



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 5, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Samson was strong—amazingly strong. Samson was also weak—surprisingly weak. This strange story is not about physical strength and haircuts. It's not about romance. Samson was a man who reminds us that strength is more gift than possession, and genuine strength is not a matter of the biceps, but a matter of the heart.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

This Is the Day
 God Welcomes All
 God Is Here Today

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in this holy space;
 praise God throughout the earth.**

Praise God for offering grace and mercy;
 praise God for being steadfast and strong.

**Praise God with song and cymbal;
 praise God with silent prayer.**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
 MATERNA

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw;
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine

and crown thy good with *broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness and ev - ery gain di - vine!

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
 Your faithfulness startles us.
 We complain, wander, and stumble;
 you love us.
 We are tired, fickle, and afraid;
 you love us.
 We are full of questions, doubt, and distrust;
 you love us.
 We wonder how this could be possible, and through it all:
 you love us.
 Help us become as loyal to you
 as you are to us. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

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

Glory to God

*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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Early American Hymn; arr. by Virgil Thomson; Devin Burton, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (8 a.m.)

Bill Hare (9:30 a.m.)

Patricia Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Judges 16:4-22

Sermon

Samson

Rev. Tom Are Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

My Country, 'Tis of Thee
AMERICA

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride
From every mountainside let freedom ring.**

**Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**

**Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Oh, may all lands be bright with freedom's holy light;
protected by thy might, great God, our King.**

Offertory

Prayer of St. Gregory
music: Alan Hovhaness; Wayne Bates, trumpet

*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

Lift Every Voice and Sing
LIFT EVERY VOICE

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

*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 6, 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 6

Mark 4:35-41

The disciples are in the midst of a storm. Unsurprisingly they are afraid. Jesus, when awakened, asks them, "Why are you afraid?" It is perhaps the most important question of scripture. Why are we afraid? If we belong to God, if we are God's children, what ultimate threat is there for us?

Tuesday, July 7

Acts 5:27-39

Wise Gamaliel may not know the apostles, but he does know something about God. Gamaliel knows that even when the ways of God may seem to be hidden or ignored or even defeated, ultimately, the way of God cannot be stopped. Love is the strongest power in history.

Wednesday, July 8

Acts 6:1-15

Stephen, because he is faithful, is brought before the council. Like Jesus before, and John the Baptist before him, and the prophets before him, and on and on. There is something about the Gospel that frightens us. The word of God does not rest completely comfortably in our hearts. Think about what you know of Jesus. Is there anything demand he makes that causes you to second guess him or be frightened by his way? If so, you are not alone.

Thursday, July 9

Mark 10:35-45

Who are the greatest people you know? What makes them great in your estimation? Having thought about that, how do you respond to Jesus' wisdom about what makes us great in this world?

Friday, July 10

Psalms 51

Some say this psalm describes David's reaction after his adulterous behavior with Bathsheba. That may be. What it does declare is that even in our worst moments, God has the power to heal us, to redeem that which we cannot make whole or right. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Saturday, July 11

John 5:1-9

Do you want to be healed? We would assume the answer would be a resounding yes, but that is not the case. It's hard to tell if this man wishes healing or has made his peace with his own brokenness. Sometimes, to we would rather live with our frailties than risk the change that healing brings.

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.

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– 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

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

Watch for the NEW FALL 2015 VILLAGE U Catalog - 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 email.

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.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - The Clothes Closet has a need for clothing in larger sizes (we can never have too much). The Food Pantry this week is asking for shampoo, and diapers and pull-ups in all sizes (diapers and pull-ups are items that cannot be purchased with food stamps). Because the Pantry has been getting lots of wonderful garden produce this summer, the requests are also for vinegar and olive or cooking oil and salad dressings.

SEEKING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS - The Village Church sponsored Habitat for Humanity house at 1261 Osage Avenue in KCK is entering the second phase of construction and offers numerous volunteer opportunities to those who have the time and interest to become involved in that construction. The Tuesday-Thursday Crew would welcome your help on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays until the house is complete. All tools, materials and supplies will be provided by Heartland Habitat for Humanity. Work begins around 8 a.m. and ends around 3 p.m. Contact Dave Lillard at 913-649-8930 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

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

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE JULY 12 - Are you looking for a quiet, contemplative worship experience? If so, join us for our next Taizé worship service. The service includes simple songs, silence, and scripture. We also share communion together. Taizé worship takes place on the second Sunday of every month in the Chapel at 5 p.m. The next service will be held next Sunday, July 12.

STEPHEN MINISTERS CONTINUING EDUCATION PRESENTATION JULY 23 - Please join us at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 23, in Room 228 for a presentation by Jane Ann Gorsky, executive director of the National Parkinson Foundation, Heartland, on "PD 101, Understanding the Disease". These Stephen Ministry sponsored presentations are free and open to the congregation, as well as the public.

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.

Meneilly Society

Have you remembered Village Church in your estate plan?
Call Molly Sirridge, 913-671-2325.



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

- 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

Patrick Henry once wrote into his will that if he had left nothing in terms of worldly riches but had given his heirs a faith in Jesus Christ, then they were of all people most wealthy. Conversely he added that if he had left them all the wealth in the world but had not left them a faith in Jesus Christ, they would be of all people most destitute.

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

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.