



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 28, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The discovery of the empty tomb is slightly different depending on which account we read, but one detail is always the same. Mary Magdalene is there. She feels like a seemingly small detail in an otherwise wild story. But she's the only one at the trial, the cross, the tomb where Jesus is laid, and here to witness and tell of resurrection. If she was only a detail, why does she keep showing up? If she was only a detail, why has our history scandalized her name? Today we take a new look at our first resurrection preacher, and wrestle together with what happens when we don't believe the stories women tell.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire
by Emma Lou Diemer

Words of Welcome

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

Palms greeted. A parade was created.

"Hosanna! Save us!" they shouted along the way.

Followers gathered. Bread and wine, given.

Disciples slept, and Jesus prayed.

Betrayal kissed. Soldiers arrested.

A trial was held in the middle of the night.

Innocence, convicted. Crosses, erected.

Forgiveness was spoken. A mother, beheld.

The faithful, watched, weeped, carried him to a tomb.

Earth shook. Darkness descended.

All of heaven stood quiet and still.

But then...

Women walked.

A stone rolled.

Angels announced.

Resurrection was real.

And now,

our Savior lives again.

And now,

not even death can stop the living.

And now,

and always, and forever, love wins.

*Hymn, No. 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
HYFRYDOL

*Prayer of Confession

**Living God,
The crowds of Easter morning have returned home.
The "Hallelujahs" have been sung.
The lilies have been cleared away.
We have celebrated resurrection,
and now we return to the uncomfortable reality,
that You didn't rise for our fleeting celebration.
You rose, that we might rise too.
So forgive us, God,
for the ways we tame Your offense,
resist Your transformation,
scandalize Your truth-tellers,
settle for life half-lived.
Make us to rise
with You, for You,
as proclaimers of Your hallelujahs,
participants in resurrection,
in this and every day. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a response. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first, also with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' written below it.

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem

I Will Sing With the Spirit (8, 11 a.m.)
music: John Rutter; Music Ministry Interns

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (9:30 a.m.)
arr. Roger Emerson; More Love Chorale

Prayer for Illumination

Dee Couch (8 a.m.); Patti Howell (9:30 a.m.); Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12 (pg. 964)

Sermon

I Believe Her

Rev. Hallie Hottle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 526 (Congregation sing refrain when invited)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Linstead

Offertory

Ave verum corpus (8 a.m.)
music: Edward Elgar; Music Ministry Interns

Let the Bright Seraphim (9:30, 11 a.m.)
music: G.F. Handel; Rachel Priest, soprano and Andrew Bishop, trumpet

*Response (from Hymn, No. 15)

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body. You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 307 (v.1 & 4)

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go with Us, Lord
music: Thomas Tallis

*Postlude

Thine Is the Glory
by Emily Maxson Porter

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

MUSIC NOTES

Today we welcome soprano Rachel Priest and trumpeter Andrew Holmes to share George Frederic Handel's "Let the Bright Seraphim" in 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship. Handel was known first for his operas and later for his oratorios; his Samson depicts the story of Samson of Israel during his time with the Philistines. The aria, "Let the Bright Seraphim," is sung just before the final chorus, summoning the celestial hosts of seraphim and cherubim to hail the fallen hero.

Today's 9:30 a.m. service is the last time that the More Love Chorale will sing in worship in the 2018-19 program year. The More Love Chorale still has several May community performances, including 7 p.m. performances at the Forum and Claridge Court on May 1 and May 8, respectively.

We are also grateful for our 2018-19 music interns: Karli Cabrera, Roslinde Rivera, Spencer Ruwe and Jacob Pfeiffer, who are singing all of today's morning worship services while the Village Choir has a week off. The music intern program is designed to give young singers unique opportunities to develop leadership skills in music ministry.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 29, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka 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, April 29

John 20:1-18

Resurrection is not resuscitation. In this post-resurrection story, it may seem odd that Mary the Magdalene does not recognize Jesus when she comes face to face with him. Some scholars posit she did not recognize him because her eyes were filled with tears, but I think she did not recognize him because he was transformed. Resurrection is not resuscitation. Jesus had died and now that he is alive, he is different. In these post-Easter days, how are you different?

Tuesday, April 30

John 20:19-29

Believing without seeing is a blessing. When Jesus first appears to the disciples, Thomas is not with them. When Thomas returns to the group and the disciples tell him about encountering Jesus, Thomas doubts their story and says he will only believe when he sees Jesus. Later, Thomas sees Jesus and believes. Then, Jesus says that those who have not seen him yet believe are blessed. He is talking about us! We are blessed because we have not seen yet we believe!

Wednesday, May 1

John 20:30-31

Sharing the story helps us believe. Gospel writer John clearly tells us his purpose in composing this gospel – so that others may come to believe and have life in Jesus Christ. That is what happens when we share the good news (“gospel” means “good news”) with others. Like John, when we share our stories of faith, others come to believe, too. With whom are you being called to share your story of faith?

Thursday, May 2

John 21:1-14

Fishing for people continues. After encountering Jesus twice, some of the disciples return to the Galilee and start fishing. They return to what is most familiar, what is most comfortable. There, they struggle to fish as they had before. Then, Jesus appears to them and teaches them a new way to fish. Jesus first invited these disciples to fish for people. This their real calling. They are now and will forever be fishers of people!

Friday, May 3

John 21:15-19

If it is repeated, it is important. Three times Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” And three times, Peter responds telling Jesus that he loves him. Bible scholars remind us that when Jesus was arrested and being tortured, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times. One of the rules of Bible study is if something is repeated, it is important. Jesus calls us to love and in loving, to care for his sheep. And who are Jesus’ sheep? All of God’s children.

Saturday, May 4

John 21:20-24

Jesus did more than we can know or understand. In the last verse of this gospel, John reminds us again (see 20:30) that Jesus did more than is recorded here. That is always true. Rev. Hallie Hottle likes to say in post-Easter language that “Jesus is on the loose.” He is. And not only did Jesus do more than we can know or understand, he is currently doing more than we can know and understand. Thanks be to God!

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.**



GUN VIOLENCE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

The Community Response
6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 9
Village Church on Antioch

Expert panelists will discuss the realities of gun violence in Johnson County and what citizens can do to prevent violence in our community.

Rev. Tom Are will offer a theological reflection.

Child care available. Get more details at www.villagepres.org/antioch.



VBS AT VILLAGE ON MISSION JULY 15-19

Online Registration
Starts at 8 a.m. Monday, May 6, for church members;
8 a.m. Monday, May 13, for community members

REGISTER AT
www.villagepres.org/summercamp2019

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, 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 worshipping 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 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

TECH TALK WITH TONY – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7. We will discuss ways to organize your pictures, documents, spreadsheets, and other digital data to share with others. You will be able to find, change, or email this digital data to family and friends. We will talk about where to store data in the Cloud (Public or Private), laptop, tablet, smartphone or other Smart devices. Room 316.

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

FAITH JOURNEY – For May, we will be discussing, “Unbelievable: Why Neither Ancient Creeds Nor the Reformation Can Produce a Living Faith Today,” by John Shelby Song. May 19 will be our last class before summer break. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – Today, the focus will be on Jesus and His Jewish influences. A video by Professor Jodi Magness. Rev. Dwight Tawney will be teaching the first three Sundays of May. 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 – We will be hosting a series, “From Evil to Grace” led by Rev. Dr. John P. Borden on May 5 and May 12. The series will look at our understanding of and beliefs about evil and how God’s grace embraces us in spite of evil. The time will be spent exploring the scope of grace. 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.

6TH GRADE MOVE-UP BRUNCH – All sixth graders and their families, please join us for a morning of celebration before you head up to youth! Sunday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft. RSVP to Kate Ruecker at kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

JOIN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING TEAM FOR THIS FALL! – Will you consider joining our team of amazing volunteers who teach Sunday school? Whether you are young or old, married or single, new to Village or you've been here for many years, we are confident we have a spot that is uniquely perfect for YOU. Contact Brooke Latas at brooke.latas@villagepres.org or 913-671-2355.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are July 21 and Sept. 15. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome your new arrival with a gift. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

VILLAGE KIDS DAY OUT program for children ages 2–3 yrs. still has some openings on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Our program runs from Sept. 5, 2019 through May 14, 2020. Your child will be cared for in a safe, nurturing and fun environment. Enrollment for the Fall '19 semester has begun. Tuition is \$125 a month plus a one-time registration fee of \$50. For more information call Marjean 913-671-2322.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our May 1 Cinco De Mayo menu is nacho bar, chicken fajitas and veggies. We will also enjoy a concert by the Morning Stars Children's Choir. 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.

BELIEVING AND BELONGING: NEW MEMBER THREE-PART SERIES – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, April 30, May 7 and 14, Room 232 at Village on Mission. April 30 - Building Tour & New Friends Learn more about Village Church; May 7 - Glorifying God with our Gifts Identify spiritual gifts, explore the five spiritual practices; May 14 - Conversation with Rev. Tom Are, our senior pastor. RSVP for classes to sunni.battin@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333. RSVP for free child care to marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322. Seven days advance notice required.

VILLAGE CHURCH GOLF OUTING – Do you like a casual golf outing? Then, these outings are for you. The monthly outings are a four-person scramble format and run through October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Sycamore Ridge on Tuesday, May 14, with 8 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP by May 7 to Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Next Sunday, May 5, is Canned Fruit Sunday, the Food Pantry's second Food Drive of 2019. A large variety of canned fruit is exactly what the Pantry's clients love, so please be generous and bring several cans to church on that day - pineapple, mandarin oranges, tropical fruits, peaches, etc. The Pantry has had several client requests for Bibles and inspirational books. We would appreciate your donations.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP – Join your Village Church family and the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) on the first Givingthanks service trip to the DR from Nov. 22-27, 2019 (Thanksgiving is on Nov. 28). Work includes educational, medical and construction. All ages welcome (unaccompanied minors must be 16 by Nov. 22, 2019). Cost is \$1,400 a person and includes air, housing, meals. A \$100 deposit due June 1, 2019. Contact Lora Garrison at lora.garrison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390 for more information.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – Friday, May 10, 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. We also need cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. If you can help, you can sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2.

MUSIC MINISTRY

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for the final concert of the 2018-19 season. Admission is free. The program "Top of the Pops" will feature music by Eric Whitacre, John Williams, J.P. Sousa and more. The concert will be led by guest conductor D. Juan Jose Navarro with guest percussion soloist Stephen A. Martin.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – Join us from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in the Village on Mission Chapel. Jay Carter, one of the nation's most beloved countertenors will sing a program of works by Purcell, Mozart, Hahn and Howells. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH IS NEXT TUESDAY – Join us for the Faith and Grief lunch noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, in Friendship Hall. You'll receive comfort, resources and a box lunch. Register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. Contact Linda Alley with any questions at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

REGISTER FOR GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, consider attending Growing Through Grief. This five-week session is from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday, May 8 – June 5, in Room 124. There is no cost, but registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM LUNCH AT THELMA'S KITCHEN – Come with Women of Wisdom (WOW) in the Village van for lunch at Thelma's Kitchen (3101 Troost) on Tuesday, April 30. Thelma's Kitchen is Village's Signature Mission. Soup, salad, an entrée, dessert, and drink-delicious food and warm hospitality, sharing a meal as a community with neighbors from both sides of Troost. The van departs from VOM's south entrance at 11:30 a.m., returning by 2:30 p.m. RSVP by April 29 to Marvie Sneegas at sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608.

AMAZING GRACES – Join the Amazing Graces for a May Day Bouquet Event. We will meet in the Franklin Park Pavilion and Gregory's Floral Design will assist us in making our own bouquet. Refreshments following at Kay Findlay's home. There will be a signup table in Friendship Hall between services. Cost is \$10 and limited to 40 people. 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. Contact Martha Tatman at 913-221-5280 for more info.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. Come join other young adult parents for a free family meal, then send kiddos downstairs for childcare while parents connect with one another. Sign up online: VillagePresYA.org/couples. All 20's and 30's with children welcome!

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – We resume 7 p.m. May 9, with a new series: Let's Talk About Race. We'll be reading the book "White Fragility" together, and discussing the sin we can't seem to shake. Sign up required for this series! Sign up online: 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.

VILLAGE RUN CLUB (exercise for high schoolers, all ability levels) – 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Meet in Youth Loft (Room 333).

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.

Discover Village Information Center

A place for you to connect, ask questions and share conversation about your life in the Village Church community. We now offer two locations with hosts available every Sunday morning between worship services to share friendship and a cookie.

North location – Welcome Center reception desk at north entrance

South location – south end of Friendship Hall



Stewardship at Work...

The busy summer months are just around the corner. Consider setting up an **Automatic Withdrawal** to continue your annual commitment and support your church while you are enjoying the summer holidays.

Go to villagepres.org/Giving and click on Online Giving. Complete the required information and relax, knowing your annual gift to Village Church is at work!

Thank you for your continued support of Village Church.



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

For the next two weeks, Rev. Tom Are will explore the ways the resurrection of Jesus Christ touches our lives every day. Then beginning Sunday, May 19, we will begin a three week sermon series, "Why Can't We Get Past This?" In this series, Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore the pervasive and complex realities of racism in American Culture.

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Brooke Latas, director of children and family ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care

Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration ❖ Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

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 ❖ Rev. Sally Wright, interim pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

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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.

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