SERVICE OF WORSHIP
March 3, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

Picture the scene: Jesus is being followed by a crowd of people, and to better speak to them he asks to use the boat of some fisherman. They’ve been out all night fishing and are ready to move on with their lives. But, perhaps out of curiosity or hospitality, they do as Jesus asks. Eventually they are in deep water in need of help, and that’s when they decide to follow this Jesus. How did they get there?
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Allegretto from Sonata No. 4
by Felix Mendelssohn

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Introit (11 a.m.)

My God is So Big
Traditional; Angel Choir

Why Village Matters

Environmental Action Committee

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

God meets us where we are in our lives.

And in meeting us, offers transformation and redemption.

Christ calls out to us, inviting us to follow.

Give us the courage to give of ourselves,

to trust in Your good grace

and to love in Your name.

The Spirit works in us, breathing life and renewal.

Draw near to us, Spirit of God.

Renew our hearts with abundant hope.

*Hymn, No. 279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove
ST. AGNES

*Prayer of Confession

God, You gently call us daily to Your redeeming purpose,

but so often we ignore Your voice.

We fail to see beyond ourselves

and feel isolated from You and those who care for us.

We become frightened of the future,

we feel trapped by the disappointments of our past,

and we fail to acknowledge Your grace in the present.

Forgive us.

Pull us back to Your calling.

Draw us toward Your light and love,

and renew us as Your disciples. (Silent prayer)
*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

To God be glory forever!

**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

**Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

Anthem (11 a.m.)

*The Love of Jesus is so Wonderful*

Traditional; Prelude Choir

*Passing of the Peace*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 288)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on 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 (9:30 a.m.)

*Home*

music: Heather Sorenson; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)
Kathy Lueckert (9:30 a.m.)
Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 721 (Congregation sing refrain)  
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore  
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Offertory  
Alleluia  
music: Ralph Manuel; Village Choir

*Response (from Hymn, No. 694)

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

Commissioning of Dominican Republic Youth Mission Team (9:30 a.m.)

*Hymn, No. 726  
Will You Come and Follow Me  
KELVINGROVE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response  
Alleluia  
music: Ralph Manuel; Village Choir

*Postlude  
Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata No. 4  
by Felix Mendelssohn

*All who are able may stand  
© A-705103 for all hymns
MUSIC NOTES
Today’s middle hymn, “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore,” is closely tied to today’s scripture, and is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. The hymn asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

Discover Village Information Center
A place for you to connect and ask questions. You’re invited to stop by our Discover Village desk, between worship services, at the north Welcome Center entrance. Hosts will be available at the desk every Sunday morning; a place where you can share conversation and enjoy a cookie. We look forward to meeting you!
The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Becky Chamberlain 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, March 4**  
Psalm 103:1
This psalm is one of my absolute favorites! There are so many verses that should be memorized and celebrated each day. The psalmist begins by instructing his soul, his very self – to “bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.” What a great verse to recite first thing in the morning before your feet even touch the floor. Would your day be different if you started it with this verse?

**Tuesday, March 5**  
Psalm 103:2-5
In these verses the psalmist admonishes us not to forget the Lord’s benefits: God forgives all, heals all, redeems your life, crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, satisfies you with good as long as you live, renews your youth like the eagle’s. Which of these benefits do you especially want to remember today as you bless the Lord?

**Ash Wednesday, March 6**  
Psalm 103:6-14
Some of us will receive the mark of ashes today and the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Lent is a 40-day journey of soul-searching, prayer, and pilgrimage with Jesus to the cross. You may want to give up something that distracts you from that journey or add some new practice or activity that makes the journey richer and life-changing. What do you learn of God’s character in these verses that motivates you to observe the Lenten journey?

**Thursday, March 7**  
Psalm 103:15-16
Of the many poetic reminders of our mortality, verses 15-16 of this psalm are some of the most poignant. We are to remember the brevity of life and savor each moment. In one of her poems, Mary Oliver asked this question: “Tell me, what will you do with your one wild and precious life?” I think God asks this same question of us. How might you answer?

**Friday, March 8**  
Psalm 103:17-18
What a contrast to Thursday’s verses! The psalmist says that whereas we flourish briefly like flowers and then are gone, the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, beyond time itself, on those who revere God and teach future generations to revere God as well. This is God’s immortal covenant with all who love God and live in grateful surrender to that love.

**Saturday, March 9**  
Psalm 103:19-22
The psalmist closes with the way the psalm began: Bless the Lord! There is a picture here of all creation joining together, blessing the God whose kingdom will ultimately rule over all. Because God’s sovereignty is over all, all beings and all things are invited to bless the Lord. We put ourselves in tune with the whole cosmic order when we bless the Lord. The psalm concludes by focusing attention again on each of us. “Bless the Lord, O my soul!”

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**SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS EMAILS**
Subscribe now at www.villagepres.org/subscribe. Emails arrive first thing in the morning Monday through Saturday.
Celebration of Faithful Women

10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, in Friendship Hall

Please join us in celebrating our PW Honorary Life Members:

**Ann Colston, Susie Dixon and Lucy Tidwell**

**Rev. Jessie Light-Wells** will give the meditation. She will speak on Hebrews 12:1-2 “The Gift of a Cloud.”

Reservations are $16 a person and available online at www.villagepres.org/pw

The reservation deadline is March 17.

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**SUMMER CAMPS REGISTRATION**

8 a.m.-noon March 18
Church members, current
Preschool, KDO and
VCCFDC families

8 a.m.-noon March 25
Community members

More info at
villagepres.org/summercamps2019

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Sailing into Summer

at

Village Church
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 Van Cooper by Bonny Cooper and family.

Our Habitat for Humanity Ministry – Today, members of the Village Church Habitat for Humanity Tuesday-Thursday Crew are hosting an information table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon to share information about this vital mission work and answer questions about volunteering. Every year, Village Church provides funds for construction materials for several houses and the crew turns those materials into a home. No construction experience required to volunteer and scheduling is very flexible. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at deborah.white@villagepres.org or 913-671-2369 for more info.

New to us? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, providing leadership for the transformation of our communities and serving the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshiping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park). If you would like a tour of Village on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

Joining Village Church – Village welcomes new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. Join us April 7, June 2, Aug. 4, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for info.

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

Adult Educational Ministries is planning for the Fall 2019 session of Village U – Whether you have taught previously or are new to Village U, we would like to hear from you. If you have a great idea for a course, contact Sunni Battin at sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

To register for Village U classes, visit villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes:

Men’s Breakfast and Bible with Rev. Tom Are – Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study and hot breakfast. Invite a friend and join the fellowship. Call 913-671-2333 to make a reservation for breakfast. Cost: $6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 26 and March 5-26, Room 228.

Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Doctrine – What do you believe, why do you believe it and how does it affect your life? These are three foundational questions that form the basis for Christian doctrine and will be examined in the “Holding Faith” book by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby. Books must be purchased and can be found on Amazon. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka 10:30-11:30 a.m. Begins Thursday, March 7, in Rooms 132 & 133.

Spreadsheets Made Easy – Beginner Class – This introductory class will explore how to create a basic spreadsheet. Topics covered include identifying the components of a spreadsheet, entering information, and sorting data. Students will create a simple spreadsheet during the class. Windows and Apple computers are available. Registration is necessary. 1-2:30 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, Room 316.

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday classes include:

Faith Journey – Our current study is “Mending the Divide–Creative Love in a Conflicted World” by Jon Huckins/Jer Swigart. The authors invite us to explore God’s vision for peacemaking in our world and what our part can be in bringing that vision to life. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.
FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – Rev. Dwight Tawney is teaching “Looking Towards the Heavens,” exploring a variety of cosmologies that have helped people fathom the deepest mysteries that surround them. Facilitated by Diann Markley. Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER – Each week, we are growing together in faith by digging into the stories behind the Apostle Paul’s letters. You are invited to drop in for a mixture of video content and group discussion as we bring alive the stories of the New Testament. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

VILLAGE FORUM – Today, Dr. Warren Carter, our 2019 Meneilly Visiting Scholar will lead Village Forum. He will entertain questions about his lectures, his book, "Telling Tales About Jesus" which the Forum Class studied in February, and give a presentation on the call of Matthew (Matt 9:9) as presented in two Reformation/Counter-Reformation paintings. Rooms 126 and 127.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

ALL SERVICES–CHILD CARE – Infants to 4-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:25-10:30 a.m. – 2 to 4-year-olds/Pre-K—Preschool Sunday School meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107. K-6th grade—Kids’ Kingdom Sunday school meets on the third floor. Registration and grade specific room assignments are posted outside Room 307. Room information is also posted outside Room 207.

MORNING STARS – 3-year-olds through 6th graders are welcome to join and sing. We meet from 10:30-11 a.m. Angel Choir (3 to 4-year-olds) meet in Room 203; Prelude Choir (K-2nd grade) meet in Room 201; Hallelujah Choir (3rd-6th grade) meet in Room 204. Pick up for all children is on the 2nd floor.

PLEASE NOTE there will be no Sunday school or Morning Stars next Sunday, March 10, due to Spring Break. Child care will be available for newborns through children age 4.

SUMMER SIGN UP – Registration for KDO, Creations by Kids summer camps, and Music and Drama Camp begins for Village Church members and current KDO, Preschool and Day Care families on March 18. Visit villagepres.org/summercamp2019 for registration information and forms.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are March 17 and May 12. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member’s arrival. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for March 6 celebrates Ash Wednesday-- beer battered cod, red beans & rice (vegetarian), chicken tenders, cole slaw. 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. Call Liz Middleton 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org to make your reservations by noon tomorrow.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY SPEAKERS SERIES – Single adults age 40 and up are invited to this series of presentations suited for singles at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 230. March 5-Susan Younger, real estate agent, “Real Estate for Singles in KC.” More info at www.villagepres.org/single-adult-ministry.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – March is here and the Food Pantry is asking for toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo. These are frequent requests from the clients. Now is a great time to stock up our shelves with these items. The Clothes Closet is asking for umbrellas, raincoats and light jackets - thinking ahead to those April showers. You just might have some hiding in your closets, which you could donate to our Closet.
VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – Friday, March 8, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines Kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. 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. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. If you can help, you can sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2.

COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS – With the spring thaw comes the Village Community Garden at 99th and Mission Road. Village needs volunteers to help plant, weed, water and harvest during 2019 growing season. Garden produce is donated to the Village Food Pantry. If you would like to join the community garden team, call Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or email deborah.white@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY A CAPPELLA CHOIR CONCERT – 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. This fine college choir, under the direction of Dr. Brian Schmidt, will share an exciting program of a cappella works as a part of their spring tour. Admission is free. The Baylor A Cappella Choir is the flagship choral ensemble at Baylor University.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL MARCH 14 – Join us from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary for our March 14 Second Thursday Recital with soprano Rachel Priest. Rachel has studied in France, soloing with Radio France and the Théâtre du Châtelet while studying at the Université Catholique de l’Ouest in Angers, France. Her March 14 recital will feature songs by Claude Debussy, Giuseppe Verdi and American composer Carlisle Floyd. Admission is free.

LIZ LONGLEY CONCERT AT VILLAGE ON MISSION – 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 21, in Friendship Hall. Liz is a Nashville-based musician known for her stop-you-in-your-tracks voice and accomplished songwriting. Her music has been featured on TV shows such as ABC’s “Beauty & The Beast” and Lifetime’s “Army Wives.” She is currently recording her sixth album with five-time Grammy nominated producer Paul Moak and we are glad to host her only KC performance this tour. Admission is free. For more information and to RSVP, go to VPCTheGathering.org/concert.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

A LEGACY OF RESILIENCE - WOMEN OF QUIET FAITH – Join us this Tuesday, March 4, at the Faith and Grief lunch when Judy Paulette shares the inspiration she draws from generations of women of deep faith. The lunch meeting is from noon-1 p.m. in Friendship Hall. You can still register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or at linda.alley@villagepres.org.

LENT ISN’T QUITE HERE YET BUT WE’RE ALREADY THINKING OF LILIES! – Would you help deliver an Easter lily or two? More than 250 Easter lilies will be taken to members who are unable to attend Easter Sunday service. If you can help deliver a lily or two, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) LUNCH – WOW is delighted to invite all ladies to a noon lunch Tuesday, March 19. We’ll be dining in a private room at the new location of Plaza III Steakhouse, 12631 Metcalf. With the same great American food, lunch there will be fine dining in a stunning atmosphere. RSVP by March 18 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608. Come and bring a friend. All women are welcome.

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN – Saturday, March 23, in Friendship Hall. Registration and coffee begins at 10 a.m. with the doors to Friendship Hall opening at 10:30 a.m. This year, we will honor Ann Colston, Susie Dixon and Lucy Tidwell. Rev. Jessie Light-Wells will be the keynote speaker. Reservations are available online or from 9-11:15 a.m. today in Friendship Hall. Find more information at www.villagepres.org/pw.

AMAZING GRACES – The tour of the Church of the Resurrection’s Sacred Window is rescheduled for March 13. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. at the south entrance. The tour starts promptly at 6 p.m. Afterwards, we’ll convene at the home of Martha Tatman for refreshments.
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20’s and 30’s.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at Village Church on Mission (3rd floor). The French philosopher and Jesuit priest Chardin is quoted as saying, “We are not human being having a spiritual experience, but spiritual beings having a human experience.” We like it. But if the premise holds any weight, we need to do some investigating of our spiritual selves. This Lenten season we’ll encounter philosophers, mystics, meditations and more, as we experiment with tuning into our spiritual selves. More info: VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

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.

ALPHA & OMEGA (middle and high school Sunday mornings) – 9:30 a.m. today, Youth Loft (Room 333).
SNL (high school youth group) – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).
LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program) – 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Youth Loft (Room 333).
GPS (middle school youth group) – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).
EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, at Zach’s house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!
SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION OPEN – You can now register for all of our summer trips: San Francisco, a local KC trip, HS Montreat, and the MS Float Trip! Just head to villagepresyouth.org/forms or pick up a hard copy by the youth offices or in the Youth Loft.

Honor Someone Special

Tribute gifts are a wonderful way to honor someone by contributing to an organization that means a lot to them. Your tribute gift to Village Church through the Endowment Trust Tribute Gift program will be acknowledged with a card, letting the recipient or their family know that a donation has been made in their honor or memory.

To make a Tribute Gift, go online to www.villagepres.org, click on Endowment Trust and then Tribute Gifts. Complete the form and click submit. You will then be given the opportunity to pay online or you may send your check to the church. After we receive your donation, we will send a card directly to the person you are honoring.

Ash Wednesday Services - March 6

This year, we will have an early service from 8-8:30 a.m. in the Village Church on Mission Chapel. A continental-style breakfast is available starting at 7:30 a.m.

We will also have a 7 p.m. service of worship at Village Church on Mission that includes the Hallelujah Children’s Choir and the More Love Chorale singing and the Village Players as the orchestra. A 7 p.m. service will also be held at Village Church on Antioch.
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.

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.