SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 28, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

Staring truth in the face, Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” Last Sunday we talked about truth that we know by reason and truth that we know by heart. There is factual truth, and there is conviction. These are not the same and how they relate to one another is important to understand. We join Pilate today asking, "What is truth?" And how do we know?
Prelude

Prelude
by Denis Bedard

Introit (11 a.m.)

Rock My Soul
music: Kinley Lange; Village Voices

Call to Worship

This is true:
God loves the world and awakens it every day.

This is true:
Christ heals every ill and binds up every brokenness.

This is true:
The Spirit accompanies each one of us and leads us all home.

This is true:
We trust in the triune God: creator, redeemer, and sustainer,
who, right now, in this time and in this place,
is calling us all to new life.

*Hymn, No. 408

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
Our loyalties can be so divided.

We want to serve you, but our own egos are fragile.
We want to fight the good fight, but we are so very tired.
We want to trust you, but our fears roar in the night.
We want to seek peace, but the storms seem relentless.
We want to do right by you, but we keep making mistakes.
We want to be loved, but we push love away.

Forgive us and help us, O God.
Stay with us in our time of need, we pray. (Silent prayer)
*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response; Hymn, No. 839 (v.1)  
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Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination  
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Dee Couch (8 a.m.)  
Sandy Wells (9:30 a.m.)  
Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading  
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John 18:33-38a (pg. 987)

Call to Prayer  
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Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!
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.

Scripture Reading

John 18:38b-19:7 (pg. 987)

Sermon

*Truth and Knowledge Are Not the Same, But They Are Friends*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*Hymn, No. 817*  
*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*  
*DUNLAP’S CREEK*

Offertory

*I Will Sing With the Spirit*  
John Rutter; Village Choir

*Response*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication*

*Hymn, No. 170 (v. 1,2)*  
*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*  
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*Benediction*
*Benediction Response

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom’s name;
We work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God’s daughters and God’s sons,
To let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

*Postlude

*Tuba Tune
by C. S. Lang

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Dedicatory Pipe Organ Recital

The Bach Aria Soloists &
Opus 22 played by Dr. Elisa Bickers

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10
Tickets required.
Purchase tickets at bachariasoloists.com
The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Tom Are 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, Jan. 29**

Mark 5:21-43

Jesus is on his way to heal a little girl. But, on the way, he is interrupted because a woman is in need. Have you ever wished for a day free from interruptions? Have you ever wondered how much you could accomplish if you could be freed from interruptions? Sometimes this is true, but there is a lesson in this text. Sometimes the interruption is the most important part of the day.

**Tuesday, Jan. 30**

Galatians 1:1-5

The most common way for Paul to describe himself is as an “apostle.” This is not a statement of status, but purpose. Apostle means “one who is sent.” Paul understands that Jesus Christ has given him the purpose of his life. You, too, are an apostle. What are you “sent” to do today?

**Wednesday, Jan. 31**

Mark 6:14-29

John was the one sent by God to serve as the forerunner to the Messiah. As God’s appointed, he may have expected for life to be easy, but this Messiah is crucified. Jesus makes it clear that those who follow will need to take up his or her own cross. John is the first among those to do so. The Christian faith is filled with risks. The irony is that these sacrifices are the way of life for us.

**Thursday, Feb. 1**

Galatians 1:6-17

In this chapter, Paul speaks about his own biography more than any other place. He makes it clear that the life he built for himself resulted in persecuting the church. The life that God created for him resulted in his bringing good news to the Gentiles. This is a powerful statement of God’s grace. God’s love does not turn aside even when we “persecute” that which God loves. Paul wants us to know: if he can be included in God’s grace, anyone can!

**Friday, Feb. 2**

Galatians 1:18-2:10

The church struggled to include Gentiles. It would have been easy to prohibit them from being part of the church, but the church labored to find a way to worship and serve together. This has been the calling of Christianity from the earliest days: we are to find a way to worship and serve together.

**Saturday, Feb. 3**

Psalm 1

The word of God or law of God is life. God’s choice to share with us how life should be lived is a gift to us. Those who take time to learn the word of God know happiness. If you have been reading these Bible verses for a while, reflect a bit: What have you learned? Has it enriched your life?
All-Church Winter Bowling Event
Ward Parkway Lanes
2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28
Contact Cindy at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org

TODAY!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEB. 4
BRING CANS OF HEARTY SOUP TO CHURCH FOR THE FOOD PANTRY
TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village welcomes new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. Please join us Feb. 11, March 25 and June 10. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for info.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, provide leadership for the transformation of our communities and serve the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people.

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

VILLAGE U SPRING 2018 – Registration is now open. See the website for a listing of the over 60 courses offered. Go to villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

TECH TALK WITH TONY – Cutting the Cord: Alternatives to Cable and Satellite TV. Join Tony Liu as he leads a discussion to the alternatives to cable and satellite TV. Whether you want to save money on your monthly cable bill or have alternatives to your TV viewing habits, this session will discuss considerations before you make changes to your cable or satellite TV service. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, in Room 316.

BEGINNER EXCEL: DAYTIME – Topics include identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data into an Excel spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data, and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will create a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, Room 316.

BEGINNER EXCEL: EVENING – Topics include identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data into an Excel spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will create a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, Room 316.

BOOK CLUB – Join us for an interesting book discussion while your children enjoy childcare. Led by Katie Montgomery. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Feb. 27, March 27 and April 24 in Room 232.

SEWING CIRCLE – If you are interested in learning to sew, or if you are already a pro, this class will allow you to work on projects of your choice. Sean Margaret Droessler will be available to help with your machine, to give advice, to teach pattern reading, to assist with putting in a zipper, etc. A materials list will be provided before the first class. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 27-May 15, in Room 230.

HELP! MY SPOUSE MAKES ME ANGRY – In this workshop, Jen and Lawrence share ten styles of anger and bring these to life through their relationship. All persons get angry at their spouse. The choice you have is how you respond. Join us for this opportunity to bring more happiness and healthiness to your relationship. Singles and couples welcome. Led by Lawrence and Jen Andre. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, Room 132.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

FAITH JOURNEY – This class is studying Dr. Marcus Borg’s book, "The Heart of Christianity-Rediscovering a Life of Faith." Borg explores what he calls two paradigms for looking at our faith and how those can work together. Taught by Kathy Ray, Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – This class is studying the significance of Jerusalem, the holiest city for the three Abrahamic faiths of Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Taught by the Rev. Dwight Tawney. Room 132.

VILLAGE FORUM – The class will explore a three class series by Dr. Leslie Smith of Avila University on her upcoming book. This Sunday will be the second class. Contact Gus Breytspraak for more info. Room 126.
GROWING TOGETHER – If you are interested in biblically-based lessons that help you increase your impact on others in your life, then you should drop into Room 124 at 9:30 a.m. You’ll find a small group exploring the Acts of the Apostles. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre, the group is asking where we are called as apostles and what that even means.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

BIRTH-6TH GRADE – Registration cards and classroom schedules are available at sign-in desks outside of Rooms 107 and 307.

INFANTS-TODDLERS – Child care is available for all three morning Sanctuary services and the evening Gathering in Rooms 111 and 114.

PRESCHOOLERS – Preschool Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rooms 101-107.

K-6th GRADERS – Kids’ Kingdom Sunday School begins in Room 309 with “All-sing” at 9:25 a.m.

CHILDREN’S CHOIRS – Morning Stars Prelude Choir for K-2nd graders meets in Room 307. Morning Stars Choir for 3rd-6th graders meets in Room 305. They go directly from Sunday School at 10:30-11 a.m.

KID’S DAY OUT – Registration for the 2018/19 school year begins at 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, for Village Church members, KDO alumni siblings, and Preschool families. Registration for community members begins at 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26. Please Call Pam Southerland at 913-671-2550 for more information.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Jan. 31 is breakfast for dinner—cheese omelets, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, pancakes and syrup. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar and dessert is $7. Salad bar and dessert is $6. Children ages 4-10 are $3 and children age 3 and under are no charge. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon tomorrow.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Next week is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, the first annual food drive of the Food Pantry. Hearty soup is very much needed on the shelves of the Pantry. If everyone would bring two cans of hearty soups next Sunday, the Pantry would have enough to fill the shelves for months. Please be generous - warm soup (and crackers) on a cold winter night - a treat the Pantry's clients would love. Thank you.

GLOBAL MISSION OFFERING (FEB. 4) – The proceeds from this offering help support the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership providing health care services to Haitian cane cutters and their families via partnership with the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic (50%); and the youth spring break international mission project (50%). Yellow envelopes for this offering will be in the hymnal slot in the pew in front of you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL FEB. 8 – Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, for Second Thursday Recital with cellist Hannah Collins in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Admission is free.

ORGAN DEDICATORY CONCERT WITH THE BACH ARIA SOLOISTS – Experience the splendor of chamber music with organ through the centuries with the magnificent Opus 22 organ at Village on Mission at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. Tickets are $35 for adults and $17 for students and may be purchased online at bachariasoloists.com or at the door.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. Entitled "Resurrection & Rejuvenation," this free concert features works for winds by Felix Mendelssohn, Johannes Brahms, and Gustav Mahler, as well as contemporary composers. Featured guests include the Village Chamber Choir under the direction of Matthew Shepard and soprano Alice Anne Light.
PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH FEB. 6 – If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, you are invited to the Faith and Grief lunch noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in Friendship Hall. You’ll receive comfort and resources. A box lunch is provided. Register online at www.faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING/ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP MEETS FEB. 7 – Memories in the Making helps those with Alzheimer’s express their inner feelings and thoughts through painting. A support group meets at the same time in a different room. Join us at our next session at 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. Painting is in Room 126 and the Support Group meets in Room 124. Contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org to find out more.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT – Join us for our Oscar Movie Night Event on Saturday, Feb. 10. Significant others, friends, movie buff pals are welcome to join! We will meet at the Glenwood Arts Movie Theatre and view an Oscar-nominated movie together and then head to a local establishment to discuss the movie. For additional details, email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com. There is no child care for this event.

VISITING SCHOLAR 2018 – On March 2 & 3, come hear Rev. Dr. Serene Jones address “What is True: Theology and the American Story.” Dr. Jones is president of the 179-year-old Union Theological Seminary in New York City, the pre-eminent non-denominational seminary in the U.S. Tickets may be purchased in Friendship Hall between services Feb. 4-25 or at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday night. We’ll get together with pizza to talk about big things and practice bringing community together. For February, we’ll be reading and talking about who we believe God to be with the help of Rob Bell’s book, “What We Talk About When We Talk About God.”

PROFESS/CONFESS – It’s often easier to define ourselves by the things we aren’t about, than the things we are. So what do we believe? This is a “2.0” young adult class for those who want to go deeper. Bi-weekly meetings are on Sunday evenings after The Gathering.

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 SCHOOL (middle school and high school) – 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

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

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

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

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – Thursdays, 7:30-8:15 a.m. at Zach’s house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village, Kan.) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN! – Forms are now available for the middle school mission trip, high school Montreat, and high school Boundary Waters adventure. And, now you can register and pay for trips online! Forms and online registration info can be found at www.villagepresyouth.org/forms.

Awesome Moment #1

Brought to you by Village Commitment Committee.
Thanks to your generosity, we recovered from three floods and one lightning strike. Thank you for making Village awesome!
Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner

MISSION CAMPUS – Reservations for dinner before the Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 30, have closed. You may still attend the meeting that begins at approximately 6:45 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Chairs will be available along the back for those attending the meeting only.

ANTIOCH CAMPUS – The Annual Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, preceded by a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please advise the Antioch location at 913-681-8180 or online at villageantioch.org/events no later than Monday, Jan. 29.

JOIN US for a WELCOME RECEPTION FOR
THE REV. DR. BRANDON FRICK
New Site Pastor at Village on Antioch
Following 9:30 a.m. worship Sunday, Feb. 4, at Village on Antioch

What if you were following a plan for your money that you knew worked? With Dave Ramsey’s class, Financial Peace University, you can take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. If you’re interested in learning more, call Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325.
SERMON SERIES

How Do You Know?
Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” It’s an important question, but there is another question to answer first. How do you know the truth is genuinely true? How do you know that there are 300 sextillion stars in the universe or that you are made of atoms? How do you know that Columbus “discovered” America? How do you know that Jesus is Lord? How do you know that Muhammad is not? There is likely disagreement on any of these truth claims. In this series, we will consider not simply what it means to talk about the content of truth, but how we know the truth to be true.

Jan. 21 Truth Is Personal
Jan. 28 Truth and Knowledge Are Not the Same, But They Are Friends
Feb. 4 I am Blind But Think I See
Feb. 11 Thank God For What You Don’t Know

Winter Weather Advisory
If the weather forecast is to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. worship service at Village on Mission will be cancelled.

MINISTERS
All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM
Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist
Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care
Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry and bridge site pastor of Village on Antioch
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration
Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate
Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music ❖ Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission
Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Ellen Wootton, interim director of children and family ministry
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 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.