March 13, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

There was a nameless woman who came to the temple and gave her offering. Even though the gift was financially insignificant, it was all she had. In Jesus’ words, she gave “her life.” He noticed. Most folks would have never noticed her, but if anyone would notice her, it would be Jesus. They were two of a kind.
Prelude

Call to Worship

“We hold this treasure in clay jars,” says the apostle Paul.
God has a history of working with difficult materials.

Out of nothing, God created the earth.
From dust and breath, God fashioned human beings.
With flesh and bone, God sent Jesus to live among us.
From death itself, God called forth life.

Let us worship the God whose promise is true:
when love takes hold of us, wondrous things can happen.

*Hymn, No. 402

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. (Silent prayer)
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (8 a.m.)

*Response


*Assurance of God’s Grace

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (8 a.m.)

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Hymn, No. 482

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children, Joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

Anthem

Give Me Jesus
African-American Spiritual; arr. by L. L. Fleming; The Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Dee Couch (8 a.m.)
Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)
Patricia Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Readings

Luke 21:1-6 (pg. 959)
Luke 22:14-20 (pg. 960)

Sermon

The Brokenness of Jesus
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 221 (st. 1, 3)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
PASSION CHORALE

Offertory

Green Fields
arr. by Virgil Thomson; The Village Choir
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. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
HAMBURG

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Postlude

Rondo alla Turka
by W. A. Mozart

*All who are able may stand

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The following are daily Bible readings 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 and our mission. Pray for God’s world.

**Monday, March 14**  
Colossians 2:6-23  
The resurrection we share in Christ is not just something that lies in our future, it is happening now. The powers of the world have a way of pulling us away from Christ’s presence in our lives. Our challenge is not to think we take them on alone, but to trust that Christ has already defeated them. Our fight is not with the powers themselves, but to live a life worthy of God’s claim on us, that as Christians we are no longer enslaved by them.

**Tuesday, March 15**  
Colossians 3:1-4  
We have stake in this tug-of-war between the powers of the world and the spirit of God within us? We are called to set our minds “on things that are above,” where Christ is. This is a complete and incomplete reality. This is not a call to reject the life we are in, but to actualize the life God intends for us here and now. This is not about escaping to where Christ is, but letting Christ move in to restore our life here. The writer is not expecting us to manipulate the powers of evil and death, but to put on love. The heart of God is a moral one.

**Wednesday, March 16**  
Colossians 3:5-11  
Yet, putting the evil in us and around us to death, takes an intentional effort on our part. We play an essential role in what God is doing in the world and in us. There is no such thing as an inanimate recipient of grace. This is not to say our good works are what saves us. We are called to clothe ourselves in Christ. To take off the old self and to put on the new self, which is the image of God revealed to us in Christ. Grace is a gift where some assembly is required.

**Thursday, March 17**  
Colossians 3:12-17  
“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” There is no better description of discipleship and of the character of Christian love than this one. And what does this harmony look like? It is compassion, kindness, and personal humility. It is vulnerability to God and community. It is practicing forgiveness and gratitude. It says “clothe yourselves with love,” not yourself singularly. We are made holy because God’s love is made known to us in Christ Jesus, and enables us to love one another as the body of Christ.

**Friday, March 18**  
Colossians 3:18-4:1  
This may be the most misinterpreted, misread and misrepresented text in the Christian bible. It comes on the heels of a command to love one another, which is perplexing at best. Its close proximity to what precedes it warrants a debate as to if this part of the letter was added later to address issues rising in the community. The question is how do we handle it today? This could be a call to love in the face of injustice. Yet, it remains unclear if it’s a commentary on social justice reform. It does ask us, however, to display Christian values where non-Christian norms exist.

**Saturday, March 19**  
Colossians 4:2-18  
What kind of love binds us together in harmony? The kind of love that risks the possibilities of looking foolish. The kind of love that doesn’t assume to have the answers. The kind of love that prays for a door to be open to the Word of God. The kind of love that forgives and is spoken gently, “seasoned with salt.” The kind of love that tells the story of mystery that is taught, and learned and lived. The battle is not between the world and us; it is between our moral and immoral selves.
The Welcome Center is Open!

We invite you to walk through our new Welcome Center and enjoy a beverage in the newly relocated Village Cup. Thank you, Village, for making this wonderful new space possible.

We will have a formal dedication and blessing of the Welcome Center immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 1. At that time, the Village Church Heritage Committee will be placing a steel box filled with historical items of the church today in the new cornerstone by the Welcome Center. It will also include items discovered this past July when the Heritage Committee opened the steel box that had been placed near the old front entrance on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1954, when the new Sanctuary building was nearly completed.

Faith And Grief Lunch Series To Begin Tuesday, April 5

We are pleased to launch a new ministry at Village — Faith and Grief lunches. This is a shared ministry among five local churches: St. Mark’s United Methodist, Second Presbyterian (KCMO), St. Andrew’s Episcopal, Country Club Christian Church, and Village. Faith and Grief lunches are for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and wishes to connect with others who have traveled the same road. All participants receive a free lunch and benefit from a short program and conversation around tables led by a trained facilitator. Lunches will be held from noon-1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in Friendship Hall.

Come every month, come when your schedule allows, or come once just to check it out. Registration will soon be available online at faithandgrief.org. Faith and Grief Ministries is a program designed by Presbyterian pastors in Texas, with lunches taking place in numerous locations throughout the country. We are excited to partner with neighboring churches to bring this important ministry to Kansas City. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 913-671-2367 or jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org.
TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY - Welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children: 9:30 a.m.: Emery Brooke Gustafson (Erin and Trevor Gustafson, parents); Logan Christopher Heinrich (Joey and Josh Heinrich, parents); Harlow Vivian Hunter (Katherine and Heath Hunter, parents); Archer Dean McKechnie (Jenn and Matt McKechnie, parents); Owen Alexander Nazar (Kelsey and Andrew Nazar, parents); Lyla Pearl Rundle (Emily and Brett Rundle, parents); Jackson Miller Scott and McCoy Crosby Scott (Lindsay and Ryan Scott, parents); Kit Eileen Shriver (Lindsey and Ryan Shriver, parents). 11 a.m.: Henry Thomas Becker (Jessica and Mike Becker, parents); Avery Elizabeth Clark (Melanie and JC Clark, parents); Broderick Davis Dercher (Jessica and Thomas Dercher, parents); Madeline Ardea Chonko McInerney (Julie and Kieran McInerney, parents).

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to use as tools in worship. At the end of the worship service, please return the bags to the baskets located in the narthex.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE - Join us at 5 p.m. today in the Chapel for Taizé evening worship. This quiet, reflective service includes song, silence, scripture and communion. Come and worship in a new way.

THE KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY is presenting a free concert at 7 p.m. tonight in the Village Church Sanctuary. Entitled “From Russia with Love,” the program features guest pianist Kairy Koshoeva performing Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2. The second part of the program features Mussorgsky’s Pictures at an Exhibition with an art exhibit and projected artworks by Village Church artists. The Kansas City Wind Symphony is a member of the Village Arts Alliance. Call 816-781-1132 for more information.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PALM SUNDAY PARADE MARCH 20 - Your child (K-6th grade) is invited to participate in our annual Palm Parade during the first part of the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Bring your child to their usual classroom by 9:15 a.m. Children will process with their class for the Palm Parade during the first hymn, stay for a reading from scripture and return to their classroom while singing with the congregation.

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL - Parents may check in their preschool-age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available 9:30 a.m and 11 a.m.

KIDS’ KINGDOM CHURCH SCHOOL - Parents may check in their elementary (K-5) aged students on the 3rd floor. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

CLUB V6 (6TH GRADE) - Fun and relevant discussions for today’s ‘tweens. 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 302.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

FAULKNER’S AS I LAY DYING AND THE SOUND AND THE FURY - Teachers Kelly Fast and Michael Sanem will build on the existential foundation of Dostoyevsky and Camus, coupled with the multi-perspective viewpoints of Marquez by reading William Faulkner’s As I Lay Dying and The Sound and the Fury. We will be using the following edition: As I Lay Dying, William Faulkner, ISBN 10: 067973225X and The Sound and the Fury, William Faulkner ISBN 10: 0679732241. For the first class, read to page 136 in As I Lay Dying. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, April 7-May 12, in Room 232.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES

Interior Design Pro Tips - Learn tips that you can use to improve the function of your space and make it feel more like home. Topics to be covered include: space planning, elements and principles of design, color theory, fabrics, furniture and measurement rules. Join us to find out how to bring more WOW to your home.” 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, in Room 127. Taught by Sean Margaret Droessler.
School of Theology - Religion in America: Billy Graham to Marcus Borg - The class is an exploration of developments in mainline and evangelical Protestantism in the latter half of the 20th century focusing on Billy Graham and Marcus Borg. Readings will include Grant Wacker’s book, America’s Pastor, and Borg’s classic, Meeting Jesus Again. Classes will include discussions of videos and readings including some of Graham’s most famous crusades and Borg’s two appearances at Village Church in 2003 and 2007. Taught by Gus Breytspraak. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 30-May 4, in Room 132.

Sing Before Supper – Come to the Chapel for a fun and lively time of singing old favorites and new treasures. Taught by Mark Ball. 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

Date Night – Join us from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in Room 232. We begin with a 30-minute discussion on a topic to help you strengthen your marriage, and then couples will be free to leave on their own for some time away for dinner and discussion. Child care is available with an advance reservation by March 23. Led by Clint and Kim Carter.

School of Theology - The Huguenots – The Huguenots will explore the history of the French Reformation that began in Paris before the writings of Martin Luther were widely known. It will examine the rapid spread of Presbyterian-style congregations in France led by ministers trained by John Calvin in Geneva. The study will conclude with a careful look at the diaspora of some 200,000 Huguenots from France in the years after 1685, giving special attention to those who chose to migrate to America. Taught by Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee. 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, April 6-May 11, in Room 132.

Sign up for Village U classes at villagepres.org or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS
From March through May, the Faith Journey Sunday morning class will look at faith’s role in various aspects of today’s world. How do the concepts of compassion, community and civility that Jesus taught inform our behavior today? Cherie Brown, Mary Snyder and Kathy Ray will each be exploring this question using three books: Jesus, Pope Francis, and a Protestant Walk into a Bar: Lessons for the Christian Church by Bill Tammeus; An Other Kingdom by Walter Brueggemann; and Who Speaks for God? by Jim Wallis. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in Room 230.

MISSION
THE FOOD PANTRY - A bowl of cold cereal or a bowl of hot cereal - a good way to start the day! The Food Pantry is requesting boxes of cereal during the month of March. Add a box to your grocery cart and bring it to church for the hungry at the Pantry. The Clothes Closet is now accepting spring clothing. There is also a need for bed, bath and kitchen linens. Your contributions do make a difference. Thank you.
COMMUNITY GARDEN - If you are interested in joining or are already on the Village Community Garden team, you are invited to a free spring kick off breakfast and social from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Friday, April 1. A representative from Cultivate KC will give a brief talk on urban food production. We’ll also share future plans for the garden, start scheduling volunteer slots and offer time for you to visit with fellow gardeners. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Deborah White, director of mission, at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org by Thursday, March 24.

HELP FILL HILLCREST’S LINEN CLOSET - Village Church Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a linen drive for Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Hillcrest provides temporary housing for homeless families, helping them become self-supporting and self-reliant in just 90 days. Hillcrest needs new or gently used: bathroom linens, kitchen washcloths and towels, bed linens (queen, full & twin). Drop off your donations at the receptionist desk. The Linen Drive ends April 12. Call Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org for more information.

ONE GREAT HOUR OFFERING MARCH 20 - On Palm Sunday, gifts collected for this offering are distributed among the following: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Hunger Program. You will find envelopes for this offering in the hymnal slot for each pew.

COFFEE AND DONUTS WITH HABITAT - If you think that you might like to become involved as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, join us for an informational meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, in Room 132 to kick off the 2016 construction season. Representatives from Heartland Habitat and Village Church, as well as members of the Tuesday-Thursday Crew will be on hand to discuss plans and building sites for 2016. If you would like more information but cannot attend, contact Dave Lillard, 913-649-8930 or lillard@kc.rr.com.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

NEEDED: EASTER LILY DELIVERERS - More than 250 Easter lilies will be taken to members who are unable to attend church on Easter Sunday. We need 100 volunteers to deliver a lily or two after the last service. 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.

COUPLES COMMUNICATION CLASS STARTS APRIL 5 – Want to learn how to improve your talking and listening skills? Learn how to resolve conflict? Improve your relationship with your partner with better communication skills at the new couples’ communication class. This 4-week series starts Tuesday, April 5, from 6-8 p.m. in Room 230. Dinner is provided and childcare is available. Registration is limited to 10 couples; the class fee per couple is $50 and is due by Tuesday, March 22. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SPRING SESSION-OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM - Partner with a preschool reading buddy from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays, March 23 -April 27. No experience necessary-just a love for children! We need 35 volunteers (men and women) and 70 preschool level books per week for the Operation Breakthrough Reading Program. Contact Cindy Whitham at ciwhitham@aol.com or 913-262-3062 for info. Need child care? Call Pam at 913-671-2352 to make a reservation by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT SPRING EVENT - PROGRESSING THROUGH THE VILLAGE - Join us as we Progress through the Village...enjoying appetizers here and desserts there at 6 p.m. Friday, April 8. There will be plenty of friendly faces to chat with as we enjoy hors d’oeuvres at the Ruecker home, 6615 Reeds Dr., Mission, before heading to the Solenbergers, 6525 Roe Ave., Prairie Village, for some decadent desserts! The cost is $9 per person to cover the appetizers and desserts made by Chef Emily. To RSVP, email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com and mail a check made payable to Shelby Krumm, 3208 W. 92nd St., Leawood, Ks., 66206. Child care is available for those who book by April 1. Contact Pam at 913-671-2322 or pam@villagepres.org. Child care is provided from 6-9 p.m.
**WOW LUNCH AT HOULIHAN’S** - Ladies, wear your St. Patrick’s green and join WOW (Women of Wisdom) for a spring lunch at noon on Thursday, March 17. We’ll gather at Houlihan’s, Town Center, 4900 W. 119th. A casual restaurant, Houlihan’s specializes in American food, including homemade soups, salads, sandwiches and lunch entrees. All ladies are invited. RSVP by March 16 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608, or to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net, 913-432-4321.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

**MEET UP @ THE MOOSE** - Come and connect with Rev. Hallie Hottle from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, at the Blue Moose (4160 W. 71st St., Prairie Village). Wear green! Come and help Hallie put names to faces, and begin to conspire for this new ministry at Village. Food is on us. All 20s and 30s welcome!

**SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE** – We will not have our Sunday or Weekly programming this week, March 13-19, due to Spring break. We hope everyone has a fun and safe break! Regular programming will resume on March 20.

**DOMINICAN REP. MISSION TRIP** – Our annual Dominican Republic Mission trip left yesterday. They will be spending a life changing week in the DR serving others!

**EASTER LILY MEMORIALS** - You may purchase a potted lily in memory or honor of a loved one by sending a check for $10 payable to Village Church (please include the memorial/honoree 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 noon on Friday, March 18, to be included in the April 5 Good News listing of donors.

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 VILLAGE CHURCH OFFICERS** - The Village Church Nominating Committee needs your help in matching abilities with responsibilities. They are seeking recommendations for elders, elder trustees and deacons for 2017. Submit the form on our website: www.villagepres.org under the “About” section and “Officers” page. The link will be at the top of the Officers page. Printed forms are also available at the Receptionist Desk. Forms must be received by Sunday, March 20, 2016.

**Young Family Estate Planning Workshop**

Child care is available with advance reservation.

All young adults are invited to a seminar on the basics of estate planning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, in Room 126. This seminar will review the importance of estate planning documents for young families such as Last Will and Testaments; a Testamentary or a Living Trust for the support of the family; and an explanation of Probate, Guardianship and Conservatorship. Sponsored by Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust and presented by Stacey Janssen, RSVP to Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.
SERMON SERIES

Treasure in Clay Jars

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth that the Gospel Ministry is a “treasure we hold in clay jars.” This is a metaphor that resonates because we all know how fragile faith can be. We know how fragile Christians can be. One of the wonders of grace is that God continues to be found among the weak and fragile of faith. God’s treasure is carried in clay jars, meaning God’s beauty can show up in our brokenness. It’s good news. We hope you will join us to hear it.

Feb. 14  All Are Ministers
Feb. 21  When the Church Gets it Wrong
Feb. 28  Some Things Never Change...Until They Do
March 6  I Believe, Help My Unbelief
March 13  The Brokenness of Jesus
March 20  When the Nation is Broken
March 27  Easter Isn’t Over

Maundy Thursday
Worship Service
7 p.m. March 24

Good Friday
Worship Service
7 p.m. March 25

Easter Services
Sunday, March 27
8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

MINISTERS
All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM
Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor  Mark Ball, director of music
Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist  Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care
Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of children and family ministry  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  Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music
Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship & endowments  Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries
Deborah White, director of mission  Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries
Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

*The 8 a.m. service is broadcast live on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.*
*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org. Click the Quick Link “Live Service Broadcasts.”*  
*We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.*
*Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available for worship. Ask an usher if you need these items.*  
*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.*