



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 25, 2019 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

This summer we met various people from Scripture and discovered ways in which they are not too different from us. Today, as our youth lead us in worship, they will share about people they interacted with during various mission trips this summer and discovered that they, too, surprised us in inspiring, Spirit-filled ways.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Allegro ma non troppo from Sonata No. 20
by Ludwig van Beethoven; Mac Muehlberger

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker & Jenna Soltys

Call to Worship

Sabrina Thuenemann & Jennifer Wheeler (9:30 a.m.)
George Luetje & Will Merckens (11 a.m.)

God calls each of us to love others:

**To give justice to the weak and the orphan,
to rescue the weak and the needy.**

What is the greatest commandment?

**Love our God with all our heart and soul and mind,
and love our neighbor as ourselves.**

When we help those who are in need,

we seek to bring about God's Kingdom.

God is at work in the world.

We seek God to be at work in our hearts.

*Hymn, No. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Confession

Lucille Winter (9:30 a.m.)
Emma Barickman (11 a.m.)

**Patient and surprising God,
Your desire is that we would love each other
just as You love us.**

**But too often we refuse to see the humanity of others,
or worse, fail to see You in one another.**

**We spend too much time tending to our wants,
and not enough time tending to the needs of others.**

Forgive us.

**Help us respond to others with the same love and mercy
You offer to us each and every day.**

**Give us eyes to see and hearts to respond to need
when we see it.**

Our desire is to care for all Your beloved children. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

Katie Parks (9:30 a.m.)

Annie Elmore (11 a.m.)

*Response

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Grace Strongman (9:30 a.m.)

Sophie Sun (11 a.m.)

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.

Anthem

Unity
by Glorraine B. Moone; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

James Schipfer (9:30 a.m.)
Allison Wilcox (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Philemon 1:8-18 (pg. 1088)

Sophia Thuenemann (9:30 a.m.)
Margaret Veglahn (11 a.m.)

Sermons

Tyler Strongman, Lily Webb, Abby Schipfer (9:30 a.m.)
Autumn Sun, Radley Brown, Sienna Sun (11 a.m.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me
KELVINGROVE

Call for Offering

Lauren Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.)
Blake Nunnelee (11 a.m.)

Offertory

Peace Like a River
Arr. by Kevin Dolan; Village Voices & Youth Band

*Response (from Hymn, No. 692)

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Maggie Schutt (9:30 a.m.)
Ben Blickhan (11 a.m.)

*Hymn

Shelter
by Bear Rinehart, Bo Rinehart

Ramblers in the wilderness, we can't find what we need
Get a little restless from the searching, get a little worn down in between
Like a bull chasing a matador, are we left to our own schemes?
Everybody needs someone beside them shining like a lighthouse from the sea

Chorus:

**Brother let me be your shelter, I'll never leave you all alone
I can be the one you call, when you're low
Sister let me be your fortress, when the night winds are driving on
Be the one to light the way, bring you home**

Face down in the desert now, there's a cage locked around my heart
I found a way to drop the keys where my failures were, now my hands can't reach that far
I ain't made for a rivalry, I could never take the world alone
I know that in my weakness I am stronger, it's your love that brings me home

(Chorus)

And when you call and need me near
Saying where'd you go, brother, I'm right here
And on those days, where the sky begins to fall
You're the blood of my blood, we can get through it all

(Chorus x2)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Brother let me be your shelter, I'll never leave you all alone
I can be the one you call, when you're low
Sister let me be your fortress, when the night winds are driving on
Be the one to light the way, bring you home**

*Postlude

March
by Henry Purcell

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 26, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker and are 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, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, Aug. 26

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Just about every prophet has a 'call narrative,' a story of when God calls them to prophetic work. And in every story the prophet explains why they aren't the right person for the job. When God calls us, even the prophets felt unprepared, unfit, unworthy. Perhaps rather than being perfect, it is our imperfection that makes us ready to serve God.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Psalms 71

An amazing Psalm of comfort, hope, and praise. How can you pray about each section in this psalm: refuge, hope, request, speaking about God, God's righteousness and praise?

Wednesday, Aug. 28

Isaiah 58:9b-14

These verses speak of what can happen when we pay attention to God's desires for us and act on those in this world. It points to hope for change in this present world, as well as in our own hearts. What are some ways you are heeding God's desires as Isaiah outlines?

Thursday, Aug. 29

Hebrews 12:18-29

"Indeed our God is a consuming fire." The author of Hebrews speaks of God with amazing awe, pointing out ways in which we should rejoice and be humbled by God. We don't often think of God in terms like "consuming fire" but maybe we should more often. Perhaps if we did so we would pay closer attention to the ways God loves us with such passion.

Friday, Aug. 30

Psalms 103

In seminary I had a class where we began by reciting the first five verses of this psalm. It wasn't a bad way to start a class, and wouldn't be a bad set of verses to integrate into your prayer life if you sometimes struggle with what to say.

Saturday, Aug. 31

Luke 13:10-17

What might it mean to "stand up straight" as a result of an interaction with Jesus? This woman had been stooping for 18 years, but her interaction with Jesus healed her. Many of us have struggled with something for many years, and as a result we feel weighed down or bent over. Perhaps encountering Jesus also means gaining the courage to let it go, or to stand up to whatever weight we have been carrying for so long.

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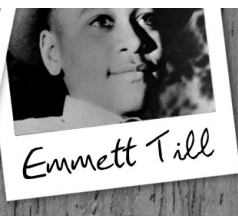
PEANUT BUTTER *Sunday*

Please bring jars to church
for the Village Food Pantry

Sept. 8



End of Life Care



Emmett Till



Pointer Sisters



Jewish Scripture

Registration now open for church members

Opens at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Aug. 26 for the community

See course listings at

www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes



TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

DISCOVER VILLAGE KIOSKS - Located at the North Welcome Center entrance and in Friendship Hall, Discover Village is a place where people can share conversation, ask questions of our hosts and enjoy a cookie. Whether you are newer to Village or a long-time member and have an interest in serving, connecting, or growing, come to the Discover Village kiosk. I hope to see you soon! (Cindy Wilcox, director of connectional ministries)

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, providing leadership for the transformation of our communities and serving the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshipping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park). If you would like a tour of Village on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH - Village welcomes new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. Join us Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for information.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to enjoy during worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

HUNGRY? COME TO THE FEAST! - By popular demand, we are offering The Feast a second time. This event begins with a Saturday retreat on Oct. 19 and continues with four Saturday morning sessions. If you want to deepen your spiritual life as a follower of Jesus Christ through a variety of spiritual practices, we invite you to join us at the table. Judy Cooper, Ed Dexter, Bob Fletcher, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Michelle O'Neal and Susan Satterlee are the leadership team. For more information, contact Sunni Battin at sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

TECH TALK - 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, in Room 316. Tony Liu will explore methods, including user IDs and passwords, of staying organized using various Smart devices. He will discuss the use of historical data when synchronizing internet browsers or apps on various Smart devices. Tony will demonstrate safe ways to authenticate and access your internet tools using a Smartphone, tablet or computer.

FALL VILLAGE U - Registration for church members is now open. Registration for community members opens at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Aug. 26. **Online registration is encouraged.** Some of the upcoming classes are:

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN - 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 6-Dec. 6, in Room 126. Take a deep dive into aspects of our faith and our faith experiences with an engaged and engaging group of women. Join a lively discussion about our beliefs and our spirituality as we consider Richard Rohr's "The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe" from a women's perspective. Rev. Diane Quaintance is the facilitator. To order the book, call 913-850-8647.

CONTINUING WATERCOLOR - 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Dec. 11, in Rooms 232 & 233. Enjoy the company of other watercolor artists of all levels – from beginner to master. Child care is not available.

ROMANS: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25, & Oct. 2, 9, 16, in Rooms 232 & 233. Over four sessions, we will explore the major themes of Romans and will read through all of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome. We will come to understand how this work speaks to our lives today even as we claim our identity in the God "who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever! Amen!" Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka.

FINDING THE RIGHT CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE - 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Rooms 126 & 127. If you or a loved one needs care for medical needs beyond what routinely can be managed at home or in another living situation, it can be a daunting task to find and evaluate the available choices. This presentation will offer you guidance for making these choices including when limited income is an issue. Child care is not available.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

9:30-10:30 a.m. at Village Church on Mission beginning Sept. 8.

Registration is not required for Adult Sunday Morning Classes. Please come, grow and enjoy fellowship. Please note Growing Together will resume on Oct. 13.

THE FAITH JOURNEY class believes God gives each of us understanding for the journey according to our needs so, while one person's path may not be where another is led, we respect the Spirit in each of us. We are a community that grows and supports each other. Our format is to use book studies, guest speakers, and videos to explore new perspectives and examine our own beliefs. Facilitated by Kathy Ray in Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH offers challenging discussion on a wide range of topics based on presentations by visiting teachers or video-discussion format. Class members are singles and couples who enjoy participating in discussion and exploration of new ideas while welcoming a diversity of perspectives. Facilitated by Diann Markley in Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER invites you to join us in New Testament Bible study. We look for stories in the Bible and make connections using the What? So What? Now What? Framework. We are growing together in faith by applying these stories to our lives today. You will find an intimate group who uses video and discussion to make the Bible come alive. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre in Room 124. (Resumes Oct. 13)

VILLAGE FORUM is a lively class of adults ranging in age from their 30s to their 80s. Class topics include biblical studies, theology, social issues and church history. Discussion is encouraged, and classes are led by visiting teachers as well as class members. Facilitated by Dr. Gus Breyspraak in Room 126.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

ALL SERVICES–CHILD CARE - Infants to 4-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

SUNDAY FUNDAYS - 9:30 a.m. K-6th grade. Today, a woman for local non-profit The Healing Chair (which aids in recovery for breast cancer surgeries) talks to kids. Family worship is next Sunday, Sept. 1, with fall kick-off on Sept. 8.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES - The next baptism dates are Sept. 15 and Nov. 10. An education class is offered for all members who are planning to baptize their children at Village. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome your new arrival with a gift. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) registration is open through Aug. 31 at bit.ly/vpcmops. MOPS meet the first and third Tuesday mornings of the month at Village Church on Mission September through May. We gather for breakfast, coffee, and connecting with each other while hearing and discussing topics relevant to our mom life. We host monthly play dates and Mom's Nights Out to connect with each other outside our meetings. Fees for the 2019-20 MOPS year are \$60. The child care fee is \$25 per child per semester (child care spots are limited).

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

CASUAL GOLF OUTING - The monthly outings are a four person scramble format. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church to participate. The next outing is at Ironhorse on Tuesday, Sept. 10, with an 8 a.m. modified shotgun start. RSVP by Sept. 1. Sign up by contacting Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS, SEPTEMBER 2019-MAY 2020 dinners begin Sept. 11. People of all ages can gather before class, choir practice, or just take a night off from cooking. Chef Emily prepares a hot buffet, salad bar & dessert (\$7) or salad bar & dessert (\$6). Children ages 10 and under are free! Credit cards accepted. Menus: www.villagepres.org, Sunday bulletins, & weekly eNews. Reservations: required by noon every Monday. Contact Liz: 913-671-2359, or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org, or go online villagepres.org.

2019-2020 VILLAGE CONNECT (SMALL GROUP MINISTRY) is a way to strengthen faith through conversations, while making and deepening friendships. Trained leaders are provided, along with a video study developed by Rev. Tom Are. Open to the congregation and community, the groups include couples, women and mixed (men & women). Each group decides frequency, location, time for meetings. If you would like to participate, contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY - The Food Pantry's clients have enjoyed the variety of breakfast cereals that have been donated - Granola, Frosted Flakes, GrapeNuts, Cap'n Crunch, etc. Please continue and be generous with the varieties of cereal. A bowl of cereal is a great start to a school day. The Clothes Closet continues to need children's NEW underwear and socks in all sizes. Thank you for your donations.

DRMP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, CELEBRATION DOMINICANA - Join the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church for its festive annual fundraiser, Celebration Dominicana at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the historic Madrid Theatre, 3810 Main St. in Kansas City, Missouri. Tickets are \$75 each and includes dinner and drinks; ages 18 and under \$25. For tickets and sponsorships, visit www.villagepres.org/CD. For more information, contact Lora Garrison at lora.garrison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH AND FAXON - Front Porch Alliance PAL volunteers go to Faxon Elementary School one hour per week to help two children (K-6) with their math and reading. Volunteers choose age of the child and day and time. Contact Charlotte Davison at 913-908-4742 or charlottesdavison@gmail.com for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

ALEGRÍA YOUNG ADULT CHOIR - Are you a young adult who would like to make music with other young adults? Come sing with the Alegría Choir! "Alegría" is the Spanish word for "joy," and this group certainly is a joyful one. We rehearse most Thursday evenings from 6:30-6:58 p.m. in Room 14 and offer our music in Sunday morning worship three times per semester. The pieces we sing include Renaissance and Gospel music, and everything in between. Contact Elisa Bickers (elisa.bickers@villagepres.org; 913-671-2339) if you want more info.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL NEW SEASON BEGINS SEPT. 12 - You won't want to miss the season kickoff of our Second Thursday Recital Series featuring soprano Sarah Tannehill Anderson with pianist Jessica Koebbe. They'll perform a recital of Debussy and Fauré arias. The 12:15 p.m. concert in the Village Church on Mission Chapel is only 30 minutes long, leaving you time for the Meet-the-Artists reception afterward. Admission is free.

MUSIC SEASON KICKOFF CONCERT SEPT. 13 - Please join us at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for our Music Season Kickoff Concert. Our featured performers are Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin, and Heather Adelsberger, piano. Admission is free. A reception will follow the concert.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

GRIEF HURTS - Your heart is hurting. You miss your loved one. We are here to support you on your grief journey. One way we can help is inviting you to come to the next session of Growing Through Grief. Rev. Becky Chamberlain will facilitate this six-week series from 5:30-6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4-Oct. 9, in Room 124. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH-REV. SUZI DRURY ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 - Join us for our monthly Faith and Grief Lunch from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Rev. Suzi Drury will share her experience as a nurse in a community hospital. Lunch is provided. Registration is not required but is helpful; register at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

CELEBRATE SUMMER COOK OUT - 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, to come and celebrate the end of summer together! Location and RSVP online at VillagePresYA.org/calendar/cookout.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES STARTING SEPT. 8! - All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

SUNDAY MORNINGS – 9:30 a.m. today, Youth Loft (Room 333) for middle school, Upper Room (319) for high school.

SNL (high school youth group) – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program) – 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Youth Loft (Room 333).

GPS (middle school youth group) – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333), with rides to school available.

TRIPS REGISTRATION OPENS SEPT. 8 – You can register for the high school ski trip (Jan 18-22), middle school ski trip (Feb. 15-19), and Spring break Dominican Trip (March 14-21) starting on Sept. 8! Ski Trip forms are only available at youth programs for the first two weeks before online registration begins, Dominican trip is online only. Visit villagepresyouth.org/forms for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT SEPT. 21-22 – Join us as we take time away from our normal routine for a fun off-site overnight! Visit villagepresyouth.org/forms for more information.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

God May Not Be Who You Think She Is

Sept. 8-Oct. 27

This is a study of the Prophets. Sometimes the Prophets critique those who do not trust in God, but usually, they are correcting (or reminding) people's confused understandings of God. That's something all of us suffer from at times.

Sept. 8	Fire Shut Up in My Bones
Sept. 15	This Is Real Life
Sept. 22	We Have Been Here Before
Sept. 29	Isn't God Supposed to Bless Me?
Oct. 6	The Infinite and Finite (World Communion Sunday)
Oct. 13	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
Oct. 20	Someone's Crying, Lord
Oct. 27	I Don't Care What Other People Think... Too Bad

On Sunday, Sept. 8, we return to our regular Sunday worship schedule of 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Village Church on Mission, and 9:30 a.m. at Village Church on Antioch.

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Brooke Latas, director of children and family ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music

Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments ❖ Bob Sperry, interim director of finance

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission

Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Rev. Sally Wright, interim pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org.

Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."

Today's Sanctuary worship service will be re-broadcast at 8 a.m. next Sunday on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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.