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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 22, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Divorce is a painful conversation to address, and there is not likely to be a single family in this sanctuary who hasn't been touched by divorce in some fashion. The teaching of the church regarding divorce has often been too narrow and as a result has been directed at the wrong people. When divorce occurs, the response of the church should be compassion, not judgment.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Ciacona in E Minor, BuxWV 160*  
by Dieterich Buxtehude

Call to Worship (*from the Iona community*)

Rev. Len Carrell

In the beginning,  
before time, before people, before the world began,  
**God was.**

Here and now,  
among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,  
**God is.**

In all that is to come,  
when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,  
**God will be.**

Not despairing of the earth, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Spirit,  
**God was, God is, God will be.**

\*Hymn, No. 279

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*  
ST. AGNES

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**  
**We rush so quickly to understand and explain.**  
**How the sun orbits.**  
**When the stars align.**  
**Why a friend let us down.**  
**How a family member got into trouble.**  
**Where it all went wrong.**  
**How a heart can hurt so much.**  
**We would skip over all of the brokenness if we could, O God.**  
**We forget that sometimes**  
**the cracks in our lives**  
**are the places where your grace sneaks in**  
**and the cracks in others' lives**  
**are the places where their light can help guide us.**

**We forget because judgment is easier than gentleness  
and because fear is loud enough to distract us.  
So speak your words of life to us even louder.  
Renew us when we are weary.  
Strengthen us to choose what is right over what is easy.  
Teach us to see everything through a lens of love. (Silent prayer)**

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**Response: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. heart and live in me.

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

*Those Who Wait Upon The Lord*  
arr. Elisa Bickers; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination Bruce Williams (8 a.m.); Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.); Kathy Lueckert (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:2-12 (pg. 921)

Sermon

*Divorce – Why the Church Has Read This Text to the Wrong People*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
IN BABILONE

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers (9:30 a.m.)

Offertory

*Ruhig bewegt from Sonata II*  
by Paul Hindemith (8 a.m.)

*Come to Me All Who Labor*  
by John Purifoy; Ron Witzke, bass (9:30, 11 a.m.)

\*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

\*Hymn, No. 306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
DENNIS

\*Benediction

\*Response

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

\*Postlude

*Moderato*  
by Bernard Sanders

*\*All who are able may stand*  
© A-705103 for all hymns



## VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH – A NEW MISSION VENTURE FOR 2017

Village Church Session has approved our budget for 2017, which includes funds to establish a satellite congregation in the Presbyterian Church of Stanley building at 148th Street and Antioch Road. It will be called "Village on Antioch." We hope it will be an incubator for extending the mission of Village Church.

Rev. Hallie Hottle, our pastor of Young Adult Ministry, will be splitting her time between Village on Mission Road and serving as the interim onsite pastor at Village on Antioch until a permanent onsite pastor is called later this year. The 2017 budget included the addition of a coordinator for Young Adult Ministry to assist Hallie in maintaining the momentum of growth in our Young Adult Ministry program at Village Church.

We hope to seed the Village on Antioch congregation with some members from Village here on Mission. If you would like to be part of this new forming congregation, please email Rev. Tom Are at [tom.are@villagepres.org](mailto:tom.are@villagepres.org). What is asked of those who participate is to commit to worship and service in the new congregation for 2017, to help them get established. They will join with the current members of the Presbyterian Church of Stanley who invited Village Church to establish this new satellite congregation.

There will be further discussion of this new mission venture at our Annual Congregational Meeting and Dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, in Friendship Hall. Rev. Are will provide a review of 2016 and plans for 2017. The Session will present the budget for 2017.

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of January 22, 2016)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Dr. Rodger Nishioka 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. 23**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

These words are recited daily by Jewish worshippers throughout the world. Jesus recites these words in the Gospels when he is asked, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Following the command to love God first, we are told to "keep" these words in our hearts by telling them to our children. Telling our children about our faith in God is key to building a foundation of faith. It is not enough to act faithfully. We must talk about our faith as well.

### **Tuesday, Jan. 24**

**Proverbs 6:16-22**

Among the wisdom writings from Proverbs is this list of "six things that the Lord hates" and "seven that are an abomination" to God. One who sows discord in a family is considered an abomination. In this book of wisdom, God greatly values peace within the family. "Peace" here is much more than the absence of conflict. Peace is the presence of wholeness and health. Proverbs remind us that we are called to be persons who bring health and wholeness to our families.

### **Wednesday, Jan. 25**

**1 John 4:7-21**

These words have been likened to the Apostle Paul's beautiful description of love in 1 Corinthians 13. In these verses, John reminds us that love comes from God because God is love. In verse 20, he writes that those who say they love God but hate their brothers and sisters are liars. You cannot profess your love for God and then hate your family. As an adolescent, when I was being mean to my brothers, my mother would pull me aside and say, "Rodger, people tell me how nice you are outside the home, but if you do not show love at home, none of it matters." The writer of 1 John would agree with her.

### **Thursday, Jan. 26**

**Isaiah 49:14-18**

The Jewish people feel that God has abandoned them in their exile to Babylon. But God reassures them that they are neither forgotten nor forsaken. By way of explanation, God asks if a woman can forget her nursing child or the child in her womb. This is one of a number of instances in the Bible where God uses mother imagery to illustrate God's relationship to us. In this way we are reminded that God is mother to us all.

### **Friday, Jan. 27**

**Ephesians 6:1-4**

Many children have heard this one – "obey your parents in the Lord for this is right." This comes from the fifth of the ten commandments in Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16. But too often, the recitation ends without the last verse here in Ephesians. In verse four, there is a word to fathers (really to parents) not to provoke their children to anger. These verses illustrate how parents and children are to treat one another. For the family to be the family, each one has a responsibility to and for the other.

### **Saturday, Jan. 28**

**Psalms 103**

In this sacred song, we are told that the Lord is like a father who has compassion for his children. We are told that the Lord's love is steadfast from everlasting to everlasting and his righteousness is to our children and to our children's children. Remember that families come in all shapes and sizes. Some families are bound by biology, others by adoption and others by invitation and choice. However your family is constructed, let this song of praise and promise rest and abide in you as you pray for your family.

All-Church Winter

# BOWLING

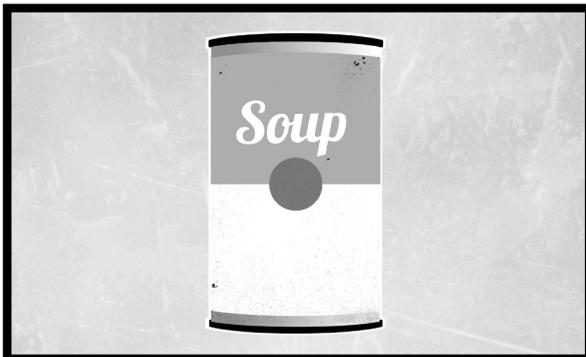
*Event*

2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29  
Ward Parkway Lanes at 89th & Stateline  
\$5 per person (includes shoes)  
RSVP to [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2359



## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 5



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
**VILLAGE FOOD PANTRY**  
WITH CANS OF HEARTY SOUPS.

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is asking for hearty soups and crackers. Each household takes home at least two cans of soup and crackers with each monthly visit and with over 500 households shopping each month, there is a great need for your donations. If you are not able to shop before Sunday, Feb. 5, cash and check donations are gratefully accepted.

## TODAY AT VILLAGE

**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 Dorothy and Kenneth Thein, by the family.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BE COMMISSIONING 14 NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS TODAY** - Anne Bayless, Julie Beets, Sharon Borthwick, Barb Brown, Becky Chamberlain, Anna Dierks, Mary Kapka, Susie Latas, Melanie Mann, Jim Miksch, Kathy Palmer, Susan Satterlee, Patsy Shawver and Nancy Westcott. This committed group of individuals has received 50 hours of training. They will now step into the real world of listening as Stephen Ministers. With a compassionate heart, these volunteers will be assigned to work with someone needing understanding and care with any and all issues of the heart.

**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.

**VILLAGE KID'S DAY OUT ENROLLMENT** - Enroll your 2-3 yr. olds for the 2017-2018 school year! Church members, KDO families and alumni may enroll at 8 a.m.-noon on Feb. 6. Community enrollment is from 8 a.m.-noon on Feb. 13. Contact: Marjean Lindquist 913-671-2322 or marjean@villagepres.org.

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**SPRING 2017 VILLAGE U REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR CHURCH MEMBERS** - Check out the Spring 2017 Village U course offerings and register at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org).

**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 Tlappek. \$5 per class.

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION, 2-3:30 P.M. FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH THRU 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. MONDAY CLASSES ARE NOW HELD IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AT THE MENEILLY CENTER. WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY CLASSES ARE HELD IN ROOM 133** - 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.

**PATH WITH HEART, 10-11:30 A.M. MONDAYS, YEAR ROUND, 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. Led by Marcene Borthwick.

**THE JESUS FATWAH: LOVING YOUR (MUSLIM) NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF, 6:30-8 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAYS, NOW THROUGH 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*.

**FEBRUARY COMPUTER TECH NIGHTS** - 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. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1-22. Room 316.

**Adult Sunday Morning Classes have resumed. Please check [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) for more details.**

**BEGINNING FEB. 5, DR. RODGER NISHIOKA WILL LEAD A NEW ADULT CLASS, *THE ANCIENT PRESENT FUTURE CHURCH*.** The class will meet for twelve Sunday mornings (except Easter) to study the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the new movement of followers of Jesus that eventually became the Church. Together, we will discover how the ancient church has shaped our present church and what this all means for the future church! 10:45-11:45 a.m. Feb. 5 through April 30. Rooms 126-127.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER JAN. 25** – Baked tilapia w/caper sauce, baked boneless chicken breast w/ corn & tomato relish, rice pilaf. 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](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or go to [villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners](http://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 at 89th & State Line. Cost is \$5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. RSVP to [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2359.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

**UPDATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE: WHERE ARE WE? WHERE ARE WE GOING? FEB. 6** - Dr. Chris King, retired U. S. Brigadier General, will assess the current status of climate change, including America's approach and that of the other signatories to the 2015 Paris Climate Change Summit and discuss future steps from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, in Room 127. Dr. King represents the U.S. on an international military advisory council dealing with security and climate and is an authority on the impact that climate change, water scarcity and other environmental issues have on national security and international stability. All are welcome!

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Two weeks until SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, the Food Pantry's first food drive of 2017. We're hoping everyone will bring at least one can of hearty soup to the church that day, and would be thrilled to receive more. Hearty soups are so needed and so wanted on a cold winter day. If you can't get out to shop, cash and checks will be gratefully accepted. The Clothes Closet needs blankets and warm coats.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 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 between 9 a.m. and noon today. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or [acolston1113@gmail.com](mailto:acolston1113@gmail.com).

**THE VILLAGE CHURCH MISSION COMMITTEE** is currently accepting applications for local community grants in the areas of homelessness, hunger, and childhood education. Grant sizes range from \$2,000 to \$25,000. More information on the grants is available on the application form on the Village website under Mission in the menu bar. The deadline is Feb. 28. For more information, contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org).

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, WHO DO WE CONTACT?** – One way Village helps care for our members is having emergency contact information on file for each person. This information is extremely helpful when there is an injury or illness that happens at the church, or if a member is hospitalized and we need to locate him/her. Let Linda Alley know the contact person's name, phone number and relationship to you; she can be reached at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**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.

**WOMEN WITH SPIRIT - A TOAST TO WINE & CHEESE** - Wine and cheese are two of life's great culinary pleasures! Join us from 6:30-9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, at the home of Erin and Trevor Gustafson as we experience wine and cheese from around the world (appetizers also included)! Donations will be accepted at the door to cover the costs of this delectable evening. RSVP to Carol Solenberger at [carol4977@yahoo.com](mailto:carol4977@yahoo.com). To make child care reservations, email [pam@villagepres.org](mailto:pam@villagepres.org) by Feb. 3.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP** - 7 p.m. upstairs at Village. Faith is a practice. It cannot be something we learn, or search for, or think about. It must be something we do, and do regularly enough that the lines between sacred and secular are blurred by eyes that can't help but to see the holy. We'll start reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar In The World* and practice having new eyes in this new year, together. Bring \$5 for a book! All 20s and 30s invited. Pizza provided.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL)** – The new name for our high school youth group! SNL meets 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!

### Remember Village . . .

Giving to the church through your will or trust is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. When your estate is prepared, consider a gift to the church.

The Meneilly Society honors members and friends who, through their estate planning, have chosen to remember and support the future of Village Church. For more information contact Molly Sirridge, 913-671-2325.



### Job Opportunity at Village Church • Full-Time Design and Digital Media Manager

Village is seeking a full-time design and digital media manager responsible for the creative look and feel for Village Presbyterian Church marketing and communication materials. This position designs and lays out key communications and is responsible for the updates and maintenance of the church website. Visit [villagepres.org/employment-opportunities](http://villagepres.org/employment-opportunities) for the complete job description and how to apply.

### Thoughts from Village Commitment

The Season of Giving: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

—Thank you for your generosity.



VILLAGE  
COMMITMENT



**WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY** - If weather is predicted to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. service will be cancelled.

## 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     "Is There a Devil?"
- 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

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## 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

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*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at [villagepres.org](http://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.*