of hospitality. The realization of unity is both the result of intentional work of the heart and the gift of God. Give thanks to God for those relationships which give you life.

Wednesday, July 29

Luke 7:18-23

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus. But now, John is in prison. It is not what John expected from Jesus. John sounds disappointed: Are you the one? Jesus doesn't always fit our expectations. John brings his disappointment to Jesus and learns that the negative circumstances in John's life do not mean that God has turned away. Indeed, Jesus is about the work of redemption. It is a word of hope for us all in seasons of disappointment.

Thursday, July 30

Luke 7:36-50

This woman cannot help herself. Her generosity, her love, her care flows from her heart. Her demonstration of such gratitude to the one who gives life, Jesus says, "has saved you." Perhaps we should lose a little of ourselves for this gospel, and show our gratitude with the same extravagance that Jesus shows his love for us. Let it go today.

Friday, July 31

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

You are needed. You are part of the body. We often read this text to remind us that others are needed and important, but today read this text again as a word to you. The body of Christ is incomplete without you. Maybe this inspires in you a desire to serve this body. Maybe it inspires in you a sense of honor. At least recognize the promise that you belong: the body of Christ is incomplete without you.

Saturday, Aug. 1

Hosea 11:1-9

The prophet had a job too many prophets had: proclaim judgment to God's people who had turned from God. Yet, in this text, God speaks as a mother who taught her child to walk. Even in judgment love will not let go. You are loved with just such a heavenly maternal love. This love of God will not let go.

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.

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.

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 – 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

Aug. 16 – The Beloved Disciple (Gospel of John) – taught by Rev. Sally Wright

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 there will be a second class that starts at 10:30 a.m. and includes chairs and no floor exercises. Thank you for being flexible, see you in class!

Take a another peek at the NEW FALL 2015 VILLAGE U Catalog - The church life of colonial Virginia was like a patchwork quilt . . . a surprising degree of diversity of theology and worship from which the uniquely American concept of separation of church and state developed. The impact of their church life is felt even today. Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee will lead the School of Theology course *Presbyterians, Puritans and Anglicans in Early Virginia*, Wednesdays, Sept. 23 - Nov. 4 in Room 127. **Village U catalogs will be available the first week 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 and 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 delicious 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 - Plastic grocery bags are needed, and will be put to good use at the Food Pantry. Kids' meal items are also needed – cereal, peanut butter, hearty soups. Put them in your plastic grocery bags, and bring some to church with each visit! The Clothes Closet needs small kitchen items, dishes and household linens. It is through your generosity that this mission succeeds. You DO make a difference.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VILLAGE VISITOR? Visiting members and friends of Village Church who are unable to attend church, who are homebound, ill or in rehab, or who are just lonely provides an important connection to the church and is so appreciated. If you would like to volunteer to be a Village Visitor, please contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

DON'T LET YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE BE AS HIGH AS THE TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE! The Village Nurses are happy to take your blood pressure reading in the Heritage Dining Room (also referred to as the Small Dining Room or Room 230). The nurses are there to help you from 9-9:30 a.m. or from 10:30-11 a.m. every Sunday morning.

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.



VILLAGE CUP SUMMER BREAK

The Village Cup will be closed M-F July 27-31 and Aug. 3-7.
We will be open today and Sunday, Aug. 2, from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Thank you!



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 – whether the topic is learning to knit or use a computer, the **Fall 2015 Village U Course Catalog** is a wide umbrella encompassing all of our learning opportunities for adults at Village Church.

Look for the online catalog on our website: villagepres.org the first week of August. We will also have a handful of printed copies around the church.

Registration for the fall 2015 fall term begins **on Monday, Aug. 10, for Village Church members.** The general public may enroll beginning on Aug. 17.

You may enroll for all courses online, by email (marianne.weber@villagepres.org), by calling Marianne at 913-671-2333 or in person in Room 119 at Village Church.

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.