



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 13, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Recess was the best. Kickball, four square, jump rope and swings. Recess lacked the structure of math class, and on the field there was no rule against screaming with delight. Recess was the best, except when it was the worst. Recess is where kids are picked or not picked for kickball. Recess is where collaboration and competition battle each other. Every lesson we learned about being friends was put to the test at recess.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Choral Introit

You Show Us the Path of Life
music: Bram Wayman; words: Psalm 16:11

You show us the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Call to Worship

Len Carrell

God does not need our praises.
There are others with better words,
more beautiful songs,
and stronger faith.

**God does not need our praises,
but we need to praise God.**

So we come ready to worship,
**not expecting that this hour will change the world,
but daring to hope that this hour will change us.**

Be with us now, O God.
Reach into our hearts, and love us into life.

*Hymn

Morning Has Broken
BUNESSAN



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!


*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
The playground, and life itself, can be so noisy
that sometimes we lose track of one another.
Forgive us when we overlook the most vulnerable among us:
those who are chosen last,
those too afraid to join in at all,
those on the receiving end of taunts and stares,
those excluded by make-believe rules or actual regulations.
Heal the brokenness in us that allows us to witness these things
without interceding.
Give us courage to accompany those who need a friend.
Remind us that mercy is love's second name. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Raise a Song of Gladness
JUBILATE DEO



Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth.
Ju - bi - la - te De - o om - nis ter - ra.



Christ has come, bring-ing peace, joy to ev - ery heart.
Ser - vi - te Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!
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*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters

Village Signature Mission 2016: DeLaSalle Education Center

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Calm to the Waves
CALM SEAS

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be
still." Calm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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 Jesus, I Love Thee
music: Edwin Childs; Jee-Yeun Kim, soloist

Prayer for Illumination Diann Markley (8 a.m.), Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.), Pam Hanson (11 a.m.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*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.

Offertory

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
Early American Hymn, arr. by Alice Parker

*Response

Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City
CHARLESTOWN



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Congregational Meeting (11 a.m.)

*Benediction

*Response

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand*

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of September 14, 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, Sept. 14

Matthew 13:1-9

One of the ways I believe Jesus would have appreciated RECESS, is he often chose to embrace the crowds. And in the crowds he would have met all types of personalities, not just the ones of his own choosing. His characterization of the different types of soil is an illustration of the extravagant grace God revealed to us in Christ. God's grace is never limited to only a few, but reaches all areas of growth, even areas that seem barren.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Matthew 13:10-17

I once heard a seminary professor say in one of her sermons, "We all live in a Parable Universe." She was teaching her students the serious, yet playful, nature of Jesus's teaching through parables. Her message was how Jesus's parables are intended to draw us in, and how we locate our own life story in them. We all have parables to share from our own life experiences. If we only have eyes to see them, and ears to hear them.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Matthew 13:24-30

God's playground of creation is a place of imaginative play, digging in the sandbox together, and hanging upside down and giggling. But it is also a place of bullying, and tantrums and someone taking our toys. This passage reminds us that it is not our job to be God's playground monitor. It is only our job to treat each other justly with respect and love. For it is only God who knows the truth of our hearts.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Matthew 13:31-33

This parable reminds us of the moment we realize we have the capacity for grace. Faith the size of a mustard seed might also be interpreted as seeds of grace we can sow, or show, to each other. Who hasn't experienced that moment when a young child approaches another child who hasn't anyone to play with and says, "Let's swing together!" Sowing our own seed of grace has the ability of showing one another a foundation of faith we all can journey on.

Friday, Sept. 18

Matthew 13:34-35

The ultimate playground game has to be hide and seek. And God, who is revealed to us through the person and act of Jesus Christ, must be the master-seeker. That there is nothing, and no place, that can hide us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. In Jesus's parables much is hidden and much is revealed. In our ambiguity of faith, what is revealed to us is the mystery of God's love for a world that is both beautiful and broken.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Matthew 13:44-46

All of Jesus's parables express a treasure that God's kingdom is, and will be. But these two short verses speak of how we will experience such a pearl of wisdom. I recall watching my daughter spend hours searching through a sea of pebbles only to find one true stone to be her favorite, to keep and treasure it. If only we all could search for God's loving sovereignty and reign, as such. Knowing that only the One who touches our hearts matters more than all the other rocks along the path.

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.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY - If you are looking for a quiet, contemplative worship experience, please join us for our Taizé worship service today at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. The service includes scripture, silence, some songs and sharing communion.

DELASALLE - We are pleased to welcome Village Church's Signature Mission for 2016. Mark Williamson, executive director of DeLaSalle Education Center, will speak during services about its Parent and Child Education Support (PACES) program. DeLaSalle is the only charter high school in the state of Missouri dedicated to serving the high risk urban core. The PACES program is an on-site early childhood education program for teen parents, serving their infants and toddlers ages six months to three years.

MAKE VILLAGE HISTORY AND SIGN THE BEAM – Be sure to stop by the Chapel door entrance to sign the beam that will be the main doorway beam for the new Welcome Center. The beam is on two saw horses outside the Chapel entrance. You can't miss it. This is your last chance to SIGN THE BEAM!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL - Village Church Weekday Preschool started this week. Parents may check in their preschool age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available 9:30 a.m and 11 a.m.

VILLAGE CHURCH PRESCHOOL started last week. If you know of a 3, 4 or 5-year-old who would like to join us, please contact terri.gaeddert@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2338.

KIDS' KINGDOM - Today we kick off a new school year. Please note the following changes:

K-1ST GRADE have brand new curriculum! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. 1st Grade meets in Room 303.

2nd – 5th GRADES - Sign-in elementary (2nd-5th) aged students on the 3rd floor. Check the large bulletin boards located in the Children and Family wing for each grade's class location. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

CLUB V6 (6TH GRADE) - Fun and relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 302.

PARENTS OF 3RD GRADERS - Bible presentation has been postponed to Sunday, Oct. 25.

PARENTS OF 6TH GRADERS - Help us plan the monthly social activities for our 6th graders. Join us for pizza and planning in Room 302 on Sept. 20 following the 11 a.m. service. RSVP at 913-671-2355.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

GROWING TOGETHER class is for adults in their 40's and 50's who are interested in growing together in context of their families. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. September-May, 9:30 a.m. in Room 124.

The FALL 2015 VILLAGE U Catalog is now available, and registration is open. Enroll online at villagepres.org, by email marianne.weber@villagepres.org, call 913-671-2333 or in person in Room 119 at Village.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U COURSES:

Sermon Conversations, Wednesdays, Now-Sept. 30 - Michael and Diana Bay will lead conversations of Rev. Tom Are's 2012 sermon series "Free To Be Me." Each Wednesday participants will view and discuss a sermon in this series. 5-6 p.m. in Room 232.

Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables by a Controversial Rabbi, Wednesdays, Sept. 16-30 Amy-Jill Levine interweaves history and spiritual analysis to explore Jesus' most popular teaching parables, exposing their misinterpretations and making them lively and relevant for modern readers. Taught by Gus Breyspraak. 5-6 p.m. in Room 132.

School of Theology, Presbyterians, Puritans, and Anglicans in 17th-Century Virginia, Wednesdays, Sept. 23-Nov. 4 - The religious landscape of colonial Virginia was marked by a surprising degree of diversity during the seventeenth century. Taught by Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee. 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 127.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS, SEPT. 16 - The menu is beef stroganoff, egg noodles, roasted vegetable stew with quinoa, salad bar, dessert. Price is \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar, dessert & drink, \$3 – children ages 3-10, ages 2 & under are free. Call 913-671-2334 or email stacy.fischer@villagepres.org, or go to villagepres.org under Connectional Ministries to make a reservation.

AGE 60'S DINNER - Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18, at the Red Snapper Pan-Asian Bistro at 8430 Ward Parkway. Check out the menu at kcredsnapper.com. Reservations are under "Village Church." Each person is responsible for their own tab. RSVP to Stacy at 913-671-2334 or stacy.fischer@villagepres.org.

EXCITING VILLAGE CHURCH TOURS - Christmas Markets of Germany: Dec. 3-13, 2015 - Visit the charming villages in Bavaria where the fun Christkindlmarkets began and see the breathtaking Alps and Munich. **Autumn in Amalfi and Sicily with Rev. Jay McKell & Elizabeth McKell:** Oct. 26 – Nov. 7, 2016 - This tour visits sun-drenched Sorrento and the stunning Amalfi Coast then to vibrant Sicily. **Come to a tour information meeting at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4**, in Room 132 or email Lisa@LisaBallTravelDesign.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

ELECTRIC CARS ON DISPLAY AT VILLAGE SEPT. 16 - Local electric car enthusiasts will display their vehicles (including a Tesla!), answer questions and get you revved up to consider whether an electric car would fit into your lifestyle. Cruise through the south parking lot at Village Church from 4:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16, and enjoy the weekly dinner while you are there. The Environmental Action Committee sponsors this annual event during National Drive Electric Week. Contact Al Pugsley at aphs58@yahoo.com or 913-226-7725 for more information.

HEALTH OF BRUSH CREEK NEXT TO VILLAGE CHURCH - Under the auspices of The Blue River Watershed Association, with funding from an EPA Urban Waters grant, a team of students and their advisor from Indian Hills Middle School has been testing water in Brush Creek. Come hear their findings at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, in Room 127. By using an experiential approach and involving critical-thinking skills, the students have gained an appreciation for water as a natural resource and its intrinsic worth, teaching them environmental stewardship. Sharing this appreciation and knowledge with others through community presentations will help students create a legacy of understanding and earth care.

SHOE-IN IN OCTOBER - During the month of October, the Environmental Action Committee is partnering with Shawnee Community Services to hold its third Shoe-In. Bring your gently used footwear to church, and place them in the barrels that will be located inside the south entrance of the church and near the north ramp door on the ground floor. **The first Sunday for pick up is Oct. 4.** All sizes and types are needed. Shawnee Community Services will be re-distributing these shoes free to those in need in the Kansas City area. Call Bob Siemens at 913-268-5107 for more information.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY – A reminder from the Food Pantry that next Sunday, Sept. 20, is PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY! Plan to bring a couple of jars of this staple in the clients' diet on that day. The wishes this week are for all varieties of pasta and spaghetti sauce (no glass jars, please). Plastic grocery bags are no longer needed - thank you. The Clothes Closet will continue to accept summer clothing until the end of September.

MUSIC MINISTRY

A CONCERT OF INSPIRATIONAL JAZZ SUNDAY, OCT. 4 – Come enjoy the dynamic duo of Eugene Lowry, piano, and Tyrone Clark, on bass, in concert at Village Church at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. The concert is free and will be in Friendship Hall.

FESTIVAL OF FAITHS “TRANSFORMATIVE STORIES,” 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28 - Jill Bolte Taylor (best-selling author of *My Stroke of Insight*) and Grammy award-winning Carrie Newcomer present “Transformative Stories” from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Unity Temple on the Plaza. Two powerful voices explore the intersection of science and spirituality . . . body and spirit . . . and weave a seamless story of insight into the wonders of the human brain and the marvels of the human spirit. The event is presented by the Kansas City Festival of Faiths. Tickets, \$20 in advance/\$25 at door, are available at festivaloffaithskc.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

CAREER CENTER STARTS TOMORROW – If you are looking for a new job, come to the next Career Center series. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 14, in Room 232. Contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327 if interested.

FAMILIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH MEET SEPT. 17 - Erika Immenschuh, from Johnson County Mental Health, will discuss personality disorders at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, in Room 127. After the presentation, please stay if you'd like to participate in a “share and care conversation.” Village members and the public are all welcome to come.

CLASSIC CITIZENS CELEBRATION - If you are 75 years older or better, you are a Classic Citizen! You're invited to the Classic Citizens Celebration from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, in Friendship Hall. Visit and reconnect with friends, hear all the latest about Village Church and enjoy delicious food and drinks. A ride to and from the church is available upon request. RSVP to Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

AV TECHNICIANS NEEDED - If you're tech savvy and familiar with both PC and Apple products, we need your assistance. Grieving families often wish to share videos or photos during a loved one's memorial reception. If you'd occasionally be willing to help facilitate this, contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM - MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Men and women volunteers are needed on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m. Sept. 23-Oct. 28. A complimentary orientation breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 23. Contact Cindy Whitham ciwhitham@aol.com or 913-262-3062 for info. Child care is available. Call Pam at 913-671-2352 to make a reservation by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

WOW LUNCH IN A CASTLE - WOW (Women of Wisdom) cordially invites all ladies to have lunch at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Renee Kelly's Harvest, an upscale Farm-to-Table restaurant in Caenen Castle, 12401 Johnson Drive in Shawnee. RSVP by tomorrow, Sept. 14, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608, or to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net, 913-432-4321. One carpool will leave the church at 11:20 a.m.

SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

"THE GREAT AMERICAN REFUGEE CRISIS" - A dinner and panel discussion will be held at Village on Tuesday evening, Oct. 13. Immigration attorneys Angela Ferguson and Catalina Velarde and Rev. Rick Behrens will discuss: What happens to undocumented immigrants and families who are detained at the U.S. border and also others who successfully cross the border and take up precarious living arrangements in communities across the U.S.? Cost is \$5 per person for dinner. Call Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 by Oct. 2 to make a reservation.

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 this week! CHEER kickoff is tonight! 6:30-8:30 p.m. GPS kickoff is this coming Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 333.



**PEANUT
BUTTER
SUNDAY**

Sept. 20, 2015

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
VILLAGE FOOD PANTRY
WITH JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER.

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

"God gave me my money. I believe the power to make money is a gift from God to be developed and used to the best of our ability for the good of mankind."

—John D. Rockefeller

NEW SERMON SERIES

Back to School

Fall schedule has returned, which means, it's time to go back to school. Children, youth and adults will begin filling classrooms. For the next several weeks in our worship we will reflect on some of the life lessons we learn from those early days in school. These life lessons are often spiritual lessons that help us live a more grounded life as maturity comes.

Sept. 6	The Gift of Teachers
Sept. 13	RECESS!!!
Sept. 20	Is This Going To Be On The Test?
Sept. 27	Who Needs a Nap?
Oct. 4	What's in Your Lunch Box?

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.