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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 16, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Jeremiah didn't live in easy times. The temple in Jerusalem was destroyed and the Babylonian exile had begun. People's lives were upended and the community was in chaos. Jeremiah didn't live in easy times, and neither does Jeremiah offer us easy words. To meet Jeremiah is to be met by reality — the reality of a messy and difficult world, but also the reality of God's faithful and resilient love.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
arrangement: William Ryden; Village Brass Quintet

Call to Worship (Psalm 136)

Len Carrell

Give thanks to the Lord, who does great things.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Who made the heavens and spread out the earth upon the waters.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Who made the great lights —

the sun to govern the day and the moon and stars to guide the night.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Who led the people through the wilderness.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Who remembered us in our despair.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God in heaven.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

\*Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*  
NICAEA

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

\* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**Be patient with us.**

**Life is full of big questions**

**and sometimes we are too quick to supply easy answers.**

**We want to understand you.**

**That is our faith speaking.**

**So forgive us when arrogance gets the upper hand,**

**and allows us to believe we can understand *everything* about you.**

**In our certainty, give us humility.**

**In our uncertainty, give us strength.**

**In everything, give us grace.** (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

Call to Prayer

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never 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.**

Musical Offering

*Be Thou Faithful Unto Death* (8 a.m.)  
by Felix Mendelssohn; Jeff Howe, tenor

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
by Melchior Tescher, arrangement: Bob McNally, Jr.; Village Brass Quintet

Prayer for Illumination

Laura Hewitt (8 a.m.)  
Hoyl Lockett (9:30 a.m.)  
Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Sermon

*Jeremiah*

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*  
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

Offertory

*Give Me Jesus*

arrangement: Moses Hogan; Jeff Howe, tenor

\*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

**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

*Ellacombe* (8 a.m.)  
by John Ferguson

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
arrangement: Bob McNally, Jr.; Village Brass Quintet

*\*All who are able may stand*

### **Village Brass Quintet**

Cynthia Hartwell and Stan Chappell, trumpet  
Matthew Lamar, horn  
Tom Mahan, trombone  
Michael Hegge, tuba

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 17, 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, Aug. 17**

**Matthew 13:1-23**

In this parable, we often perceive God to be the sower of seeds, planting all of us in the world to do God's will. And yet, some seeds find it hard to root themselves where they are planted. What do you root yourself in? What does it mean to truly root yourself somewhere?

### **Tuesday, Aug. 18**

**Romans 11:16-24**

The imagery of grafting an olive shoot onto the root of an olive tree suggests that as believers, we are grafted onto the olive tree of Christ. Rooting ourselves in God provides support for our lives, and allows all of us to play a role in a loving, nurturing community. We belong to each other because we are part of God's family of faith. Give thanks today for all of the members of God's family.

### **Wednesday, Aug. 19**

**Ruth 1:1-18**

Oftentimes we find stability and roots in our relationships with one another. Ruth refuses to leave her mother-in-law, Naomi, even after her husband (Naomi's son) has passed away. In choosing to remain with Naomi, Ruth embraces a new people, and a new God. What relationships keep you grounded? How have your relationships with others impacted your faith journey?

### **Thursday, Aug. 20**

**John 13:1-15**

Tuesday and Wednesday's scriptures remind us that we belong to each other, but we also belong to God. God roots us in the incarnate Christ. In washing the disciples' feet, Jesus shows his love and care for the world, and lifts up service to others as a way in which to demonstrate love. How will you show Christ's love today?

### **Friday, Aug. 21**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

When we are part of God's family, and Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, we are truly rooted in love. What does a life rooted in love really look like? Make a list of the characteristics of a lifestyle that is grounded in the fullness of God. Pray that you might further root yourself in the love of the Lord, and that your life may take on the characteristics you listed.

### **Saturday, Aug. 22**

**John 15:1-5**

Pruning, or cutting off branches that bear no fruit, is an important part of the growth of a plant. Similarly, we must undergo pruning in order to bear good fruit, and continue growing into the people God calls us to be. What are areas of your life that need pruning? Where do you hope growth will occur?

## 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 Greg Colston by Ann, Jessica and Kevin.

## 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 GRADERS** - 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 – Jeremiah (Jeremiah 29:1-14) – taught by Rev. Sally Wright

Aug. 23 – Mattithaiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah (Nehemiah 8) – taught by Sarah Are

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR VILLAGE U FALL 2015 TERM** - 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. For the Fall 2015 catalog, we have broadened the Village U umbrella to include ALL that's offered for adults. There is NO registration fee. You may enroll for all courses online at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org), by emailing [marianne@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne@villagepres.org), by calling Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or in person in Room 119 at the church. Child care will be available for MOST classes for a one-time \$40 fee for the fall term. If you have questions, contact the Adult Educational Ministries Office at 913-671-2333. Printed copies of the catalog are available throughout the church.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS CHURCH: CONVERSATION WITH TOM ARE** - "Tell Me More About This Church" is a special opportunity for those newer to Village Church to spend time with Senior Pastor Tom Are and learn more about Village Presbyterian Church. This class will be offered in two parts from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15 (part 1), and Tuesday, Sept. 22, in Room 230 (south end of the building/2nd floor). Dinner will be provided. Contact Stacy Fischer at 913-671-2334 or [stacy.fischer@villagepres.org](mailto:stacy.fischer@villagepres.org) or [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) to register. Child care is available for this event with seven days advance notice. Please make child care reservations by contacting Marjean Lindquist at 913-671-2322 or [marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org](mailto:marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org).

**CORE CONNECTIONS CONVERSATION GROUPS** - Core Connections is a way to strengthen faith through conversations, while making and deepening friendships. Village Church provides trained leaders and a DVD video study developed by Pastor Tom Are for these small groups. Our curriculum serves as a springboard for conversations, while relationship building remains a priority. Groups will launch in the fall (October), and subsequent groups will form as needed. Types of groups may include: couples, men, women and mixed (men & women). Each individual group will decide frequency, location and time for meetings. Core Connections is open to both the congregation and community, so invite your friends and family. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) to join a Core group.

## COMPUTER MINISTRY

**COMPUTER CLASSES** - Beginner Classes: 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15-Oct. 6; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 7. Intermediate Classes: 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 27-Nov. 17; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 28-Nov. 18. **Computer classes are free of charge.** Call or email Stacy at 913-671-2334 at [stacy.fischer@villagepres.org](mailto:stacy.fischer@villagepres.org) to sign up for classes.

## MISSION

**FOOD PANTRY** – With children back in school, the Food Pantry is concentrating on its lack of variety of canned fruit (think mandarin oranges, pears, mixed fruit, etc.). You can help by putting several cans into plastic grocery shopping bags (that are also very much needed). The condiment shelves are also low – jelly, mustard, mayo, etc. – NO glass containers, please. The Clothes Closet is asking for small kitchen appliances and large sized clothing for all seasons.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, in Rooms 132 & 133. To make an appointment online, visit [savealifenow.org](http://savealifenow.org) and use sponsor code "villagepres" or stop by our registration table outside Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. - noon today. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or [acolston1113@gmail.com](mailto:acolston1113@gmail.com).

**VILLAGE COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS LINES** - On Friday, Sept. 11, Village Church will for 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. If you can't cook or serve, we also need cookies. Please drop them off at the church reception desk on Thursday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or at [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org).

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**"CARING FOR THOSE INCARCERATED AND FOR THOSE WHOSE LOVED ONES ARE INCARCERATED"** On Thursday, Aug. 27, Ernest Jones, from Prison Ministries/Salvation Army will talk about caring for those who are incarcerated or for those who have a loved one incarcerated. This presentation is sponsored by Stephen Ministry and is open to the congregation and the public. It will be from 5-6 p.m. in Room 228.

**GROWING THROUGH GRIEF NEW SERIES STARTS SEPT. 9** - The loss of a loved one brings a myriad of emotions and thoughts. Growing Through Grief, a five-week class, is designed to help people discover God's healing presence during some of the darkest and most difficult times of life. There is no cost but registration is required. This series will be every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Sept. 9-Oct. 7, in Room 124. Please contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) for more information or to register.

**IN SEARCH OF A NEW CAREER?** The next Career Center series begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14, in Room 232. These classes will show you how to plan and conduct your job search in today's job market. You'll learn the difference between just "looking for a job" and "conducting a planned step-by-step job search." If you are interested in these classes. Contact Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327 for more information.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**CHEER AND GPS KICKOFF** – We will be having both our CHEER and GPS kickoffs starting in September! CHEER kickoff is Sept. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. GPS kickoff is Sept. 16, 6-8 p.m. Room 333.

**Hillcrest Transitional Housing** of Kansas is seeking donations of new and gently used kitchenware, especially pots, pans and casserole dishes. Hillcrest provides homeless families temporary housing and case management so they may become self-supportive contributors to society. Village Church sponsors one of Hillcrest's 28 adult apartments and 10 teen apartments in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties. Drop off your donations at the Village reception desk or at Deborah White's office by Friday, Aug. 21. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 with questions.



**Registration** for the fall 2015 term is now open for Village Church members. The general public may enroll beginning tomorrow, Aug. 17.

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

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.

**The online version can be found at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org).** Printed copies are now available throughout the church.

# SUMMER SERMON SERIES

## The Most Fascinating People

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	<b>Aug. 16</b>	<b>Jeremiah</b>
July 5	Samson	Aug. 23	Mattithaiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah and Hilkiah
July 12	The Ethiopian Eunuch		

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## 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

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*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](http://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.*