We have been talking about truth. We first reflected on the central conviction of our faith—that Jesus is the truth. Last Sunday we affirmed that truth and facts are not always the same thing, but truth never stands in contradiction to facts. Today we want to reflect on one of the major obstacles to truth: us.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Amazing Grace (8 a.m.)
by Daphnia Portier

Amazing Grace (9:30, 11 a.m.)
arr. Barnes; The Village Brass

Call to Worship

“Follow me,” Jesus said.

“Come to me,” Jesus said.

“Come to me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.”

“Trust in me,” Jesus said.

“Trust in me and in the One who sent me.”

“Love one another,” Jesus said.

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

*Hymn, No. 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

DIX

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us.
Forgive us for the things we have done,
    and for the things we have left undone.
Forgive us for the things we have said,
    and for the things we have left unsaid.
Forgive us for all the ways our lives
do not reflect your love.
You know the truth of us;
help us to bear witness to your truth. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace
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

*Ubi Caritas*
by John Leavitt; Village Choir

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
May we also see, along with the blessed, the glory of your face, O Christ.
And let there be immeasurable joy both now and for evermore. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Charley Jobson (8 a.m.)
Fred Logan (9:30 a.m.)
Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:46-52 (pg. 922)

Sermon

*I am Blind But Think I See*
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See
OPEN MY EYES

Offertory

Silence May Be Kept (8 a.m.)
by Dan Locklair
The Call (9:30, 11 a.m.)
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; The Village Brass

*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. 641 (v. 1-3)  
*Benecdition  
*Benecdition Response  
*Postlude

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

When in Our Music God is Glorified  
ENGELBERG

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Benediction

Praeludium in G Major (excerpt)  
by Nicolaus Bruhns

Amen

Lutkin

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10

Tickets required.  
Purchase tickets at bachariasoloists.com
THE CHURCH’S BOOK  (Week of February 5, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt 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, Feb. 5**

Acts 26:24-29

This text makes me laugh out loud. Festus accuses Paul, “You are out of your mind! Too much learning is driving you insane!” Paul replies, “I am not out of my mind; I am speaking the sober truth.” We belong to a tradition that thinks critically about our scripture and theology; we bring our hearts, souls, and minds to worship. What elements of your faith do you think about? What elements of your faith do you feel? Do you notice any patterns in your answers?

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

Ephesians 6:10-20

“Put on the armor of God,” this text instructs us, almost as if our faith requires us to march into battle. Perhaps that was a more apt metaphor back when it was first used. Is it helpful for you today? If so, how? If not, what other metaphors are more helpful? Whatever the images, we are reminded that God both protects us from ultimate harm and challenges us to live boldly.

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**

Matthew 10:5-15

These instructions from Jesus are difficult. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, take nothing with you. But perhaps the hardest is this: if you are not welcomed, shake the dust from your feet and move along. It sounds little, but we are hard-wired to want people’s love and acceptance and approval. Have you ever had to shake the dust from your feet? Has your faith ever influenced that decision? How might it?

**Thursday, Feb. 8**

Jeremiah 9:1-16

In the midst of our community-oriented sermon series, we come across Jeremiah saying, “Beware of your neighbors.” What might cause Jeremiah to speak this way? How do we hold on to both his words and Jesus’ exhortation to love our neighbors?

**Friday, Feb. 9**

2 Timothy 3:10-17

“Now you have observed [the whole of my life],” Paul writes to Timothy. This is a terrifying thought to me. I have my good days and my bad days; some days worthy of being observed and other days I’d prefer no one know about. What about you? Consider the last 24 hours. What in your life would you want others to emulate?

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

Luke 1:46-55

Mary’s Magnificat. For a time, various countries in Central America declared it illegal for these words to be read aloud. Why, do you think? What threat looms in these words? What life looms in these words?
FRIENDSHIP HALL
Tickets go on sale | Feb. 4

$10 per person ($35 max per family)

ENTER A CHILI (traditional, spicy, vegetarian, or other OR enter a crockpot dessert) and receive 2 FREE TICKETS.

Entrants are also eligible to win prizes!

Join us for a
Farewell Reception
for Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Following the 11 a.m service Sunday,
Feb. 18, in Friendship Hall
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. The upcoming joining dates are Feb. 11, March 25 and June 10. Please 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.

GLOBAL MISSION OFFERING TODAY – 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 (50%); and the youth spring break international mission project (50%). Yellow envelopes will be in the hymnal slot in the pew in front of you.

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.

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH YOUR BUDDIES – Join Rev. Tom Are for a Tuesday morning Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture. To make a reservation for breakfast, please contact marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: $6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27; March 6, 13 & 20, Room 228.

COMMON GOOD: INTERFAITH ACTION IN RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICE – Join a fact-based, civil conversation about how faith communities can work together to respond to the violence and injustice of tragic events such as those in Charlottesville, Sutherland Springs, and in our own backyard of Overland Park and Olathe. Representatives of Islam, Judaism and Christianity will discuss the issues and take questions from the audience. 6 p.m. Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. Panel Discussion. Thursday, Feb. 15, Friendship Hall.

BEGINNER EXCEL: DAYTIME – Topics include identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data, 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, 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. Tuesdays, 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.

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 15.

VILLAGE FORUM – The class is studying American Theologies this winter as we prepare for our next Visiting Scholar who will address that topic. Currently, Dr. Leslie Smith, assistant professor of religion and director of Women and Gender Studies program at Avila University, is teaching four classes on a new book she is writing, "Compromising Positions: Political Sex Scandals and American Religion." Room 126.

GROWING TOGETHER – The class continues their reading and study of the Acts of the Apostles. Taught by Lawrence Andre, the group is reading through the entire book of Acts over this year. The study is geared for persons in their 30s and 40s. Room 124.

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, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 309. See posted schedules for pick-up locations.

MORNING STARS CHILDREN’S CHOIRS – Prelude Choir (K-2nd) is in Room 307. Morning Stars Choir (3rd-6th) is in Room 305. Both choirs go directly from Sunday School and meet from 10:30-11 a.m.

KIDS’ 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. Call Pam Southerland at 913-671-2550 for more information.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Feb. 7 is tacos, beef and veggie, soft and hard shells, Mexican rice. 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

MORE CONVERSATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE – Join Father Bob Hagan as he reflects on Pope Francis’ call to Care for Our Common Home. We will examine what is happening now to our air, water, soil; global warming and climate change, and political and economic life in the U.S. and globally. Let’s discover how the Bible can be a theological and spiritual source for inspiration and motivation for Christians to actively engage this crisis. Father Bob Hagan is a Jesuit Catholic priest and currently serves as parochial vicar at Saint Francis Xavier Church in K.C. 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, Room 126. Sponsored by Village Church’s Environmental Action Committee. Last year, he taught a four-week seminar on Pope Francis’ letter On Care for Our Common Home.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Today is Souper Bowl Sunday, and the Food Pantry thanks you for your generous donations of hearty soups and crackers. If you forgot your cans, you may bring them to the church on your next visit - or - cash is gratefully accepted. During the month of February, the Pantry is asking for breakfast cereals - any and all varieties. The Clothes Closet’s needs are for umbrellas, warm scarves and hats of all kinds.
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. next 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 THIS TUESDAY – If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, we hope you come to the Faith and Grief lunch from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, in Friendship Hall. There will be a speaker and a time to share. Lunch is provided. Register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING/ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY – If you know someone who has Alzheimer’s, consider coming to Memories in the Making and its Support Group. This program 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. You are invited to come 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. Painting is in Room 126, and the Support Group meets in Room 127. Contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org to find out more.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF BEGINS THIS WEEK – If you are grieving, consider coming to Growing Through Grief, a five-week class where you’ll know that God is with us through even the hardest of moments. Class will be from 4:45-6 p.m. every Wednesday, Feb. 7-March 7, in Room 124. Registration is required; to find out more or to register, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

FAITH, DOUBT AND GRACE – Bill Tammeus, former Kansas City Star faith columnist, will be sharing his ideas about faith, grace and doubt. Come be a part of this conversation at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in Room 132. This program is sponsored by Stephen Ministry; all are welcome.

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.

WOW LUNCHEON – Women of Wisdom (WOW) will gather at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, for lunch at Cheesecake Factory, 6675 W. 119 St., in Overland Park. Please note the earlier start time which is necessary to reserve a table. All ladies are invited to enjoy good food and warm fellowship at this fun restaurant known for its extensive menu and signature cheesecakes. RSVP to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net, by Monday, Feb. 19.

MISSION SEWING – We are so grateful for all donations but because of minimal storage, we need to limit donations to only “non-fancy” fabrics and yarn which is only suitable for caps and scarves. Many of our finished items that go to hospitals need to be clean and washable fabrics. Pieces need to be at least one yard. We also use light-weight upholstery fabric for walker bags. Edie Hultman (913-432-3515) will be happy to answer any questions.
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.

AMAZING GRACES will have their Spring Event at the Kemper Museum of Modern Art on Thursday, March 8. Hors d’oeuvres and drinks will begin at 5 p.m. followed by a docent tour. Tickets are $10 and will be available between services on Feb. 11, 18 and 25, in Friendship Hall.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday nights. In February we’ll be reading 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.

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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! – Sign up for the middle school mission trip, high school Montreat and high school Boundary Waters adventure. Register and pay for trips online at villagepresyouth.org/forms.

CHILI COOKOFF TICKET SALES BEGIN TODAY! – The annual Youth Chili Cookoff is 6-8p.m. on Feb. 25, and tickets are available in Friendship Hall. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted; tickets are $10/person or $35/family. Join us as we support our youth at this annual community event!
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. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch ✤ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry
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.