SERVICE OF WORSHIP
March 4, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
Things went wrong, really wrong, for the disciples when their Rabbi Jesus was executed by Rome. They didn’t know exactly the goal of Jesus’ ministry, but they certainly didn’t expect it to end on the cross. After his arrest, Jesus’ disciples (his male disciples, at least) disappear from the scene, but now the women who went to the empty tomb have delivered a message to the others: their Lord awaits them on the frontier of something that will change the world.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Affirmation and Litany (8 a.m.)
by Eugene Butler; Morning Bells

*Marche en Rondeau from Te Deum
by Marc-Antoine Charpentier; Dr. Elisa Bickers (9:30 a.m.), Village Ringers (11 a.m.)

Introit (11 a.m.)

*Lord Jesus, Son of God
by Alfred Schnittke; High Point University Chamber Singers

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

God, you are forever and always the One calling out to us from new frontiers.

You call Abraham and Sarah to new life in an unknown land.
You call your people from bondage to freedom.
You call disciples to rise and follow.

We hear your call and worship you in the mystery of your love for your creatures.

We come to meet you in the daybreak of a new creation.
We come to be commissioned for a holy task.
We come to worship in spirit and in truth.

*Hymn, No. 772

*Prayer of Confession

TRURO

Lord, you call us to unfamiliar places, where you are already at work planting seeds of new life.
We often do not hear you, for we give ourselves to idols that preoccupy us with promises of comfort and safety.
When we do hear you, we often create excuses to stay behind.
Even when we want to meet you in these new places, we often lack the courage to complete the journey.

Trusting in your mercy, we repent of those things that keep us from your holy work.
Focus our hearts and minds on you, align our will with yours, and give us courage to be a resurrection people.
We give you thanks for leading us to forgiveness and renewal on this Lenten journey. (Silent prayer)
*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters: Stephen Ministry

Kathy Palmer
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

Here’s One (8, 9:30 a.m.)
by Mark Hayes; Village Choir; Anne Sneller, oboe

The Lord’s Prayer (11 a.m.)
by Alfred Malotte; Village Ringers

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (8 a.m.); Walt Tegtmeier (9:30 a.m.); Suzanne Willey (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20 (pg. 909)

Sermon

Christ on the Frontier
Rev. Brandon Frick
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 47

**Bless All Who Trust in God**

FRANCONIA

Offertory

**A Jubilant Song** (8 a.m.)

by Douglas Wagner; Morning Bells

**Come Healing** (9:30 a.m.)

arr. Kevin Dolan; Village Voices and Village Youth Band

**Ezekiel Saw de Wheel** (11 a.m.)

by William Dawson; High Point University Chamber Singers

*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. 295

**Go to the World!**

SINE NOMINE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Amen** (8, 9:30 a.m.)

by Peter Lutkin; Village Choir

**Hail to the Virgin Mary** (11 a.m.)

by Alfred Schnittke; High Point University Chamber Singers

*Postlude

**Sine Nomine**

arr. Wayne L. Wold

MUSIC NOTES

Today we warmly welcome Dr. Marc Foster and the High Point University Chamber Singers (High Point, N. C.) to our 11 a.m. worship, where they will share a few of the selections from this afternoon’s 3 p.m. concert. This select ensemble of 34 singers is made of students from many academic disciplines across their campus, and who hail from all over the United States. Thank you Dr. Foster and the Chamber Singers for enriching our worship today!
Monday, March 5  
**Numbers 21:4-9**
What a wild story! Part of reading Scripture is to wonder at a story like this one and embrace it as a word from God. But what might that word be? It is partly a story about God providing healing in the face of challenge (rather than simply removing the challenge). But what are we to make of God’s actions that send the snakes? Perhaps the author is trying to tell us something about what they believed the Israelites’ relationship with God was at the time. Better still is to articulate why or how this story might make you uncomfortable.

Tuesday, March 6  
**Ephesians 2:1-10**
These iconic words from Paul resonate during this season of Lent. The last verse claims, “For we are what God has made us.” What do you think you are, as God’s creation? Where are you striving to live into that reality, and what other narratives in your life run counter to that truth?

Wednesday, March 7  
**Psalm 107:17-22**
"They cried to the Lord and God saved them in their distress." Those words can be comforting, but if you are in the middle of distress you are often wondering when, exactly, is God going to act on your cries? God often works in surprising and unexpected ways. What do you think having faith in God, even in times of distress, looks like?

Thursday, March 8  
**Philippians 4:2-9**
Encouraging others to make peace is tricky business. Such disagreements, even in faith communities, are not something new. But what does it look like to take a step back and realize that differences prevent us from working together to accomplish great things in the name of Christ. To put it another way, we often let our personal disagreements get bigger than Christ’s presence in our lives.

Friday, March 9  
**Nehemiah 2:17-20**
The decision to take on a project – to make a difference – is difficult, and opposition is expected. But how are we to know the difference between a warning that we are on the wrong path as opposed to (in our reading today) opposition that we should push through? One clue might be whether our project aims to accomplish the aims of God while respecting God in the process. How can we strike a balance between (righteous) confidence and humility in our tasks and goals?

Saturday, March 10  
**John 3:14-21**
We began with snakes on Monday, and we’ll end the week with Moses lifting up a snake. These verses contain the ubiquitous John 3:16, but set it in the larger context. The snake referred to is the bronze snake we read about on Monday. That snake was a cure for those who were afflicted. This author is clearly drawing a connection between Jesus and this healing moment provided by God and enacted by Moses. If that is the case, what do you think it means to look to Jesus for healing? Does it mean hardship will be taken away?
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 or at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

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

Children’s Summer Camps Registration

8 a.m.–noon Monday, March 19
for Village Church members, preschool, KDO and daycare families

8 a.m.–noon Monday, March 26
for community families

Get details about camps and registration forms at villagepres.org

Village Church is the spot to be this summer!
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 Tom O’Connor by Julie O’Connor.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CARES FOR OTHERS – Since 1995, Stephen Ministers have nurtured our congregation. Their gifts of listening, praying and supporting others bless those who are having a difficult time. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, come to Friendship Hall or the Welcome Center in between services today. You may also contact Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org or by calling 913-671-2347.

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGER – 3 p.m. concert today in the 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 and are traveling through the Midwest on their tour this year. Please join us for this free concert!

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.

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

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL – This RESCHEDULED two-week class is recommended for those who have a basic understanding of Excel OR have taken the Beginner Excel class. Topics include filtering and sorting data, using Excel to create charts, and utilizing functions to easily perform mathematical and statistical calculations. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 6 and 13, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, March 8 and 15, Room 316.

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN – John Dominic Crossan’s "The Greatest Prayer" is a must read guidebook for how and why the only prayer Jesus ever taught endures. Join this lively group of women in March and April to rediscover the message of the Lord’s Prayer. Led by Rev. Diane Quaintance. 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays in 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 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. 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.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – March is here, and the requests of the Food Pantry have changed to one-pound bags or boxes of pasta. Each family unit can select one box of pasta, and it’s great to have a variety of pasta from which they can choose. The Pantry is also asking for your recycled brown paper grocery sacks and plastic shopping bags, used for bagging the clients’ groceries. Thanks.

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.
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.

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 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.

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 they 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.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 18, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary for this free concert. The program, "Of Gods and Men," will feature selections from Gustav Holst’s "The Planets," Morton Lauridsen’s "O Magnum Mysterium."

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH THIS TUESDAY – If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, consider joining us at the Faith and Grief lunch from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in Friendship Hall. You'll receive comfort and resources. A box lunch is provided. Register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY – If you have a loved one or know someone who has Alzheimer’s, join us at 3:30 p.m. March 7 for our support group. This confidential group has two parts – a support group and an art element for those directly affected by Alzheimer’s. The groups meet at the same time in different rooms. 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.

250 EASTER LILIES NEED A LIFT – 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 after the last service, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

VISITING SCHOLAR – On March 9 & 10 come to hear 2018 Visiting Scholar Rev. Dr. Serene Jones address “What is True: Theology and the American Story.” Dr. Jones is president of the 179-year-old Union Theological Seminary in New York City, the pre-eminent nondenominational seminary in the U.S. She challenges us to consider courageously who we are, as a country, and what are our deeply-held, moral convictions. Get tickets in Friendship Hall between services today or at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

WOW LUNCH AT JOE’S CELLAR – Women of Wisdom (WOW), warmly invites all ladies to lunch at noon on Wednesday, March 21. We’ll dine at Joe’s Cellar, the new cozy restaurant inside the Mission Road Antique Mall, which features authentic Italian dishes, salads, quiches and soup. We hope you will join us at this Prairie Village gem at 4101 West 83rd. RSVP by March 20 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday nights. In March 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."

BECOMING MARRIED – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday nights, Room 332. This five-part class taught by Rev. Hallie Hottle is a fun, conversational class which explores topics such as communication, conflict, families of origin, financial and spiritual matters and more! Couples participate in the class together, allowing them to meet others who are at a similar place in the engagement journey. All couples are invited, but those getting married at Village Church are required to participate. Email becky.bliss@villagepres.org to reserve a spot!

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.

Brent Isom Concert
with the More Love Chorale

7 p.m. Friday, March 23
Village on Mission Sanctuary

Guitarist Brent Isom is a singer/songwriter from St. Joseph, Mo. Brent will be joining with the Village Church More Love Chorale for a concert of sacred music. Admission is free.
**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.

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**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.

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**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

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*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.*