SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 25, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

The current sermon series is “When Things Have Gone Wrong.” Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well. But something is wrong. To understand just what it is requires paying attention, not simply to what is happening right now, but to remember what happened long before. The past, particularly when it is painful, has a way of showing up when we least expect it. When the painful past defines the present, the future is at risk.
God, who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow-

We know our yesterdays, O God:
  Filled with blessing and burden,
  defined by glory and shame,
  providing both inspiration and guilt.
We come to you thirsting for your redeeming grace.

Take all of our yesterdays and make us new,
lead us to your promised new day.
God, who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow,
to you we sing our praise.

*Hymn, No. 395
Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
LIEBSTER JESU

*Prayer of Confession

Redeeming God,
Following Jesus is a struggle, for his way leads to the cross.
  When we have been faithful, strengthen us.
  When we have disappointed you, forgive us.
  When we have failed to know the difference, teach us.
It is our desire to follow in the ways of Christ. (Silent prayer)
*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters: Presbyterian Women Retreat
PRAYER

Call to Prayer

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

Anthem (9:30a.m.)

Home
by Heather Sorenson; Village Voices

Scripture Reading

John 4:16-26 (pg. 969)

Sermon

The Heart Has a History
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.
Monday, Feb. 26

When Peter, a disciple of Jesus, pulls Jesus aside “to rebuke him,” Peter learns an important lesson. Jesus tells him, “Get behind me, Satan.” What Jesus is saying is your job is to follow, not to change my course. As followers of Christ, sometimes we feel the urge to separate ourselves from the crowd and take the gospel in our own direction. When Jesus asks the crowds to “take up their cross,” it is helpful to remember that he is asking the whole crowd to do that, not only ourselves. It is going to take all of us to carry Christ’s cross.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

In this chapter of Paul’s letter to the Philippian church, he talks about gaining Christ and being found in Christ. But he also confesses that he hasn’t arrived yet or reached the goal but presses on. What does it mean for you to know Christ and to be known by Christ, and yet to want to know him better? How does that part of faith give you confidence or leave you yearning for more? Why does living with confidence and still yearning for more matter to our journey?

Wednesday, Feb. 28

To fully understand the comfort and compassion of Psalm 23, we must first read the psalm that comes before it. I have watched many a grieving family feel comforted by the language of the 23rd Psalm, but I have also seen them embody the discomforting feelings of Psalm 22. The first line of Psalm 22 is the one our Lord Jesus Christ speaks from the cross - “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” What has your call to God sounded like at times?

Thursday, March 1

After God spoke so many words already - words of creation, words of covenant, words of promise, words of deliverance - God speaks these words. This chapter is known as God’s Law, or the Decalogue, or Ten Commandments; and they are given to the people of God. But God did not give us these words in order to distance us from God, but in order to distance us from sin. It is only sin that makes us feel distant from God. These are not so much commandments, as much as they are loving requests to trust in our relationship with God and with one another.

Friday, March 2

Everyone remembers the table flipping Jesus, but do you recall Jesus brandishing a whip made of cords and driving out the moneychangers from the temple? This is a Lenten story because we all need to clean out the temple of our hearts. But believing we need to do that as a practice of our faith also illustrates that Jesus can raise up his temple inside our hearts again and again. What are some of the things you need to lay down and pick up this Lenten season?

Saturday, March 3

This is the third resurrection appearance at the end of John’s gospel. It is a reconciling moment for Peter after having denied Jesus three times before his Lord was crucified. Jesus asks Peter three times, “Do you love me?” This is not only a reconciling or forgiving moment as it is a call to discipleship. Not only does Jesus tell Peter to tend and feed his sheep, but Jesus asks Peter again the very first thing he ever asked him, “Follow me.” How does love ask us, again and again, to commit ourselves to the journey that love first invited?
Rev. Dr. Serene Jones address challenges us to consider courageously who we are, as a country, and what are our deeply-held, moral convictions. Tickets are on sale in Friendship Hall between services today and March 4 or at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

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!

Visiting Scholar
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
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 Rick Harman by his family.

YOUTH CHILI COOKOFF TONIGHT – The annual Youth Chili Cookoff is from 6-8 p.m. today, 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!

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village receives new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. The upcoming dates are March 25 and June 10. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for information.

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. 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. 27; March 6, 13 & 20, Room 228.

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.

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 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 Sanctuary services and the 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. Room 309. See posted schedules for 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. tomorrow, Feb. 26. Call Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 for more information.

NEW BABIES – Help us welcome new babies! Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

BAPTISMS – Future baptism dates are March 18 and May 13. An education class is offered for those members new to Village baptism. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org to register.

The 2018 SUMMER CAMP brochure is now on our website and available in the Children & Family Ministry office. Registration begins March 19 for “member” families and March 26 for “community” families.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Feb. 28–baked tilapia w/caper sauce, baked boneless chicken breast w/corn & tomato relish, rice pilaf. 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 April 6 and 7, at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Kansas City, Mo. Cost is $145-single occupancy OR you can share a room for the cost of $80-double occupancy. A $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

THE FOOD PANTRY – You can provide a Food Pantry client with a good start to their day with a bowl of breakfast cereal - hot or cold. The Pantry’s shelves have plenty of room to display a wide selection of cereals from which the clients can select their favorite - or try a new one. You can bring your donations to the church in your recycled brown paper grocery sacks and plastic shopping bags!
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 on Mission. 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 volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. We also need cookie donations that 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 or you can sign up at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084baba92ba02-volunteer.

COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS – Village is looking for volunteers to help plant, weed, water and harvest the Village Community Garden at 99th and Mission Road. Garden produce is donated to the Village Food Pantry. If you would like to join the garden team, call Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or email deborah.white@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

KU STARS (STUDENT ARTIST SERIES) RECITAL – Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary to cheer on student performers from the University of Kansas. These students are pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in church music and/or organ performance, and will wow us with music on Village’s new Richards, Fowkes & Co. Opus 22 pipe organ. The program will feature music from the Renaissance through contemporary compositions and everything in between.

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

HELP DELIVER AN EASTER LILY – More than 250 Easter lilies will be taken to members who are unable to attend church on Easter. If you can help, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org. You’ll be contacted the week before Easter with specific information. Thank you!

THE FELLAS MEET ON THURSDAYS – A great group of guys meets every first and third Thursday in the Heritage Dining Room at 8:30 a.m. to give on-going support to each other. Each lives with the loss of his wife or the challenge of her dealing with dementia. Rev. Len Carrell facilitates this group. You are invited to join the fellas; the next meeting is this Thursday, March 1.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN BRUNCH – Reservations open today, 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 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 today 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).

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 Boundary Waters adventure. Register and pay for trips online at villagepresyouth.org/form.

“If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.”

–Meister Eckhardt

VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Building your Legacy...

Planning for the future is not about "things" but about values. By remembering Village Church Endowment Trust in your estate plan, your generosity assures future generations will know Village as a place of faith, hope and love.

Become a member of the Meneilly Society. Call Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or email her at molly.sirridge@villagepres.org
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
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.