



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 11, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The righteous folks were troubled because they discovered a woman who transgressed their ways. The Law was clear — punishment was required. But for some reason, and who knows why, the righteous brought her to Jesus. After a few moments with Jesus, they decided punishment would have to wait for another day. As they walked away, leaving stones and rocks scattered on the ground, do you think they were grateful that punishment would wait?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Ach Wie Nichtig (Ah, how fleeting)
by Georg Böhm

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

Let the righteous give thanks to God,

for God is the source of all righteousness.

Let the unrighteous give praise to God,

for God is the source of all grace.

You, the faithful and the faltering, you are all invited
into the presence of God.

We come in hope and in trust,

for the love of God calls us by name.

*Hymn, No. 409 (v. 1-3)

God Is Here!
ABBOT'S LEIGH

*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)

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. _____

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Glo-ry to our cre - a - tor, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
Spir - it: as it was in the_ be - gin-ning,
is_ now, and will_ be for e - ver.
A - men, A - men. A - men.

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Two systems of musical notation in treble and bass clefs, 3/4 time, key of D major. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "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 (9:30 a.m.)

Kyrie

by John Leavitt; More Love Chorale

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Borthwick, Elder (8 a.m.)

Elizabeth Zakaryan, Elder (9:30 a.m.)

Jan Creidenberg, Elder (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 8:2-11 (pg.975)

Sermon

When God is in the Room

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 445

God, How Can We Forgive
LEONI

Offertory

He Never Failed Me Yet
by Robert Ray; Village Choir;
Roslinde Rivera and Anthony Perkins, Jr., soloists

*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. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
AR HYD Y NOS

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The Love of Our God
by Swee Hong Lim

*Postlude

Dernier Kyrie (Fifth Kyrie)
by André Raison

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, March 18, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and also to extend a call to Dr. Rodger Nishioka to serve as Senior Associate Pastor.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of March 12, 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, March 12

Numbers 21:4-9

In the ancient world, serpents were both respected and feared. They were associated with death and danger as well as fertility and healing. In this story, God sends serpents to punish the Hebrew people. When the people repent, God tells Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it up on a pole so that anyone bitten by the evil snake may look at it and live. The very thing that causes harm saves them.

Tuesday, March 13

John 3:1-16

Thank God that curious old Nicodemus, a respected Jewish leader, could not sleep and came to Jesus in the night with his questions. He seemed to be haunted by those same serpent dreams of his ancient Hebrew ancestors. If we live eternally, then how do we die today as one born anew? Jesus references the story about the serpents as he tells Nicodemus that Jesus must be lifted up, just as Moses lifted up that bronze serpent, to save people. The gift of eternal life is that God loves the whole world so there is nothing to be afraid of in death.

Wednesday, March 14

Ephesians 2:1-10

It has always been my belief that good stories and good poetry, which for me is good art, move us from the past to the future, from before and after, seamlessly. Paul is doing that here. The Greek verb used for lived, is literally translated as "walked." So, the first verse really says, "You were dead through the ways you once walked." But the God of mercy, who showed great love to the world in Jesus Christ, even as we walked dead and selfishly in the flesh, has raised us up. We are saved by grace through faith which God planned for us as a new way of life. That means that this saving grace has happened and keeps on being true.

Thursday, March 15

Psalms 107

This is a redemption song that sings of deliverance, salvation and thanksgiving - all outcomes of God's steadfast love. It acknowledges the troubles of this life that get in the way of our noticing God's wonderful works. Or maybe the troubles are there to help us to better see God's love. Illness, troubles and desert lands were often seen as consequences for our misdeeds in the ancient world, perhaps even in our own world. But even at the gates of death, God sends out his word to save us from our distress. How has God lifted or quieted the storms of your distress in recent days?

Friday, March 16

Luke 17:20-33

There is no turning back in life. Jesus tells his disciples, "Remember Lot's wife." She could not go back to the life she had once known. She had to stay the course -- no turning back. This is a direction to his followers that for them, or at least for himself, he must see this journey through. As we already know, his disciples buckled and fled and tried to turn back. If we try to secure our life, we lose it; but if we lose it, we keep it. We can't hold on too tightly to this life or we will squeeze the life right out of it. But if we stay the course, moving forward knowing that life is precious and fragile and hold it with open hands and hearts, we have the chance to gain it in ways we never could have imagined.

Saturday, March 17

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

All of this is about living a new life in Christ, seen through Christian unity and love made known in forgiveness and tenderheartedness. These words call us to put away our old ways of living. The Christian life is viewed more as tangible human actions rather than a spiritual state of the soul. We are not removed from the troubles of this life. We are called to take on the troubles of the world, of our own communities, of our relationships, as imitators of God, as children of the light.



Village Church is the spot
to be this summer!

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



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A CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

7 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 23

VILLAGE ON MISSION **SANCTUARY**

ADMISSION IS FREE!

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 Sara Krueger by her family.

COME TO TAIZÉ TONIGHT – If you would like a worship experience filled with candlelight, communion, moments of silence and contemplation along with scripture and song, consider attending the monthly Taizé service. Come at 6:30 p.m. tonight to the Taizé worship at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road. It's a great way to start your week.

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

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

DAILY PRACTICE OF YOGA – 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 but donations to the church are appreciated. 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, in 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 13 and 20, in Room 228.

SUSTAINING YOUR SPIRIT IN TROUBLING POLITICAL TIMES – In this age of conflict, we may find it difficult to sustain our spirits while being socially engaged. In this course, Carol Thrane and Rev. Dr. Robert Martin will invite participants to discover what makes each of us “tick” spiritually. We will explore how each of us might expand our spiritual practices to make a difference personally and socially. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 14 and 21, in Room 127.

COOKBOOK CLUB – EVENING – Calling all foodies, eaters, cooks and wannabes! Cookbook Club is a great way to try new things, sample recipes and learn from others. We'll all get the same cookbook, "Slow Cook Modern," by Liana Krissof (buy it or borrow it); and everyone will make one recipe from the book and bring it to share. Then we'll all taste, talk, share, question and learn. Led by Rachel Ciordas. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in Room 132.

"LEAPS AND BOUNDS" SCREENING – "Leaps & Bounds" is a one-woman show produced and performed by Tevin East of the Affording Hope Project. In the title, Leaps refers to leaps of faith and acts of courage that come from deep conviction. Bounds refers to the limits of the earth which are also the limits of humankind. Led by Rev. Jay McKell. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in Room 127.

BEGINNER GOOGLE DOCS – Learn to create documents in the free, web-based environment offered by Google. Topics include basic document creation, text editing and using Google Docs to collaborate with others in real time. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in Room 316.

CLIMATE CHANGE & HEALTH WORKSHOP – We'll share the basics of how our warming climate affects life and health. Co-sponsored by Earthkeepers of Heartland Presbytery and the Environmental Action Committee of Village Church. Keynote speaker: Rick Randolph, MD, medical director of Heart to Heart. 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, registration and morning refreshments; 9 a.m.-noon Plenary, worship and workshops, in Rooms 126 and 127.

FLORAL ARRANGING – Come enjoy this instructor-led course. Learn how to create your own fresh floral arrangement to display in your home this spring! Additional class fee: \$35. Taught by Katherine Taylor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, in Room 133.

INFANT, CHILD AND ADULT CPR BASICS-DAYTIME – Join us for this instructor-led course that will teach students critical skills needed to respond and to manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac emergency in the first few minutes until emergency services arrive. Additional class fee: \$12. Taught by Peggy Tingle. 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, in Room 132.

Adult 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, in 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, the class enjoys thoughtful discussions and conversation prompted by this beloved teacher who served as one of the pastors here at Village Church. Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER – If you are interested in biblically-based lessons that help you increase your impact on others in your life, you should visit this class. You will find a small group exploring the Acts of the Apostles. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre, the group is asking where we are called as apostles and what that even means. Room 124.

VILLAGE FORUM – Today and March 18 and 25, Dr. Gus Breytspraak and Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead the Lenten Study of Jesus' Last Week as narrated by Mark with help from Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. Room 126.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

LENT/EASTER INFO: Today – Broadly-graded Sunday School (2s, 3s/4s, and K-6th). **March 18** – Family Worship Sunday with no Sunday School (child care is available for 3 yrs. and under). **March 25** – Sanctuary Palm Parade: children ages 4 yrs.-6th grade meet in Room 309 by 9:10 a.m. Children up to 3 yrs. (escorted by their parents) are welcome.

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.

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

BAPTISMS – Future baptism dates are May 13 and July 15. An education class is offered for those members new to Village baptism. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org to register.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – No dinner March 14 due to Spring Break. Dinners resume March 21.

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 N Pickle, 1761 Burlington, North Kansas City, Mo. All equipment/lessons are provided. A \$5 deposit and RSVP are required to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org OR liz.middleton@villagepres.org. Contact Cindy at 913-671-2331 for more info.

VILLAGE GOLF OUTING – Do you like a casual golf outing? Then, these outings are for you! The monthly outings are a four-man scramble format and run April-October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The first outing is at Deer Creek on Tuesday, April 17, with 8 a.m. tee time. To sign up, contact Brad Steil, 913-469-5683, bradsteil@everestkc.net or Art Newcomer, 913-752-7540, artnewcome@aol.com.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The Food Pantry's request for March are for one-pound boxes or bags of pasta - any or all varieties (penne, lasagna, elbow macaroni, spaghetti, etc.) - but only in the one-pound size. Please recycle brown paper grocery sacks and plastic grocery shopping bags with the Pantry, and the Pantry will recycle with the clients.

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

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" and Morton Lauridsen's "O Magnum Mysterium," as well as music by Boysen, Coleman, Ziek and Mackey.

TE DEUM CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS "SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS" – 3 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 25, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Te Deum offers a choral reflection for the Lenten season with James MacMillan's masterpiece depicting the crucified Christ's final utterances. Tickets are \$15 and available at te-deum.org/concerts or at the door. Te Deum is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

PLEASE DELIVER AN EASTER LILY OR TWO – A Village tradition is delivering an Easter lily to a member who cannot attend Easter Sunday services. This year more than 250 Easter lilies will be taken to members all over the metro area – and we could use your help. 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. You'll be contacted the week before Easter with specific information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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 are 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 starting March 13 in 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.

SPRING BREAK PROGRAM BREAK – Due to Spring Break, there are no programs this week. We will return next week (3/18). Visit our website (above) for more information!

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN! – Sign up for the middle school mission trip, high school Montreat and the high school Boundary Waters adventure. Register and pay for trips online at villagepresyouth.org/form.

"Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world."

–John Milton



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

Easter Lily Memorials

You may purchase a potted lily in memory of a loved one by sending a check for \$10 to Village Church (include the memorial name with the check). Send your check to the church, Attn: Janice with "Easter Memorial" referenced on both the envelope and the check. Your information must be received by March 23.



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	Christ on the Frontier; Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick
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

Easter Worship Services

Village on Mission - 8, 9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary - Rev. Tom Are;
Friendship Hall - Dr. Rodger Nishioka) 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Village on Antioch - 9:30 a.m. An Easter Egg Hunt follows worship.

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, hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.