SERVICE OF WORSHIP
January 8, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
“I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent.” That’s what the apostle said in 1 Timothy. Through the ages these words have empowered the church to ignore, degrade and oppress women. “She is to keep silent.” That’s what it says…but that’s not what it means. There is an instructive word buried in this painful exhortation. You have, no doubt, learned much about Christian faith from women in your lives. Today, we will see why your own experiences are holy.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story
by Emma Lou Diemer

Call to Worship

If you are filled with conviction, welcome home:
here we proclaim that the world is beautiful and God is good.
If you are filled with heartbreak, welcome home:
here we offer comfort to those who weep and rest to those who are weary.
If you are filled with questions, welcome home:
here we nurture belief and make space for doubt.
If you are filled with skepticism, welcome home:
here we trust old words while listening for new understanding.
If you are filled with hope, welcome home:
here when we worship, God is among us, and everything is possible.

*Hymn, No. 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past
SHEPHERDS’ PIPES

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
This world can be complicated
and your Word can be confusing.
Forgive us when we make mistakes.
We speak when we should listen,
and we stay silent when the world needs to hear our voices.
We take it upon ourselves to dictate the worth of others
and we allow others to dictate our worth.
Some of this we do knowingly
and some of this we do unconsciously.
All of this breaks your heart, God.
We know this.
So break our hearts, instead.
Break our hearts wide open,
so we can more fully receive your love,
so we can live the way you wish for us to live. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia
Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (8 a.m.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (8 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

My Eyes for Beauty Pine
music: Herbert Howells; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination
Laura Hewitt (8 a.m.); Scott Stanley (9:30 a.m.); Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading
1 Timothy 2:8-15 (pg. 1080)

Sermon
“Women Keep Silent? This Doesn’t Sound Like Good News
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 324  
For All the Faithful Women  
NYLAND

Offertory  
Canzona, BuxWV 170 (8 a.m.)  
by Dieterich Buxtehude

Praise His Holy Name (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
by Keith Hampton; Village Voices

*Response

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you?  
Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

*Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

The Ordination and Installation of Deacons (9:30 a.m.) and Elders and Elder Trustees (11 a.m.)

Those being ordained and/or installed as Deacons (Y signifies Youth Deacon):

Gadine Acton  Chris Lewis  Matt Wantland
Chris Dutton  Christine ‘Chris’ Lewis  Bob Wilhelm
Roger Dutton  Michelle Mook  Linda Wilhelm
Richard Fredrick  Randall Oestreicher  William Muller - Y
Don Krohn  Bob Philippi
Mary Krohn  Kristin Wantland

Those being ordained and/or installed as Elders:

Jack Foster  Laura Strongman  Suzanne Willey
Ted Higgins  Walt Tegtmeier  Elizabeth Zakaryan

Those being ordained and/or installed as Elder Trustees:

Tim Laughlin  Ryan Manies  David Reinke

The Constitutional Questions for Officers

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church,  
and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique  
and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?
Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church’s policy, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Work and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbor and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

(For Elders) Will you be a faithful Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Deacons) Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**The Constitutional Questions for the Congregation**

Do we, the members of the church, accept these brothers and sisters as Elders or Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

*Hymn, No. 749  
*Come! Live in the Light!  
*WE ARE CALLED*

*Benediction*

*Response  
*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
*We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God*

*Postlude  
*Listen! God is Calling!  
*by Ann Krentz Organ*

*All who are able may stand  
© A-705103 for all hymns
The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Len Carrell and are an offering 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, Jan. 9

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

Old things have come to pass - new things are springing forth. This is an important declaration of our faith. That God is doing a new thing every day; not just in a new year, but in a new you. The primary voice in this text is God. First, God speaks of someone who will come bringing justice to all nations. As Christians, we understand this to be Christ. But then God focuses on the reader, on us. Reminding us that we are called “people of God,” to be bearers of new light in a dark, cold world.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

**Matthew 3:13-17**

This Sunday is Baptism of the Lord Sunday. This is the day we celebrate and recognize that all of the Church shares together in one baptism – a baptism that is marked by Christ’s own baptism. The promise of our baptism is that we are marked as Christ’s own and belong to God forever.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

**Acts 10:34-43**

Preach it, Peter, Preach! “God shows no partiality,” Peter boldly proclaims. That’s what acceptance through Christ looks like, no partiality. Living in awe of God, working to do what is right in God’s eyes, treating everyone with grace, trusting forgiveness to be real, this is what it means to be in right relationship with God. Jesus is showing us the way. Jesus is Lord of all!

Thursday, Jan. 12

**Psalm 29**

The voices of the psalmists are the voices of the worshippers of God. They recognize the strength and the glory that rest in the voice of God. It is the spirit of the divine word that moves over the mighty water. This text recognizes the power water holds, and it cries out that such strength and glory rest peacefully on God’s people.

Friday, Jan. 13

**John 1:29-42**

John’s telling of the baptism story does physically what the other gospel accounts allude to. John’s understanding of John the Baptist is that he literally points to the one who is the Lamb of God. Even in our own baptism, it symbolizes what God has already done by giving us life. Like our own baptism, Christ’s baptism points to how this life is a gift from God above. In John’s Gospel, we “come and see” that all baptism points to Christ as the Lamb of God.

Saturday, Jan. 14

**Matthew 28:16-20**

It is only faithful as we reflect on baptism, to remind ourselves of Jesus’s great commission to all of us. Go out and make real the truth of discipleship by baptizing the nations “in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Do this by teaching and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. But do this with the authority that rests in this promise: “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
Second Thursday Recital Jan. 12
Featured Artist: Soprano Jee-Yeun Kim

She wowed us with her spectacular solo in *O Holy Night* in Tidings of Joy on Dec. 18. Join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in Village Chapel for a 30-minute recital with Village Church soprano intern Jee-Yeun Kim. The program will include works by Samuel Barber, Francis Poulenc, Vincenzo Bellini and Guiseppe Verdi.

Jee-Yeun Kim is a graduate student (D.M.A) in vocal and opera at University of Kansas. Jee-Yeun began her vocal studies at age nine as a member of the Seoul Metropolitan Junior Chorus in her native Korea. She sang with them for 10 years before continuing her studies at the College of Vocal Music at Yonsei University in Korea. During that time, she also pursued voice study in the Summer Master Class program of the Hoschule Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. Following her graduation she began teaching in high school, while also working as a church choir director. After moving to the United States of America, Jee-Yeun started to study again in voice and choral conducting at Pittsburg State University. She was a first place winner in the West Central Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing in 2012 and a first place winner in the Barry Alexander International Vocal Competition.

She made her Carnegie Hall debut in the winner’s recital for the Barry Alexander International Vocal competition on Jan. 27, 2013. At Pittsburg State University, Jee-Yeun received the Outstanding Student award at the PSU Honors Convocation in Spring 2013 and 2015. She received an “Excellence in Scholarship” award at the Graduate Banquet in Spring 2013, 2014 and 2015. She performed with South East Kansas Symphony Orchestra as a winner of the Concerto Aria competition held in the spring of 2013. Jee-Yeun has had several roles in KU opera productions.
Welcome to Village Church! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Virginia Piatt by her family.

Attention flower deliverers and deliverer wannabes! - Today is the annual Dates and Doughnuts between services (9-9:30, 10:30-11 a.m. and noon-12:15 p.m.). Nancy Skidmore will be located in the Welcome Center so you can stop by, pick up a 2017 schedule and of course, a doughnut! For those wanting information about this little but mighty ministry, stop by and find out more.

Worship bags are available for children to use as tools in worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

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 at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Kids’ Kingdom – K-1st Grades new curricula! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. First 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) – Relevant discussions for today’s ‘tweens. Room 302. 9:30-10:30 a.m.


Adult Educational Ministry

The Spring 2017 Village U Catalog is now online.
Registration for Village U 2017 spring term:

• For Village Church members: Registration begins on Wednesday, Jan. 11.
• For community members: Registration begins on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Upcoming Village U classes include:

Men’s Bible Study - 6:30-8 A.M. Tuesdays, Year Round, Room 230 - A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Child care is not available. Led by Dave Greenlee.

Exercise for Seniors - 9:30-11:30 A.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Room 333 - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is more aerobics, and the class ends with floor exercises. The 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday is more range of motion, less strenuous aerobics; and we do not include floor exercises. If you are not sure of your ability to do floor work, start in the 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday. Led by Margaret Tlapek. Cost: $5 per class.

Great Books Discussion, 2-3:30 P.M. Tuesdays, Now through May 2, Room 127 - If you’re interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation. We gather on the first Tuesday of each month. Child care is not available. Led by Betty Long.
EXERCISE FOR SENIORS, 9:30-10:30 A.M. MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, ROOM 333 - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is more aerobics, and the class ends with floor exercises. Margaret Tlapek has been teaching exercise classes for 25 years; and she knows you will feel better and gain more energy, strength and balance if you give the classes a try. Led by Margaret Tlapek. Cost: $5 per class.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES BIBLE STUDY, 7:30-8:30 A.M. WEDNESDAYS, YEAR ROUND, ROOMS 132 & 133 - A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Led by Newton Graves. Child care is not available.

JANUARY COMPUTER TECH NIGHTS, 6:30-7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, NOW THROUGH JAN. 25, ROOM 316 - Tech nights address specific questions regarding Word, Excel, and email using a MICROSOFT WINDOWS computer. Members of the Computer Ministry are available to provide individual assistance. Specific questions on the new Windows 10 operating system are also welcome. Please feel free to bring your laptop or tablet. Desktop computers will also be available.

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN, 9:30-11 A.M. FRIDAYS, NOW THROUGH MAY 19, ROOM 132 - Join us as we study Paul's letter to the Romans. Many passages are familiar, but often we miss some of the big ideas it contains. Beverly Gaventa, who will be the 2017 Visiting Scholar, invites us to linger with Paul and delightfully enriches our understanding of Paul's complex message. Taught by Rev. Diane Quaintance.

PATH WITH HEART, 10-11:30 A.M. MONDAYS, YEAR ROUND BEGINNING JAN. 9, ROOM 305 - The group will select books of interest through the semester from a wide variety of authors. Participants develop quality friendships and explore new insights. Prospective new members are welcome to try the Path. Led by Marcene Borthwick.

THE JESUS FATWAH: LOVING YOUR (MUSLIM) NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF, 6:30-8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, JAN. 11- FEB. 8, ROOM 124 - For Muslims, a “fatwah” is a ruling or directive from a scholarly leader or figure. In this five-week course, Dr. Gus Breytspraak, Village member and coordinator of the Sunday morning Adult Forum class, will use a DVD-based curriculum of the same title to explore the basics of Islam, the fastest growing religion in the world. Session titles include: Islam 101, Misconceptions about Islam, Islam in America, and Making Connections between Muslims and non-Muslims.

Fall Adult Sunday Morning Classes resume today. Please check villagepresp.org for more details.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME JAN. 11 – Our menu for Jan. 11 is honey Dijon chicken w/apples, scalloped potatoes, green vegetable and dessert. Each Wednesday, price is $7 for full buffet, $6 for salad bar and dessert. $3-children ages 3-10. Children under 3 are free. Reservations are required by noon on the Monday preceding the Wednesday Night Dinner you wish to attend. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners to make a reservation.

ALL-CHURCH WINTER BOWLING EVENT JAN. 29 - Connectional Ministries is sponsoring an “ALL-Ages” Bowling Event for our Village Church family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Ward Parkway Lanes, 1523 W. 89 St. (89th & Stateline). We have lanes specifically reserved for Village Church at a special rate of $5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. Indoor fun for all ages in the midst of winter. RSVP to liz.middleton@villagepresp.org or call 913-671-2359.
MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Hopefully one of your New Year’s Resolutions is to bring one food item with you to church each week for the Food Pantry’s clients. With the cold weather, the Pantry is requesting hearty canned soups, canned chili or ravioli, etc.; and the Clothes Closet has a need for winter coats and warm blankets. Thank you for your generous donations. They are so appreciated.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - This Friday, Jan. 13, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need two to three people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and six to seven volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations, and they can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12. If you can help, contact Gail Arther at 913-244-8227 or gmarther@aol.com.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

WEEKLY JOB SEARCH TIPS CAN BE YOURS – If you are looking for a new position, consider signing up to receive helpful and proven weekly job search tips. If you or someone you know could benefit from receiving these, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF BEGINS ON JAN. 11 - If you are grieving, consider coming to Growing Through Grief, a five-week class where you can meet others who understand your struggles and be reminded that God is with us through even the hardest of moments. The next series is from 4:30-5:45 p.m. every Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Feb. 8, in Room 124. The series is offered at no cost. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MISSION SEWING is back! Fabric and yarn donations welcome. All cotton and blends, large pieces, one yard or more, no fancy fabrics. We have fabric and patterns available for at-home projects. If you would like to join us, come to the sewing room from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. any Tuesday. Come and go as you want. Lunch is from noon-1 p.m., bring a sack lunch or purchase at the Village Cup. Call Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515 for more information.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT’S CAFE & CREPES, LE TOUR - 9:45 A.M. FRIDAY, JAN. 20, AT THE ROASTERIE – What better way to kick the New Year off right than with a warm cup of joe with your sisters from Village?! Join us for a tour as we see, smell & taste how The Roasterie’s won the hearts of KC for nearly 25 years! Immediately following we’ll head over to Chez Elle for the perfect pairing...crepes! To RSVP, email Carol Solenberger at carol4977@yahoo.com. For child care reservations, email pam@villagepres.org by Jan. 13.

WOW! LUNCH AT TATSU’S – All ladies are warmly welcome to join WOW (Women of Wisdom) for lunch at Tatsu's French Restaurant, at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Tatsu's, ranked as one of the top five restaurants in KC, is located at 4603 W. 90th, near 90th and Roe. Join us for January fun and fellowship. RSVP by noon, Jan. 17, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

AMAZING GRACES – Join us at the Nelson Atkins Museum Bloch building lobby from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, for small plates and drinks and a docent guided tour of “Love in Art.” Your $10 check by Jan. 25 is your reservation. Send to Kathy Collins, 4716 W. 86 St., Prairie Village, KS 66207. Drinks are an additional charge, and museum parking is $8.
YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft Room 333/332.

CHEER – High school youth group tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All are welcome for a night of discussion, amazing people and a great time!

TWOSDAYS - Middle schoolers join us Tuesdays after school from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

GPS – Middle school youth group, meets Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for a great night of people, games and conversation. We hope to see you there!

WINTER SKI RETREAT – Our retreat to Winter Park, Colo. departs at 4:30 p.m. this Friday, Jan. 13. Please pray for safe roads and for good snow and good decisions on the slopes!

Gauging Interest Dinner for Singles Adult Ministry at Village Church • Friday, Jan. 20

Dear Friends,

We are assessing the need for specific programming for single adults at Village Church and would like to include you in this conversation. So, all single adults (age 40 and up), are invited to gather together for a meal at Red Snapper Pan-Asian Restaurant on Friday, Jan. 20, from 6-8 p.m. Three classic Red Snapper menu items (Vegetarian, Chicken and Beef) will be available for a special cost of $9 per person (payable at the event). The priority for this gathering will be to determine the level of interest for a Single Adult Ministry. Please contact liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359 to RSVP. Seating is limited to the first 45 reservations. We hope to see you there!

Cindy Wilcox, director of Connectional Ministries
Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of Adult Educational Ministries

Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner

This year’s Annual Meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Rev. Tom Are will provide a review of 2016 and plans for 2017. The Session will present the budget for 2017. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, please advise Marsha Hansen no later than Friday, Jan. 20. Call 913-671-2341 or email marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.
NEW SERMON SERIES

I Know That's What It Says, but That's Not What It Means!

The Bible is a complicated book, written over hundreds of years in various context and diverse circumstances. And then, it is read 2,000 years later in a world and culture the Biblical writers could not have imagined. Given all of that, it’s easy to misunderstand the Bible. When it is misunderstood the good news can often sound like bad news for some folks. When it is misunderstood it can often make the Bible more difficult to trust. In this sermon series, we will take just a few passages that have often been confusing and see if there is a life-giving word for us.

Jan. 1 The Story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation
Jan. 8 “Women Keep Silent?” This Doesn’t Sound Like Good News
Jan. 15 Family Matters and the Cost of Following Jesus
Jan. 22 “Divorce” – Why the Church has Read This Text to the Wrong People
Jan. 29 “You Must be Born Again!”
Feb. 5 “Jesus is the Only Way to Salvation.” This is Not About You. This is About God.
Feb. 12 Be Perfect as Your Heavenly Father is Perfect.” Intimidated Yet?
Feb. 19 The Only Safe Place for Hatred
Feb. 26 Pray Without Ceasing

MINISTERS
All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM
Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care
Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of children and family ministry ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration
Ryan Main, interim director of music ❖ Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care
Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of adult educational ministry ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music
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

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 8 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.
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.