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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 18, 2015 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

God is a calling God. God called Jeremiah to be a prophet. God called David to be a king. Jesus called many to come and follow him. But before any of these, God called Abraham and Sarah. The destination was less than certain but the process was clear enough. The result would be the formation of the Hebrew people. God is still a calling God and there is, no doubt, a calling with your name on it.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

God called Abraham to leave his homeland and father a new nation,  
and called Moses to lead his people through the wilderness.

**God called Mary to give birth to Love Incarnate,  
and called Paul to tell about Jesus in a way that would change our hearts.**

God called Martin Luther to teach us about grace,  
and called Martin Luther King, Jr. to dream.

**God called John Calvin to show us new ways to read the bible,  
and called Margaret Towner and Rachel Henderlite to preach with alto voices.**

God called Bob Meneilly to build this church,  
and God is calling you.

\*Hymn

*The Lord Is God*  
AZMON

1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise  
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,  
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.  
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.  
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.  
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace

Loving God, forgive me, for I have not trusted your voice.  
I have been convinced of my inadequacy. This impacts my neighbor.  
I have been afraid of failure. This wounds the world.  
I have not recognized the gifts you have given me,  
or the grace you have offered me. This breaks your heart.

**Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do;  
whoever you are, whoever you may one day still become;  
God forgives you and God accepts you.**

**You are loved unconditionally by the one who calls you into life.**

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**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Response

*Raise a Song of Gladness*  
JUBILATE DEO



Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth.



Christ has come, bring-ing peace, joy to ev - ery heart.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!

\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*  
CONFITEMINI DOMINO

The musical score is written for a choir in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.' The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia! Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!' The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

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

*Deep River*  
Traditional spiritual, arr. by Matthew Culloton; Village Choir

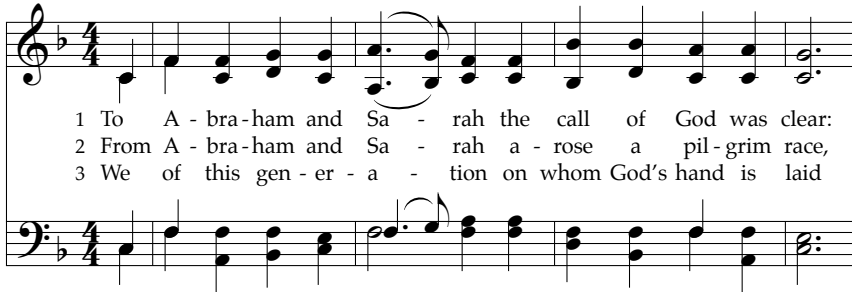
Prayer for Illumination Bruce Williams (8 a.m.), Kevin Hennessy (9:30 a.m.), Ruth Johnson (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

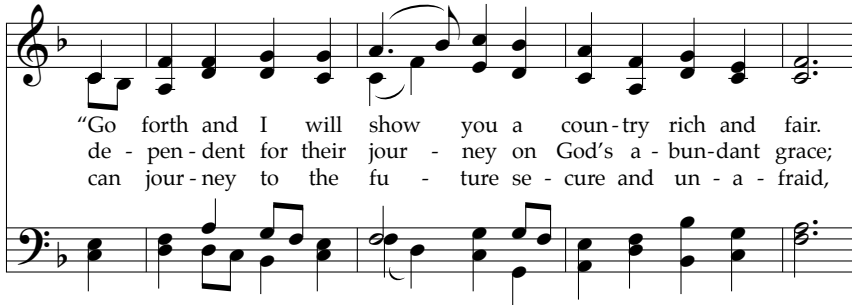
Genesis 12:1-3

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

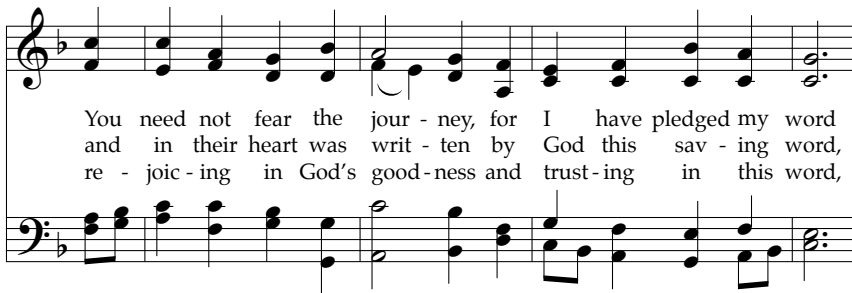
\*Hymn

To Abraham and Sarah  
LLANFYLLIN


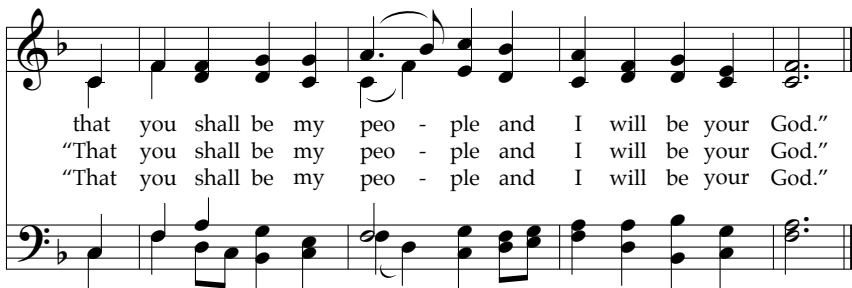
1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:  
2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,  
3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid



"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.  
de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;  
can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,



You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word  
and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,  
re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,



that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
"That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
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Offertory

*Seize the Day* (8, 9:30 a.m.)  
by: Carolyn Arend; Greg Gagnon and Elisa Bickers

*Come Christians, Join to Sing* (11 a.m.)  
Cuban folk melody, arr. by Hal Hopson; Village Voices and Morning Stars Children's 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

*Be Thou My Vision*  
SLANE

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

\*Benediction

\*Response

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

\*Postlude

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of October 19, 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. 19**

**Matthew 5: 21-26**

If you have had a relationship struggle through injury, you understand the importance of this passage. The text is about worship: bringing your gift to the altar. It demonstrates that how we relate to our neighbors is a matter of worship. Doing all we can to ensure right relationships is a gift we bring to God's altar. Who has shown you care for relationships?

### **Tuesday, Oct. 20**

**Psalm 138**

The Psalms are filled with thanksgiving, as is this one. Take time to reflect on your reasons to be grateful. The interesting thing is this: the practice of giving thanks to God can actually make us more grateful people.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 21**

**Matthew 5:38-48**

Perfect? This does not mean "free from mistake" but rather "devoted to God's purposes." Those who attack us or are seen as our enemies can influence us—we may react like them. Jesus calls his followers to live as God's children in every circumstance. Think of your most difficult life circumstance. What would it mean to remember that you belong to God even in that circumstance?

### **Thursday, Oct. 22**

**Luke 4:14-30**

Luke tells us that this was Jesus' first sermon. Those who heard it loved it (v22) but they also hated it! What do you like most about the Christian faith? What do you find most difficult?

### **Friday, Oct. 23**

**Luke 5:1-11**

Peter had the best day possible for a fisherman. It was on this day, the best day Peter could imagine, that he learns God has bigger plans for his life. How big are your plans?

### **Saturday, Oct. 24**

**Psalm 119:105-114**

The Psalmist says, "I do not forget your law." Every day we make decisions...most of them small. All of them matter to God. This is good news, for it means our lives matter to God. When we know that our lives matter to God (like parents care about how our children live...love always cares!), it is then that we want to remember God's law, or God's purpose for us. Remembering God's purposes for our lives becomes a gift we give to God.

## 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.

**ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST LITTLE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH** - The roses on the communion table announce the birth of our newest members in our family of faith: Logan Christopher Heinrich (Josh and Joey Heinrich, parents); Broderick Davis Dercher (Jessica and Tom Dercher, parents); and John Warren Gamble (Lindsay and David Gamble, parents). If you are a member of Village and have a new baby, share the excitement with us. Call 913-671-2359 or 913-671-2355. A rose will be placed on the communion table in honor of these precious children of God.

**FLU SHOTS** will be given from 9-11 a.m. today in Room 233. Most insurance is accepted.

**FALL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL TODAY FROM 5-7 P.M.** – Please join us in the south parking lot this afternoon for the first Fall Food Truck Festival. Choose from four amazing food trucks and enjoy live music from The Prairie Earth Ensemble. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and your lawn chairs. Village will provide the drinks. This event is sponsored by the Connectional Ministries Committee.

**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 near the exit.

## 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** - 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

**Oct. 25 Rev. Brian Ellison will host former Senator John Danforth** talking about 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.**

**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.

**Led by Rex and Arlene Raudenbush. 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, now-Oct. 28, in Room 232.**

**Last Acts of Love** - Navigating through the various aspects surrounding death can be difficult, and sometimes intimidating. This four-week series will help you and your family with conversations about end-of-life issues. **Taught by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 21-Nov. 18, in Room 126.**

**Day Trip to The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics – Lawrence, Kansas** - The Dole Institute celebrates public service and promotes civil discourse and the legacy of Senator Bob Dole with a museum gallery that tells the story of the senator's extraordinary life. Stop for lunch on the way back to the church. **There is a fee for transportation. Led by Georgia Klein. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5. Cost: \$20 plus lunch.**



## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER OCT. 21** - Pork fajitas, vegetable fajitas, flour & corn tortillas, Mexican rice, beans, salad bar, dessert. Price is \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar, dessert & drink, \$3 for children ages 3-10, ages 2 & under are free. Call 913-671-2334 or email [stacy.fischer@villagepres.org](mailto:stacy.fischer@villagepres.org), or go to [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) under Connectional Ministries to make a reservation.

## COMPUTER MINISTRY

**INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER CLASSES** will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 27-Nov. 17, or from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 28-Nov. 18, in Room 316. Email or call [stacy.fischer@villagepres.org](mailto:stacy.fischer@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2334 to sign up for classes.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

**SHOE-IN IN OCTOBER** - Bring your gently used footwear to church, and place them in the barrels that are 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.

## MISSION

**FOOD PANTRY** - Next week you will be receiving the list of items needed to complete one of the Thanksgiving Baskets for the Food Pantry's clients. Collection starts on Nov. 1. For the final weeks in October, the Pantry is asking for hearty soups, a very important staple in the clients' diet. Please bring several cans with you to church on each visit. The Clothes Closet is accepting gently worn, clean and sized cold weather clothing.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online visit [esavealifenow.org](http://esavealifenow.org) and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. to noon today. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or [acolston1113@gmail.com](mailto:acolston1113@gmail.com) for additional details.

**HEARTLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** invites members to the first Community Partner Open House from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, at 223 Mill St. in Kansas City, Kansas. Enjoy a free lunch as you tour the current build plan and learn about their latest home efficiency technology that helps consumers keep their cost of living low and their home affordable. To RSVP by Oct. 19, call Brenda at 913-342-3047.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**LATEST FINDINGS IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH** – Dr. Jeffrey Burns, co-director of the Alzheimer's Program at KU Hospital, will present the latest research findings for this disease at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22, in Room 228. Stephen Ministry sponsors this presentation. All are welcome to come.

**FLOWERS BRING JOY** – Every Sunday volunteers take a little bit of sunshine when they deliver flowers to those members who may be in the hospital or in a rehab or assisted living facility. Each volunteer chooses when and how many times a year he/she can deliver flowers. The average time commitment is less than one hour. We need your help! If you would like to volunteer, contact Nancy Skidmore at 913-491-3257 or [NancySkidmore48@gmail.com](mailto:NancySkidmore48@gmail.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**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 to just enjoy listening.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

**WINTER SKI TRIP FORMS** – are available online at [villagepresyouth.org/forms](http://villagepresyouth.org/forms). All 7-12 graders, join us from Jan. 15-19, 2016.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 91 ANNUAL HOLIDAY WREATHS AND GARLAND SALE** - The Boy Scouts of Troop 91 will be selling beautiful holiday wreaths and garlands from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. today and Oct. 25. This is the main fundraiser for the Troop. You will find tables near the south doors of the church facing the main parking lot. Stop by and choose from freshly made, long-lasting evergreen garlands, pine cones, centerpieces and wreaths for yourself, or to send as a gift to relatives and friends. Deliveries will arrive on Nov. 22 & 29. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Endowment Trust

Is Village Church Endowment Trust included in your estate plan? Let us know and become a member of the Meneilly Society. Call Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or email her at [molly.sirridge@villagepres.org](mailto:molly.sirridge@villagepres.org).

### Village Church Family Development Center at 99th & Mission: Follow Pearce for Project Updates!

Pearce Construction is gearing up to keep the constituents of Village Presbyterian Church apprised of the construction progress at the new Child & Family Development Center. For the most up-to-date news, photos and information on the construction project, please LIKE Pearce Construction on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Pearce-Construction-369218803277189/timeline/> or follow them on Twitter@PearceGC.

You may also sign up for their newsletter at [www.pearceconstruction.com](http://www.pearceconstruction.com). Pearce is excited to be a part of this project and to share its progress with the Village congregation!



**Bring your family** and your lawn chairs and choose from four amazing, gourmet food trucks, from 5-7 p.m. today 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
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>This Call is for You</b>
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

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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 ❖ 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

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.*