



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

There are a lot of tables in Jesus' ministry. Jesus both talked about and enjoyed a good feast. When people gather at a table to eat together, there is a chance of seeing the Kingdom of God with a kind of clarity that is hard to find anywhere else. Of course a good meal can be ruined in a number of ways. Enact the wrong dining faux pas, and gaining a glimpse of the Kingdom will be hard to come by.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Choral Introit

You Show Us the Path of Life (8, 11 a.m.)
music: Bram Wayman; words: Psalm 16:11

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (9:30 a.m.)
setting: Jake Runestad; Alegría

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

You who are poor, why have you come?

To hear good news.

You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

To heal our hearts.

You who are captive, why have you come?

To be released from what binds us.

We come in our need, and bring with us the needs of the world.

**We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus Christ,
and we are welcomed here in love.**

*Hymn

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
UNION SEMINARY



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God,

This table is so familiar and this bread is so ordinary.

Forgive us when we look past the promises they contain.

We hunger for acceptance and belonging;

we thirst for a world that knows justice and peace;

we fear that is too much to ask.

We wonder if change is possible,

and we doubt that we have what it takes.

We forget that grace is rarely flashy,

and that redemption almost always whispers.

Remind us that your miracles are as close to us as our neighbor.

Show us again what you can do with common people sharing a common meal.

(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!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Laura Hewitt (8 a.m.), Margaret Veglahn (9:30 a.m.), Jacob Martin (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:9-13

Musical Offering

Peace Be With You

music: Susan Hulsman Bingham; words: Peace Be With You
sung in twelve languages: Portuguese, Zulu, Croatian, Hebrew, Hindi,
Bengali, Chinese, Thai, English, Norwegian, Arabic and Russian

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

Sermon

What's in Your Lunch Box?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace
TABLE OF GRACE

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace...

3 Come to the table of love...

Offertory

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
words and music: Cesárea Gabaráin; Village Voices

Spanish Translation:

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side, I will seek other seas.*

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body. You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Linstead



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*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 October 5, 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, Oct. 5

Matthew 5:3

In the Greek - "Blessed are they," is better read as "happy are they." The verb here does not convey something past tense, but on going. It's an action happening in the here and now. And the "poor" it references is not talking about living without material possessions, or even perhaps living with a deficiency of belief. It's referring to us who find ourselves completely humbled and helpless by life, and who strive to put our full trust in God.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Matthew 5:4

If the first beatitude suggests we can be detached from things, the second one insists we are never detached from each other. To mourn is to know the pain of deep sorrow, and to know sorrow that runs deep is to know the comfort of a loved one. And to know the comfort of those who love us is to know that God's love is active and real for us.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Matthew 5:5

A great Roman teacher once said of his fellow scholars, "They would no doubt be excellent students, if they were not already convinced of their own knowledge." Meekness in the ancient world was understood very differently than in our modern context. On the surface, to know meekness is not being spineless or submissive, but to know our own limitations, especially in the reality of this life, living in the presence of God.

Thursday, Oct. 8

Matthew 5:6

To say we know hunger and thirst like those who truly have nothing to eat or drink would be an outrageous assumption. But to hunger and thirst for the goodness of God like one who is desperate for nourishment and for the life giving taste of water is the power of this statement.

Friday, Oct. 9

Matthew 5:7

Forgiveness is at the core of the gospel and of Jesus's prayer. To know and accept that we are forgiven is to first forgive one another. But this suggests something much more than that. This kind of mercy is a sympathy that places us right inside the other person's skin, to walk in their shoes, to see through their eyes, to feel what they feel.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Matthew 5:8

This charge is to live our daily lives in continuous self-examination. When do we stop, reflect and really see the person in the mirror? To find purity in our hearts is to constantly seek God's handprint on it. And to do so means we take full inventory of our thoughts and actions, and of our motivations in doing them.

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.

TODAY is World Communion Sunday 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.

DANCING THE EDGE OF MYSTERY CONCERT/LECTURE THIS AFTERNOON - Come enjoy jazz pianist Eugene Lowry and bass player Tyrone Clark at 3 p.m. today in Friendship Hall as they explore the evocative power of music in the presence of the ultimate mystery! The mystery of god at the heart of the universe lies beyond our usual knowing. Hence, "divine manifestation" may be given the nuance of indirection. Art forms such as jazz may provide a hint, a suggestion, a momentary glimpse of the Divine better than even the most eloquent of human speech. Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Lowry served as a professor of preaching for over 30 years at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri. Tyrone Clark has played professionally since he was 18. The concert is free and open to the public.

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. today** in Room 132 or email Lisa@LisaBallTravelDesign.com.

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.

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

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.

WHEN SELF-CARE IS THE MOST LOVING THING TO DO FOR THE ONE YOU CAREGIVE - If you are a caregiver for an aging parent, spouse, sibling, friend or other loved ones, this discussion is for you. Burn-out, stress-out, frustration, fatigue, and depletion of joy are common in caregivers, yet the emphasis and resources remain focused on the person(s) we care for because they are the ones who are ill and most needy. We will discuss how putting the caregiver's needs FIRST is not only the most loving thing to do... it is also the most logical. Taught by Penny Shaffer. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in Room 127.

SERMON CONVERSATIONS - Have you ever wished for an opportunity to talk with friends about one of Tom Are's sermons? If so, this class is exactly what you've been waiting for. Each 50-minute class will view a sermon from the church's sermon archive, followed by time for discussion facilitated by a host couple. There are no right answers; you don't need to come every week; and the conversation will be good. Led by Rex and Arlene Raudenbush. 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 7-28, in Room 232.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER OCT. 7 - The menu is salmon patties with cream sauce, lemon horseradish roasted new potatoes, zucchini herb 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.

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. 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 next 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 wonderful support of PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY - the Food Pantry collected **750 pounds** of peanut butter, that will keep the Pantry's shelves stocked for about two months! During October, the nip in the air makes the Pantry think of hot hearty soup for lunch or dinner. You can help by bringing hearty soups on each visit to the church.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

BEING THERE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY ADDICTION - Troy Matthews, BA, LAC/Valley Hope Center will discuss how you can be there for someone who is affected by addiction on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 5 p.m. in Room 132. This presentation is open to the congregation and the public, and is sponsored by Stephen Ministry.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY - If you are looking for a quiet, contemplative worship experience, please join us for our Taizé worship service next Sunday, Oct. 11, at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. The service includes scripture, silence, some songs and sharing communion.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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.

PAGE TURNERS MEETING OCT. 27 - This will be a group effort, presenting reviews of three books by Robert Louis Stevenson: *Kidnapped*, *Treasure Island*, and *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Last year the group was inspired to read these books after reading and discussing *Under the Wide and Starry Sky*, a book about Stevenson's life. Page Turners meet in Room 127 on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome - to join the discussion or just to enjoy listening.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

TWOSDAYS - Middle schoolers join us Tuesday after school from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, 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.

WINTER SKI TRIP FORMS - are available online at villagepresyouth.org/forms. All 7-12 graders, join us from Jan. 15-19, 2016.



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.

NEW SERMON SERIES

The Giver That Keeps On Giving

One way to speak of God's relationship with the world is to note that every interaction God has is an act of generosity. The Apostle Paul writes, "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus." He writes this to the Corinthians, but he could have written it to us. But Jesus is not the only gift of God's grace. So is God's work of creation itself. Even the law as well as the prophets are expressions of God's generosity. This sermon series will focus on God as *The Giver That Keeps on Giving*.

Oct. 11	Creation-The First Act of Grace
Oct. 18	This Call is for You
Oct. 25	Where There is a Way, There is a Life
Nov. 1	It Looks Like This is Never Going to Stop
Nov. 8	Life Is Good and It's the Real Thing
Nov. 15	Perhaps the Craziest, Surprising, Most Beautiful Gift of All
Nov. 22	This is Our Time

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.