



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 18, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

On Aug. 5, 2012, you voted to call me as one of your pastors. At the congregational meeting, you asked how I “knew” this was the right place and position for me. I shared with you words from a woman named Frances Copsey, who, during a difficult time in her life, wrote: “Theologically, I’m one of the awkward squad. Always asking questions or questioning answers. I wish I could tuck myself up into tradition, snuggle down into certainty, learn to trust—but I don’t know how. I do know love when I meet it, though. Oh yes, I always recognize Love.” That was how I knew, Village. In you, I have always recognized love. You are a people who love extraordinarily well. Today in worship we’ll talk about something you already know, but is always good to remind ourselves: when we follow where love leads us, we can’t go wrong.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (8, 11 a.m.)
by David Evan Thomas; Dr. Elisa Bickers
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (9:30 a.m.)
by Raymond Haan; Alegría Choir
Sing Me to Heaven (9:30 a.m.)
by Daniel Gawthrop; Alegría Choir

Call to Worship

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

The gospel is the story that saves us.

**It is the story of light and life,
of breath and spirit,
of fragility and brokenness and unending grace.**

It is the story of fishermen and outcasts,
of healers and healing,
of trees and seeds and surprisingly good Samaritans.

**It is the story of death and resurrection,
of living water and many rooms,
of hope and promises and love that never lets go.**

Let us tell the story!

Let us worship God!

*Hymn, No. 462

I Love to Tell the Story
HANKEY

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
We have not lived up to our own expectations.
We spoke with a sharp tongue.
We were stingy with our time.
We rolled our eyes and sighed with discontent.
We laughed at another's mistake.
We chose expediency over love.**

We gave up on one another.

We gave up on ourselves.

We gave up on you.

Remind us, O God,

that even when we deserve it,

you never give up on us. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response; Hymn, No. 839 (v. 1)

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;

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*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Groebe (8 a.m.)

Neil Stewart (9:30 a.m.)

Robbie Veglahn (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-42 (pg. 946)

Sermon

What Love Looks Like

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 366 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
by Moses Hogan; Village Choir
Spencer Ruwe, tenor (8, 9:30 a.m.); Rachel Priest, soprano (11 a.m.)

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread
together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body.

You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 36

For the Fruit of All Creation
AR HYD Y NOS

Congregational Meeting (9:30 a.m.)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
by John Rutter

*Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C
by David N. Johnson

SERMON NOTES

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 19, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Len Carrell 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. 19

Psalm 77

We first hear the writer of these words crying out, or lamenting. All of us cry out at one time or another. Because we are God's created beings, and not God, we cry out when we feel God has left us forever. When you feel lost, how do you find yourself back in the presence of God? The psalmist teaches us an important lesson about that here. The one crying out says, "Then I thought..." It is important to reflect and meditate on the good work of God. It is good to remember when God stretched out a hand to us, and inclined an ear, and performed mighty deeds among all people. Recall how God led the Israelites out of captivity with cloud and light and through the waters of the sea. Remember how God leads us and redeems us in the midst of our crying out.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Ephesians 2:1-10

We heard wonderfully inspiring words in our last sermon series from our senior pastor Tom Are. He said, "We are not saved by what we know of God, we are saved in the truth that we are known by God." For this pastor, it was so important to hear those words. Because it is important to know that God made the trip for us. That whatever distance we may put between ourselves and God, or the space we make between ourselves and one another. That God travels in and around those spaces and distances and fills them with grace, so that we can receive mercy. We are not saved by the work we do to know and understand God. We are saved because God has given us the gift of grace through faith. Those are the actions of God, not of our own movements to God.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

1 Peter 3:8-18

There is a question asked here that we should ask ourselves each day, "Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?" Doing good is not the work of suffering, as we may be tempted to read here. Being kind and gentle, respectful and sympathetic, and having compassion for one another will only multiply when we share it. What is difficult is to fight the urge to want to respond from our own hurt, instead of from love. It seems far too easy to want to reciprocate our harmful feeling to the one who has harmed us. Repaying evil with evil or insult with insult, is refusing to let Christ be alive in us. Christ lives in each of us, but if we are eager to do good, then Christ is alive in us.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Matthew 4:1-11

Wilderness stories are ones of temptation and hunger, of deserted areas where we meet devils and angels in the same place. But they are also of God's faithfulness in such places. Jesus was tested and tempted, as we are every day, to be the provider of his own provisions. Being tempted with the false reality that we alone create our own abundances, or get strength from the abuse of power through self-sacrifice, or being the object of other's praises, Jesus teaches us an important focus of our life together. That to focus on God, and the Word of God, we will sense a faithfulness that is far bigger than our own, the steadfastness of divine presence in tested times.

Friday, Feb. 23

Genesis 15:1-6

Is this when God gave us, as God's people, the gift of faith? Perhaps, so. The invitation to practice this free gift of faith is to not be afraid. What relationship have you noticed between faith and fear? To read this passage with new eyes I can't help but notice how Abram responds to God's invitation of faith with his own fear. It also goes unnoticed how God responds back to Abram with a promise that far surpasses his own personal fears. Perhaps, the gift of faith is first intended to help us find our way past ourselves and our own fears.

Saturday, Feb. 24

Romans 4:1-12

Paul's dilemma here is one we may all find ourselves in at some point. Where exactly does the gift of faith come from? And when does it happen? Is it before we accept grace, or is it after we accept grace? I am reminded when Paul reflects in another moment in his faith journey that God's grace is sufficient enough. Do you think grace is enough for us to respond accordingly? And what do you think that response should be?



TODAY!

Join us for a
Farewell Reception
for Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Following the 11 a.m service Sunday,
Feb. 18, in Friendship Hall

VILLAGE YOUTH



6-8 p.m. SUNDAY, FEB. 25

FRIENDSHIP HALL
Tickets now on sale

\$10 per person
(\$35 max per family)

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

Entrants are also eligible to
win prizes!

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Marion and Gene Goodwin and Lillian and Sam Morris by the Bleakley, Cox and Gentry families.

RICERCAR CONSORT CONCERT – The Friends of Chamber Music of Kansas City invite you to a "Music for Anna Magdalena Bach" concert by the Ricercar Consort at 2:30 p.m. today in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Tickets are \$35 per person; \$10 students & seniors; 17 and under are free. Learn more at chambermusic.org.

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

TECH TALK WITH TONY – Backup and recovery of digital information. Join Tony Liu as he leads this discussion on the following questions. What does backup mean? What should be backed up? What devices should be backed up or used for backup? How is information backed up and to what devices? Manual or automatic backup to the Cloud (private or public) 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in Room 316.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

DAILY PRACTICE OF YOGA – Session one continues from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, 13, 20. In each session, participants will be guided through breathing exercises, movement and meditation. Jack Whitaker has years of experience as a yoga instructor and is glad to offer this at Village Church. There is no charge for the classes but a donation to the church would be appreciated. Room 15.

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, contact marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 20 & 27; March 6, 13 & 20, Room 228.

BEGINNER EXCEL – 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 OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, Room 316.

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 Drossler 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.

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.

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 15.

VILLAGE FORUM – Today the class topic will be Meeting Serene Jones Preaching on Social Justice led by Rev. Diane Quaintance. On Feb. 25 and March 4 the focus will be Getting to Know Serene Jones as a Theologian led by Dr. Kris Kvam from St. Paul School of Theology.

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 is underway 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 913-671-2352 for more information.

2018 CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMPS – Our brochure will be posted online at villagepres.org on Monday, Feb. 19. Look for brochures and registration forms to arrive in your mailbox by the end of next week. Booklets and forms will also be available throughout the church.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Feb. 21/Presidents' Day–beef pot roast, roasted potatoes and root veggies, vegetarian entrée, cherry cobbler a la mode. 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.

OVERNIGHT RETREAT – All single adults are invited to attend on Fri./Sat., April 6 and 7, at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Kansas City, Mo. Our theme for this event is Growing in Grace: Being Alone vs. Being Lonely. Cost is \$145-single occupancy OR you can share a room for the cost of \$80-double occupancy. \$15 deposit and **RSVP is required by March 6** to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org OR liz.middleton@villagepres.org. Contact Cindy at 913-671-2331 for more information.

SINGLE ADULTS-LET'S PLAY PICKLEBALL! All single adults are invited to come play (and eat!) from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 16. We have two indoor Pickleball Courts reserved at Chicken & Pickle, 1761 Burlington, North Kansas City, Mo. 64116. All equipment/lessons are provided. A \$5 deposit and RSVP is required to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org OR liz.middleton@villagepres.org. Contact Cindy at 913-671-2331 for more info.

MISSION

INMATE POETRY READING – 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Jo. Co. Arts and Heritage Center (8788 Metcalf Ave.). Join the Arts in Prison program for a free poetry reading by inmates and former inmates incarcerated at Lansing Prison. Contact Arlin Buyert at arlin85@att.net or 913-909-2915 for more information.

THE FOOD PANTRY – Breakfast is the request from the Food Pantry this week - all varieties, hot and cold. There is plenty of room on the shelves, so please be generous. The Pantry is also asking for plastic shopping bags and brown paper grocery sacks. Your recycling of these saves the Pantry from having to purchase them.

COFFEE AND DONUTS WITH HABITAT – If you want to become a Kansas City Habitat for Humanity volunteer, join us for an informational meeting to kick off the 2018 construction season at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, in Room 132 at Village Church. No previous construction experience required. Contact Dave Lillard at 913-649-8930 or Deborah White at 913-671-2369 for more information.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – On Friday, March 9, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need two to three people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and six to seven volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS – 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, Village on Mission Sanctuary. The High Point University Chamber Singers are the premiere vocal ensemble at High Point University, located in North Carolina. They have performed across the country and abroad and will be traveling through the Midwest on their tour this spring. The concert is free!

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL - Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary when Dr. Kenneth Walker will play the Village pipe organ. Dr. Walker is director of Music & Art Ministries at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Mission, Kan. The 30-minute recital is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP – If you have a loved one or know someone who has Alzheimer's, join us at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. This group has two parts – a support group and an art element for those directly affected by Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Support Group meets in Room 124 while Memories in the Making meets in Room 126. Contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org to find out more.

GUEST SPEAKER ON MENTAL ILLNESS – Come hear Doris Hamilton as she facilitates a discussion about mental health at the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in Rooms 132/133. Everyone is welcome to come. Doris is a NAMI Family-to-Family teacher and has been active in NAMI for many years. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for those affected by mental illness through awareness, education and support.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCHEON – Women of Wisdom (WOW) will gather at 11:30 a.m. 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. RSVP to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net, by tomorrow, Feb. 19.

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN BRUNCH – Reservations open next Sunday, Feb. 25, for PW's Celebration of Faithful Women Brunch on Saturday, March 24. We will honor three church members- Margaret Dalke, Vicki Graham and Jennifer Sawyer. Rev. Sarah Brouwer will be the keynote speaker. Cost is \$16 per person. Reservations will be taken in Friendship Hall between worship services starting next Sunday morning and may also be made online at www.villagepres.org-pw.

PW SPRING RETREAT – Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and inspiration at PW Spring Retreat April 27 & 28 at Heartland Presbyterian Retreat Center, Parkville, Mo. Our retreat leader is Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich. Reservations open Feb. 25 and will be taken in Friendship Hall between morning worship services and online at villagepres.org/pw.

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.

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).

NO TWSODAYS THIS WEEK, FEB. 20 – Due to no school this Tuesday, our afterschool program will return next week, 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 Boundary Waters adventure. Register and pay for trips online at villagepresyouth.org/forms.

SERVICE DAY THIS TUESDAY – With no school this Tuesday we are going to head out and do some service. Meet us at the church at 9 a.m. Feb. 20. We'll head out, do some great work, then grab lunch afterward and be back at the church at 1 p.m.



Rev. Dr. Serene Jones

Rescheduled for March 9-10

At Village on Mission

What is True: Theology and the American Story

Get more information and
purchase tickets at
villagepres.org/Visiting-scholar



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

When Things Have Gone Wrong

The season of Lent is a slow walk to the cross. On one hand, the cross is shocking. On the other hand, it is expected. Things go wrong in everyone's life. Life is not fair. No one escapes suffering. Power is often used in abusive fashion. The passion of Christ did not eliminate the brokenness in our world, but he did battle it every day. He showed us the healing difference that love can make in a world that always knows pain and disappointment. The life of Christ is not simplistic or Pollyanna, but it is hope when things have gone wrong.

Feb. 25	The Heart Has a History?
March 4	Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch, preaching
March 11	When God is In the Room
March 18	Is it Easier if You Know Who to Blame?
March 25	(Palm Sunday) Business as Usual or Not?
March 29	Maundy Thursday
March 30	Good Friday
April 1	Easter

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.