SERVICE OF WORSHIP
September 22, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

There’s a song that says, “Life is hard and it might not get easier.” True enough. One of the difficult things about difficult times is they can leave us feeling like we are alone. Daniel was a prophet writing to people who were facing hard times, and one of the things he did was remind them that God’s people have faced hard times before. As another song says, “through many dangers, toils, and snares, we have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.”
Prelude

Amazing Grace
arr. John Gibson; Amy Jantz, clarinet
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters
Music Ministry
Rebecca Enslow (8 a.m.); Bob Zimmerman (9:30 a.m.); Dane Manis (11 a.m.)
Rev. Sally Wright

Call to Worship

Creator of the morning light,
we have come to worship You,
for You are the giver of life.
Redeemer of the mourning heart,
we have come to worship You,
for You are the giver of life abundant.
Sustainer of the widows and the children, the weak and the forgotten,
we have come to worship You,
for You have never given up on us.
You are our rock and our redeemer.

Hymn, No. 15 (v. 1-4)

All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Confession

God of all life,
be in our eyes, we pray,
that we would see what You see.
We have forgotten Your help in ages past,
so it is easy to lose hope for the years to come.
Be in our eyes that we might see,
and our hearts that we might love,
and our minds that we might remember You,
our help, our hope, and our home. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace
*Response (from Hymn, No. 641)

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)
Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.)
Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading Daniel 6:1-13 (pg. 812)

Call to Prayer (8 & 11 a.m.)

Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.

Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.

Call to Prayer (9:30 a.m.)

Within These Walls
by Stuart Duncan; Alegria Young Adult Choir

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.
Anthem

Il. Lento from Sonatina (8 a.m.)
by Joseph Horovitz; Amy Jantz, clarinet

It Is Well With My Soul (9:30 a.m.)
by Jake Runestad; Alegria Young Adult Choir

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho (11 a.m.)
traditional; Wayne Bates, trumpet

Scripture Reading

Daniel 6:14-24 (pg. 812)

Sermon

We Have Been Here Before
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!
WE ARE CALLED

Offertory

Daniel, Servant of the Lord
by Undine Smith Moore; Village Choir; Spencer Ruwe, tenor and Jacob Pfeiffer, bass

*Response (from Hymn, No. 708)

We give thee but thine own, what-e’er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 326 (v. 3 choir only)

For All the Saints
SINE NOMINE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
by Peter Lutkin

Darwall’s 148th
by Brenda Portman

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand
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A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

“I have been blessed.” These are not uncommon words. When life falls in pleasant places, it seems God has been generous in bestowing blessings upon us. And after all, isn’t God supposed to bless God’s children? Yes, but what does the blessing of God really look like in our lives. Some assume that when the circumstances of life are good, that is evidence of God's blessing. But the prophets say, not so fast. Having a comfortable life is not evidence that God is pleased. So, what would it mean to be blessed by God?

MUSIC NOTES

“Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord,” which tells today’s scripture in a highly dramatic fashion, is the most frequently performed sacred composition of composer Undine Smith Moore. A distinguished educator who considered herself “a teacher who composes, rather than a composer who teaches,” she came to be known as the “Dean of Black Women Composers.” Drawing from the rich traditions of African American music, Moore began composing while she was a student at Fisk University. Moore is best known for her choral works, including “Scenes from the Life of a Martyr” based on the works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Thanks to Amy Jantz, clarinet, and Wayne Bates, trumpet of the Village Players for sharing their gifts in worship today!
THE CHURCH’S BOOK  (Week of September 23, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Becky Chamberlain 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, Sept. 23  Psalm 105
This is a story of God’s gracious dealings with God’s people. The text tells of divine provision: the covenant with Abraham’s family, Joseph’s protection in Egypt; Moses, the plagues and the exodus, and food and water in the desert. The psalm is a song of praise, and the recital of God’s care motivates the people to keep covenant. Write or pray your own psalm of praise that cites specific details of God’s gracious dealings with you.

Tuesday, Sept. 24  Psalm 106
This psalm is a story of the people’s sin. Their biggest sin was forgetting God, that God was caring for them, loving them, leading them day by day. At the Red Sea, the people complained. In the wilderness they tested God; they became jealous of Moses and Aaron. They worshipped a metal idol. They had no faith in God’s promises. The beat goes on. This psalm reminds us that God is faithful even when we aren’t, because our God remembers and keeps covenant. Are you sometimes in danger of forgetting?

Wednesday, Sept. 25  Psalm 40
The new song comes out of the depths, after a long night of despair. God reached down into the “desolate pit” and into the mud and filth to put the despairing worshipper on firm footing. In a time of trouble, when all seemed lost, God heard, acted and gave a new song to sing. When troubles return, singing this song works as a reminder to trust in God’s future actions to save. Have you had this experience of rescue? Who needs you to tell your story and sing this song?

Thursday, Sept. 26  Psalm 73
This psalm speaks to me of those times when I am jealous of the prosperity of “the wicked.” From all appearances it seems like those who don’t care at all about God are enjoying the “good life” while the “righteous” are weighed down by trouble and sorrow. By the conclusion of the psalm, the psalmist has a bigger and better perspective (and so do I!). Check out especially verses 23-26. Beautiful!

Friday, Sept. 27  Psalm 116
In this psalm, we hear the psalmist link a recent act of deliverance, perhaps from illness, to an act of God. Although we might be tempted to attribute our good fortune to luck, hard work, or natural cycles, Psalm 116 reminds us to look for the hand of God at work in us and our world and to give credit where credit is due!

Saturday, Sept. 28  Psalm 13
I haven’t always felt comfortable expressing anger or frustration to God. But I’ve learned that God wants me to speak of my pain and frustration and ask, “What’s going on? Have you forgotten me?” The psalmist tells God to “Consider and answer me!” Pretty bold, don’t you think? I don’t know what explains the turn this psalm takes from complaint to praise. Maybe just speaking up and getting things off my chest makes a difference. What do you think?

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS EMAILS
Subscribe now at www.villagepres.org/subscribe. Emails arrive first thing in the morning Monday through Saturday.
Join us for fun, food and fellowship at our annual

CLASSIC CITIZENS CELEBRATION

1:30 - 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019

Friendship Hall
Village Church on Mission

RSVP to Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org
Transportation provided upon request.

Join us for our 5th Annual

FOOD TRUCK

5-7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 29

Village Church on Mission
North Parking Lot
Five gourmet food trucks and live music
by the Aaron Linscheid Trio!

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

SCRIPTURE READERS WELCOME – Interested in reading scripture during worship on occasion? There is room to add more readers into the rotation at all services. Contact Matthew Shepard to get signed up at matthew@villagepres.org.

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.

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

TECH TALK – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Room 316. Tony Liu will discuss where and how to store personal data in the public cloud. Data deletion considerations and techniques will also be explored. Email Anthonygreeneliu@gmail.com for more information.

ENROLLMENT FOR FALL VILLAGE U IS NOW OPEN. Online registration is encouraged.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

BELIEVING AND BELONGING (Part One for New Members: Meet New Friends, Building Tour, Spirit Gifts and Spiritual Practices) 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Room 232 at Village Church on Mission. Learn about the story of Village Church, the way around the building and meet others on this journey. RSVP by registering online. RSVP for free child care (seven days advanced notice required) to Marjean at marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322.

BELIEVING AND BELONGING – (Part Two for New Members: Conversation with Rev. Tom Are) 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Room 15. In this session, participants will share conversation with our senior pastor. This is your opportunity to ask Tom anything about Village Church. RSVP for this course by registering online. RSVP for free child care (seven days advanced notice required) to Marjean Lindquist at marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH REV. TOM ARE – 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 1-29, & Nov. 5, 12, in Room 228. Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible Study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast. To make a reservation for breakfast, register online. Cost: $6. Child care is not available.
DOCUMENTS, SPREADSHEETS AND PRESENTATIONS – 1-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Room 316. In today’s world, delivering presentations isn’t limited to our professional life. Through volunteer work, we may be called upon to present information to others. This class explores using a combination of document creation, spreadsheets and presentation software to easily create powerful presentations. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available.

YARNWORKS CIRCLE – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Dec. 11, in Room 206. Join us for Yarnworks and learn about basic stitches that will enable you to make hats, blankets. Join this group for friendship and fun that grow from crafting and creating together. Class will not meet Nov. 27.

FINDING THE RIGHT CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE – 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Rooms 126 & 127. Learn how to 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. Child care is not available.

RECIPE SWAP POTLUCK – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, in Rooms 126 and 127. Stuck in a recipe rut? Need some new dinner ideas. Bring an easy dish to share and copies of the recipe.

RISING STRONG™ FOR WOMEN (Weekend Course) – 5-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in Rooms 132 & 133. Using the powerful curriculum created by Dr. Brené Brown, author of the New York Times bestseller “Rising Strong,” our two-day intensive course. Child care is not available. Cost is $200 per person which includes the course, a workbook, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. For more information, email danna@havertytherapy.com.

FINANCIAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION – 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Room 232. This session will cover the current scams in our area, how to get help and who to call. Most of the session focuses on almost 90% of those committing these crimes – our family, our caregivers and our friends. How do we protect ourselves from those we trust with our care? Child care is not available.

INTERMEDIATE PRESENTATIONS – 1-2:30 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Room 316. This class explores how to utilize the features found in standard presentation software to enhance your presentation. Topics covered include adding video clips and video files to a presentation, using the timer feature to move from slide to slide, adding speaker notes to your presentation (that only you can view) and ideas to consider when creating a presentation. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:25-10:30 a.m. – 2 to 4-year-olds/Pre-K—Preschool Sunday School meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107. K-6th grade—Kids’ Kingdom Sunday school meets on the third floor. Registration and grade specific room assignments are posted outside Room 307. Room information is also posted outside Room 207.

NEW THIS YEAR, WE ARE DOING ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL – Visit our link to register your child – https://vpcpvks.brushfire.com/childrens/457086

MORNING STARS – 3-year-olds through 6th graders are welcome to join and sing. We meet from 10:30-11 a.m. Angel Choir (3 to 4-year-olds) meet in Room 204; Prelude Choir (K-2nd grade) meet in Room 201; Hallelujah Choir (3rd-6th grade) meet in Room 304. Pick up for all children is outside of their Morning Stars room. To register your child for Morning Stars, visit: https://vpcpvks.brushfire.com/childrens/457086

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The last baptism of the year is scheduled for 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.
CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS – 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! Now with a children's play area. Credit cards accepted. The menu for Sept. 25 is spaghetti with meat sauce, vegetarian pomodoro sauce, vegetable. Reservations required by noon tomorrow. Contact Liz at 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go online at www.villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners.

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). Groups decide frequency, location, time for meetings. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for more information.

CASUAL GOLF OUTING – These monthly outings are a four-person scramble format. This is our last outing of the season. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Falcon Lakes on Tuesday, Oct. 8, with a 9:30 a.m. modified shotgun start. RSVP by Oct. 1 to Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The Food Pantry is ecstatic that the Peanut Butter Food Drive collected, at both campuses, 1,179 pounds of peanut butter. It gets better - the Peanut Butter Phantom will again this year match the total! The shelves will be full for several months. The Pantry is asking for condiments: jelly, mustard, mayo, barbecue sauce, salad dressings, etc. The Clothes Closet is requesting accessories: purses, belts, scarves, hats, costume jewelry, etc.

HURRICANE DORIAN made landfall in the Bahamas as a category 5 hurricane on Sept. 1, 2019. The best way to respond is through monetary donations. To support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s response, designate gifts to DR000194 online at pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194 or by check with “DR000194-Dorian” on the memo line to: Presbyterian Church (USA), P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE (CIH) SEEKING HOST FAMILIES – This cultural exchange program that hosts international college students over the holidays is seeking volunteers to serve as a day host or as a host family. Beginning Dec. 18-28, families may host for one or two weeks. Contact Judy Miller at judy.miller@evergy.com or 816-651-5387 or Jan Liu at janliu_ks@yahoo.com or 913-269-6333 for more information.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

REV. ZAC STURM JOINS US ON OCT. 1 – Come to the Faith and Grief lunch at noon Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Friendship Hall, when Rev. Zac Sturm talks about “grieving from a distance,” which often happens when you cannot say goodbye or attend the funeral. Lunch is provided. Register or walk-in that day. To find out more, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED – Have a family member or the hospital chaplain call the Pastoral Care Department at 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, the room number and other pertinent information. After hours call the church’s main number 913-262-4200. A pastor will come and visit, listen and offer comfort and prayers.
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SEEKING PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS – Submit candidates for the 2019-20 Honorary Life Membership award to be given at the Celebration of Faithful Women Event March 21, 2020. Nominate a Village Church woman who strives to “promote the mission of the church, nurtures your faith, works for peace and justice and promotes an inclusive community through service and leadership to the church.” Submit nominations by Oct. 15 to Ann Flanders, 913-558-2155 or Niki Krenzel, 315-767-6629 or VPCPWHLM@gmail.com.

MISSION SEWING – Join women of all ages who enjoy machine sewing, hand sewing and good fellowship. Or choose home projects to knit and crochet. Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. or Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon in Room 115. Contact Tuesday group-Cheryl Brady (cba50@mindspring.com or 816-531-9327) or Anna Staton (staton.anna@yahoo.com or 913-669-6743). Thursday group-Nancy Cantril (Nancy.cantril@gmail.com or 913-638-8049) or Dee Gound (dkgound@kc.rr.com or 913-961-7473).

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – Every Thursday at 7 p.m. This week at 31 W. 31st St. in Kansas City, Missouri. Jump into our fall series, “Confession in a Chaotic Age.” This week we’ll learn words like “Heidelberg” and “Helvetic,” and see if we can find something to hold onto while all the world is spinning. More info and locations at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY: LOUISBURG CIDERFEST – Saturday, Sept. 28, meet at Village Church at 9 a.m. to carpool to Louisburg Cider Mill for cider, donuts and fun! More info at VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

BECOMING MARRIED PRE-MARITAL CLASS – Begins Oct. 1 and runs for five weeks, 6:30-8 p.m. If you’re an engaged couple looking for pre-marital counseling, this is for you! This class is required for all couples being married at Village Church, and open to all other engaged couples. To register, go to: VillagePresYA.org/couples.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES – 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. 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 – You can now 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). All forms are available online; visit villagepresyouth.org/forms for more information.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, Sept. 29

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, Sept. 29, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service at Village on Mission for the purpose of hearing and acting upon a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The work of the committee is to offer candidates for the associate pastor for pastoral care positions.
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. Our understanding of God is never stagnant, or at least it shouldn’t be. The prophets try, often unsuccesssfully to push God’s people toward greater faithfulness.

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  A Light To the Nations (World Communion Sunday)
Oct. 13  What Does God Expect From Us? - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
Oct. 20  Someone’s Crying, Lord
Oct. 27  I Don’t Care What Other People Think…Too Bad

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.”
The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live at 8 a.m. 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.