



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 27, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Who needs a nap? Most of would raise our hands if given the choice, wouldn't we? The idea of Sabbath rest is as appealing as it is important. But Sabbath isn't just about the absence of work. It's about creating space for the things we need to add to our lives: peace, tranquility and holiness. Sabbath is also about remembering. Remembering the faithfulness of God, and God's purpose for our lives. When we remember, we see not just what once was; we also see what might still be. Sabbath asks us to stop and embrace the day. Sabbath also nudges into God's promised day. Who needs a nap? We all do.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Choral Introit

You Show Us the Path of Life (8, 9:30 a.m.)
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.

Psalm 139 (11 a.m.)
music: Allen Pote; Village Voices

Call to Worship

Rev. Brian Ellison, parish associate

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

God said, "Let there be light."

Then God said, "Let there be a sky.

And let the waters be gathered together, and let dry land appear."

God said, "Let there be the sun and the moon, to give seasons and rhythm.

And let the seas be filled with creatures, and the skies be filled with birds."

Then God said, "Let there be animals of all kinds.

And let there be people, created in my image, to live here and be blessed."

It was then that the heavens and the earth were finished.

It was then, on the final day of creation, that God created rest.

*Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

Choir: Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou our father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine.
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began,
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us.

Unlike the psalmist,

**we are afraid to lie down in green pastures
or rest beside still waters.**

Unlike Matthew, the gospel writer,

**we forget the words of Jesus
and insist on carrying heavy burdens.**

Unlike Paul, the apostle,

**we are not always sure that nothing can separate us
from the love of God.**

**Forgive us when we are fragile enough to believe
that our brokenness is stronger than your love.**

We trust you; help us to trust you more. (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: The PAL Program

Gail Arther & Kathy Wells

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Sandy Linson (8 a.m.), George Beaumont (9:30 a.m.), Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Call to Prayer

Calm to the Waves
CALM SEAS

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 image shows a musical score for two voices, Treble and Bass clefs, in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

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

Wondrous Cool, Thou Woodland Quiet

words: Paul Heyse, trans. Henry S. Drinker; music: Johannes Brahms;
Jee-Yeun Kim, Jana Hutsler, Jeff Howe, Devin Burton, music ministry interns

Wondrous cool, thou woodland quiet,
Thee a thousand times I greet;
Far away from rush and riot,
Ah, thy soothing sounds are sweet!
Dreaming on thy mossy carpet,
Here is rest and peace;
'Tis as if, beneath thy shadows,
All my cares and troubles cease.

Here 'mid simple needs and pleasures,
Be thou still, my beating heart!
Peace and silence hover round me,
Care and bitterness depart.
Sing ye sweet, ye woodland voices,
Sing your slumber song!
Cares and worries be forgotten,
All ye troubles, get you gone.

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:23-28

Sermon

Who Needs a Nap?

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind

REST

1 Dear Lord, Creator good and kind for-give our fool-ish
 2 In sim-ple trust like theirs who heard be-side the Syr-ian
 3 O Sab-bath rest by Gal-i-lee, O calm of hills a-
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui-et-ness, till all our striv-ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de-sire thy cool-ness and thy

ways; re-clothe us in our right-ful mind, in
 sea the gra-cious call-ing of the Lord, let
 above, where Je-sus knelt to share with thee the hills a-
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re-tire; speak

pur-er lives thy ser-vice find, in deep-er rev-erence, praise.
 us, like them, with-out a word rise up and fol-low thee.
 si-lence of e-ter-ni-ty, in-ter-pret-ed by love!
 let our or-dered lives con-fess the beau-ty of thy peace.
 through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

Offertory

Sweet Home

music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Wendell Whalum; The Village Choir

*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

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

*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*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of September 28, 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. 28

James 1:1-15

James is a short book, but a hard book. We get a taste of that right away, being instructed to view all of our trials as nothing but joy. The next verses sounds a little bit like, "That which doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." (By the way, those words aren't in the Bible.) How is this idea helpful? How is it harmful?

Tuesday, Sept. 29

James 1:16-27

This section has lots of quotable moments: beautiful language about God and strong language about how to live in faithful obedience to God. Here's the short version, according to James: know the word of God, and act on it. Focus on service to those who need it most, including those who are most often overlooked and undervalued.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

James 5:13-18

Pray for one another. Whether are suffering, cheerful, sick, or otherwise, this letter claims, we are to be people of prayer. But not only are we to pray for one another, we are to let others pray for us. It seems almost unbelievable that prayers, our prayers, can have such an impact. Who are you praying for? And who are you allowing to truly pray for you?

Thursday, Oct. 1

Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission. Jesus sends his disciples out to spread the good news, baptizing and teaching. It is a mission statement for the Church. There is also a mission statement for Jesus. "I am with you always, to the end of the age," he says. He, who much earlier in this Gospel was called Emmanuel, God-with-us, is our leader, but also our companion, accompanist and comforter.

Friday, Oct. 2

Ezekiel 1:28-3:3

Ezekiel is one of the wilder books of the Bible (and that's saying something). Much like Revelation, it is apocalypse at its best, filled with other-worldly creatures and bizarre images. Here, the mortal is told to eat a scroll, a scroll covered in words of mourning and woe. What words of scripture do you most need to internalize today?

Saturday, Oct. 3

Ezekiel 3:4-17

Here the mortal is warned about people with hard foreheads and stubborn hearts. Where is your head hard, your heart stubborn? And what are you missing out on because of it? Know that you aren't alone in this. Also know it is something worth working on.

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 in the narthex or outside of Friendship Hall

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL - 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.

KIDS' KINGDOM - Please note the following changes:

K-1ST GRADE has a brand new curriculum! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. 1st Grade meets in Room 303. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

AARP 55 ALIVE DRIVING CLASS will be held on Oct. 15 & 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Room 126. Classes will be taught by a veteran instructor. The cost is \$20 (\$15 if you are an AARP member) per person payable to AARP. Bring a brown bag lunch or eat out. Contact Marianne, 913-671-2333 to enroll.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U COURSES:

Day Trip to Historic Fort Leavenworth - Travel in a 27-passenger Arrow minibus to historic Fort Leavenworth where you will visit the Frontier Army Museum. Take a driving tour of the beautiful grounds and learn about the oldest active Army post west of the Mississippi. The Frontier Conference Center will offer a full buffet lunch. Led by Georgia Klein. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1. Cost: \$20 plus lunch.

VILLAGE TALK WILL HOST TWO SPECIAL GUESTS IN OCTOBER

Oct. 14 Rev. Brian Ellison will host Gary Forsee, successful business and community leader. A Kansas City native, Forsee had a distinguished business career in the telecommunication industry for 3½ decades with Southwestern Bell, AT&T, and as chairman and CEO of Sprint Nextel before becoming president of the University of Missouri system. He will share his common sense practicality in a conversation about the challenges of both business and education today. 6:30-8 p.m. in the Chapel.

Oct. 25 Rev. Brian Ellison will host former Senator John Danforth in a special Sunday evening edition of Village Talk, discussing his new book *The Relevance of Religion: How Faithful People Can Change Politics*. Michael Gerson, a *Washington Post* columnist, writes, "*The Relevance of Religion* summarizes the lessons of a life of service, and makes an urgent plea for the humane values that often come from faith. It is an admirable book rooted in an admirable life." 6:30-8 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER SEPT. 30 - The menu is roasted chicken, wild rice pilaf, sweet potato casserole, 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.

FLU SHOTS will be given from 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in Room 230 and from 9-11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, in Room 233. Most insurance is accepted.

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

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.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT OCT. 10 - The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church is partnering with the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition (SSC) to host a Recycling/Reuse Event from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 10, in the south parking lot. There is a suggested \$20 tax deductible donation per car to support SSC and its mission to foster earth care in congregations. You may drop-off old computers, components, printers, copiers, cell phones and A/V equipment. Small appliances in good working condition will also be accepted. No TVs will be accepted. Go to the Environmental Action Projects web page on villagepres.org for more information.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY - Thanks for your generous donations for PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY last week! This week we are asking for hearty soups. These are more nourishing than the condensed soups, very easy to prepare and in great demand. The Clothes Closet will now be accepting winter clothing - but Large and X-Large sized clothing is needed for all seasons.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCT. 4 and the Peace and Global Witness offering. Fifty percent of the money donated enables the Peacemaking Program to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the Presbyterian Church; 25% is given to our presbytery and synod for their peacemaking efforts; and 25% is retained by Village Church for our own peacemaking ministry. Donation envelopes are available in the Friendship Folders on each aisle.

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. next Sunday, Oct. 4. The concert is free and will be in Friendship Hall.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL ON OCT. 8 – Pianist Mike Kirkendoll, associate professor of music at KU, will perform show-stopping piano works at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in Friendship Hall. The 30-minute performance is free.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT OCT. 11 - The Kansas City Wind Symphony, which is sponsored by the Village Presbyterian Church's Music Ministry Department, will begin this 18th season with a free concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. Due to the Village Church Sanctuary construction, this concert will be held at Faith Lutheran Church at 67th and Roe in Prairie Village. Call 913-671-2344 or 816-835-5943 for more information.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

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. Contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

NEED A NURSE? – The Village Nurses are happy to take your blood pressure on Sunday mornings. You can find them in the Small Dining Room, where they will be through Oct. 25.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

DINING WITH SPIRIT - Please join us for our first official Women with Spirit event for the 2015-16 school year. It is Wednesday night dinner at Village with a twist, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 30, in Friendship Hall. Husbands and kiddos are encouraged to join us. We look forward to breaking bread together with old friends and new ones alike. RSVP to Niki Krenzel at susannkrenzel@aol.com by Sept. 27.

LUNCH WITH LEN - WOW! - All ladies are invited to "Lunch with Len" at the WOW (Women of Wisdom) lunch at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 20 in the Heritage Dining Room at Village. Following lunch, we will enjoy our guest speaker, Rev. Len Carrell, associate pastor of Pastoral Care, who will share his fascinating past. **Early RSVP By Oct. 11 is required!** RSVP to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608 or to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net or 913-432-4321. Lunch is \$10, payable at the door.

MISSION SEWING - We are enjoying our new machines. What a gift! Knitters: Stop in any Tuesday and pick up your Christmas yarn for the baby caps. We continue to do our best to fill the requests from our agencies and hospitals. We love the feedback that we get from Village members who have been hospitalized and find that they have been given an item with one of our labels on it. Stop by and check us out in the Mission Sewing Room directly underneath the Chapel.

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.

GPS M.S. YOUTH GROUP – meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

CHEER H.S. YOUTH GROUP – meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

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

Bring your family

and your lawn chairs and choose from four amazing, gourmet food trucks, from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, in the south parking lot. Food is very reasonably priced. Drinks will be provided.

Kick back and enjoy these good eats while listening to a live blues band, The Prairie Earth Ensemble.

Our food trucks include:

KC BBQ - featuring hickory-smoked ribs, brisket, pulled pork, hot links and many other side dishes and specialty items.

Crave of Kansas City - featuring carnitas, chicken, fish tacos, loaded nachos and more!

Beauty of the Bistro - featuring gourmet burgers, crawfish mac & cheese and more!

The Cupcake Cruiser - featuring luscious dessert cakes.

This event is sponsored by the Connectional Ministries Committee. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 for more information.



You're Invited to An Open House Today at the New Neema Community Church Location in Olathe

Village Church members are invited to attend Grand Opening celebration at Neema's new Olathe location at 621 South Lee Avenue from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today. This space was previously First Presbyterian Church. The move allows all 400+ members of Neema to worship together on Sundays, as well as find ample parking. The change will help nurture the needs of their members and give them room to grow.

We congratulate Rev. Dr. David Nzioka and the Neema congregation for how much they have grown and continue to grow. Thank you Village for supporting the Neema fellowship since its inception.

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.

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| 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 ❖ Rev. 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.