



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 29, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The Bible speaks of the Devil or Satan or Beelzebul . . . a host of names to describe a tempter, an evil doer, a power against God. Is this just "old world" cosmology that no longer identifies anything real today, or is the Devil something to which one should pay attention?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Prelude in G
by William Harris

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**We are here because we are hungry.
Hungry for truth and community and life.
Hungry for compassion and forgiveness and comfort.**

Come and be with us, O God.

**Give us this day our daily bread.
Deliver us from temptation.
Usher in your kingdom,
and lead our weary hearts home.**

*Hymn, No. 735

I Need Thee Every Hour
NEED

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
We confess that sometimes we desire too much control.
We cling tightly to our own understandings
and our own sense of how things should be done.**

**Gracious God,
We confess that sometimes we desire no control.
We are quick to follow the loudest leader
and we prefer to place blame rather than take responsibility.**

**Almighty God,
Do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.
Fix in us what we may not even know is broken.
Give us patience and grace, with each other and with ourselves.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

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

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters – Village Connect

Sarah McKay

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.)
Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)
Ruth Johnson (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1-7 (pg.2)

Village On Antioch Commissioning (11 a.m.)

Call to Prayer

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

1. set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. 2. 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 (11 a.m.)

Psalm of Life

by Craig Hella Johnson; More Love Chorale

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11 (pg.879)

Sermon

Is There a Devil?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
HOUSTON

Offertory

Be Not Afraid
by Craig Courtney; Village Choir

*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.724

O Jesus, I Have Promised
ANGEL'S STORY

*Benediction

*Response

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend**

*Postlude

Pastoral Dance on "Simple Gifts"
by Andrew Clarke

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

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of January 29, 2016)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker 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. 30

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

This is another text that is difficult for some. What does it mean for the cross to be foolish to some? Perhaps another way of asking that question is, 'How can we seek to understand, rather than ridicule, the burden carried by another?' Where are you seeking to understand someone's burden?

Tuesday, Jan 31

Psalms 15

The Psalms are often a place of reflection – a place for us to examine our own hearts. This Psalm quietly prods us to wonder if we would be fit to abide in God's tent. And, finding ourselves lacking, prods us further still to seek God's mercy.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Matthew 5:1-12

Ahh, the Beatitudes. In the midst of a sermon series on difficult texts, this text is in many ways a comfort. It is familiar to us, and holds so many of God's promises. But do not forget the challenge(s) present in them as well.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Malachi 3:1-4

I'm guessing not many of us read Malachi on a regular basis. But verses like these remind us of the promise of the Messiah. How do these words of God's promised Savior ring true for how you see Jesus?

Friday, Feb. 3

Isaiah 9:1-4

Much like the verses from Malachi above, these verses speak about promise. But rather than the promise of a Messiah, these speak of a future day when God's reign will bring justice. Where do you find hope for God's justice in this world, and how are you helping someone else to taste the hope we hear in these words from Isaiah?

Saturday, Feb. 4

John 1:29-42

In these curious verses we read about John's version of the baptism of Jesus. It is perhaps more understated than other accounts. We do well to remember that sometime Jesus works in subtle ways, and was himself invitational more often than insistent.

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH UPDATE

Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Hallie Hottle held a Congregational Meeting with members of Presbyterian Church of Stanley last Sunday, Jan. 22. Our first worship service as Village Church on Antioch will be at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday, Feb. 5.

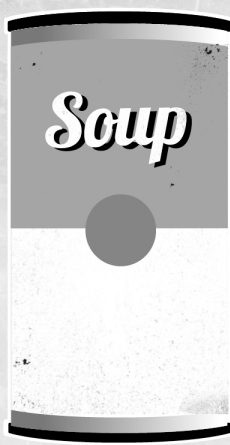
The sermon will be presented by video from our 8 a.m. worship service here at Village on Mission. All other worship aspects will be live.

Rev. Hottle is splitting her time between Village on Antioch and Village on Mission, serving as interim onsite pastor at VOA and continuing her role as pastor of Young Adult Ministry at Village on Mission. We will be conducting a search for a permanent onsite pastor. We are also looking for a part-time Young Adult Ministry coordinator to assist Rev. Hottle during this transition. The job description is on our website under Employment Opportunities.

A group of members of Village on Mission has committed to worshipping at Village on Antioch for the next year to help establish and build this new congregation.

The governance structure will look like this: we will have a Village on Antioch Session Committee and a Village on Antioch Ministry Team.

Rev. Tom Are will be happy to answer your questions about this new mission for Village Church at the Congregational Meeting this Tuesday evening, Jan. 31, in Friendship Hall.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

FEB. 5, 2017

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Dottie and Deke Harberts by their children.

THANK YOU to Chris Leaver for leading hymns and service music today.

VISITING SCHOLAR TICKETS ON SALE TODAY IN FRIENDSHIP HALL – Stop by our table in Friendship Hall this morning to get your tickets now to Visiting Scholar Dr. Beverly Roberts Gaventa, speaking at Village Church Feb. 24 and 25. Her theme is “Reopening the Letters of Paul.” Learn more at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

ALL-CHURCH WINTER BOWLING EVENT TODAY - 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. There's still time to RSVP at 913-940-5647.

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

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.

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.

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.

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. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1-22. Room 316.

SOUTHERN GOTHIC REVISITED: FAULKNER, O'CONNOR, PERCY, & WELTY - This semester, we are going to continue our exploration of William Faulkner with *Absalom, Absalom!* We will explore other Southern Gothic works, namely, Flannery O'Connor's short stories, Walker Percy's *The Moviegoer*, and Eudora Welty's *The Optimist's Daughter*. For the first class, please read the first four chapters of *Absalom, Absalom!* 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2-May 11. Room 232. Taught by Kelly Fast and Michael Sanem.

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH YOUR BUDDIES - Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture. There will be time for discussion as well. So, invite a friend and join the fellowship Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, contact marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7-April 11. Room 228.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE IN PRISON (HEBREWS 13:3) – A JOURNEY OF POETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS - In this course, participants will start by viewing life in prison "from the outside" looking through the lens of scripture to discuss mass incarceration, the war on drugs, for-profit prisons, the death penalty and justice. The second session will look at prison "from the inside," hearing poems and perspectives from former inmates followed by a question and answer session. 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16. Wednesdays, Feb. 8 & 15. Room 127. Taught by Arlin Buyert.

GROWING AT VILLAGE: SHIFTING FROM A CULTURE OF HOSPITALITY TO INVITATION - Church growth specialists agree that a crucial factor in attracting new persons to a congregation is hospitality. But waiting to greet those who come to us still puts us in a largely passive role. This course will begin to shift our emphasis from passively greeting people who come to us to actively inviting persons to join us as followers of Jesus Christ. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 8-22. Rooms 132 & 133. Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Cindy Wilcox.

WOMEN OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT - The first woman to be appointed to the United Supreme Court was Sandra Day O'Connor in 1981, 190 years after the court was organized in 1790. Since Associate Justice O'Connor, three other women have joined this exclusive group: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan. Participants in this course will explore each of these remarkable women and what they have brought and continue to bring to the work of the highest court in the land. Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 8-22. Room 230. Taught by Marlene Katz.

Spring Adult Sunday Morning Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Please check villagepres.org for more details.

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.

VILLAGE FORUM SUNDAY CLASS - Have you ever thought of the Apostle Paul as a woman nursing her infant children? The apostle uses this metaphor for himself in his first letter to the church in Thessalonica. In preparation for Dr. Beverly Gaventa, our 2017 Visiting Scholar, Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead two sessions of the Village Forum class on Feb. 12 & 19 based on her book, *Our Mother Saint Paul*, published in 2007. We will examine the maternal imagery that the Apostle Paul uses and discuss why he would choose this and what it meant for the early church and more importantly, what it might mean for us today. 9:30 a.m. in Room 126.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER FEB. 1 – Tacos, beef and veggie, soft and hard shells, Mexican rice. 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.

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.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Next week is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, the day that we hope to fill the Food Pantry truck in the parking lot with your donations of hearty soups! Hot warm soup on a cold winter night is what you will be providing with your generous donations. If you cannot get out to shop this week, cash and checks are most gratefully accepted—and we will do the shopping. Thank you.

GLOBAL MISSION OFFERING, FEB. 5 - The proceeds 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; and the youth spring break international mission project. Yellow envelopes for this offering are available in the hymnal slot in the pew in front of you.

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.

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP has started a regular electronic newsletter highlighting the ministry's activities, successes and upcoming events. If you would like to receive this mailing, contact drmp.info@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL FEB. 9 – Join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Village Chapel when our guest artist is violinist Véronique Mathieu. The program will include works by Ingrid Stolzel, Vivaldi and Beethoven.

KC WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT FEB. 12 - The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, in the Village Church Sanctuary. The theme of this concert is "Songs of the Earth and Sea." The concert featured an exciting piece entitled *Of Sailors and Whales – Five Scenes from Moby Dick*, with Rev. Tom Are narrating passages from the famous novel. The program also includes a piece called *Clash* composed and directed by Ryan Main.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH FEB. 7 - 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. 7, in Friendship Hall. You'll receive comfort and resources. A box lunch is provided. Register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

CAREER CONNECTIONS CLASS IS COMING! - If finding a new position in 2017 is a goal, the Career Connections class can help. Classes will be Tuesdays, Feb. 7-21, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

TAIZÉ EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE - Join us for an evening worship service filled with song, scripture, communion, and moments of silence and contemplation. The next Taizé service will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the VCCFDC at 9900 Mission Road.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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. To make child care reservations, email pam@villagepres.org by Feb. 3.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP - 7 p.m. upstairs at Village Church. 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're reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Alter In The World* and practicing community together. All 20s and 30s invited. Pizza provided.

SUPERBOWL PARTY - Feb. 5, After The Gathering we'll move to Rev. Len Carrell's house for football, food, and fun! RSVP signup.com/go/VillagePresYA.

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!

SUPERBOWL PARTY FEB. 5 - All 7th-12th Graders are invited to join us from 5-9 p.m. to watch the Super Bowl on the projection screen in the Loft. We'll have plenty of snacks and activities to entertain while we enjoy the commercials and the big game!

CHILI COOK OFF TICKETS ON SALE STARTING FEB. 5 - This year the Cook off is from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, and as always goes to support Youth Mission Trips. Tickets are \$10/person or \$35/family. We hope you can join us for this great church event for a great cause!



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

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.*