SERVICE OF WORSHIP
April 3, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

The resurrection was an event. A pretty fantastic event. But it was more than that. Resurrection is more than what happened that Easter morning. Perhaps Jesus’ return was a priming for our eyes, a refocusing for what it would mean to be part of this new Way. It wasn’t just about seeing Jesus alive again; it was about looking for life in places the world calls dead. It’s about seeing possibilities in times that appear hopeless. And it wasn’t, it isn’t, easy. Each time Jesus appeared, it took his followers a minute to see. It still takes us a minute, usually longer, to recognize the holy in the hopeless. We need new eyes, resurrection vision, to see what God has in store.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Sonata in C (8, 11 a.m.)
by Domenico Scarlatti

Now the Green Blade Rises (9:30 a.m.)
music: arr. by Terry Price; The Village Ringers

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
The Lord is our strength and our might, he has become our salvation.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
God’s steadfast love endures forever.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
The tomb is still empty, for Christ is alive and with us always.

*Hymn, No. 246

Christ Is Alive!
TRURO

*Prayer of Confession

Living God,
Forgive us.
For we are quick to celebrate,
but slow to understand
the implications of your resurrection.
Like your first followers,
we don’t always recognize you,
for you don’t look like we think you should.
You keep showing up
outside our celebrations and carefully planned services.
You keep showing up,
alive in dying places,
new in old things,
holy in hellish people.
Forgive us, Lord,
give us eyes to see you,
hearts to know you,
hands to work for you,
our resurrected Savior, our only King. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace

*Response

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem  Ain’-a That Good News
music: traditional spiritual, arr. by William Dawson; The Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (8 a.m.)
Jeff Busche (9:30 a.m.)
Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)
**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*Hymn, No. 241  
*woman, Weeping in the Garden  
KINGDOM

Offertory  
*Sherekea Usafari! (Celebrate the Journey!)* (9:30 a.m.)  
music: Cathy Moklebust; The Village Ringers  
Ring Jubilee (11 a.m.)  
music: Susan E. Geschke; The Morning Bells

*Response  
*Doxology with Alleluias  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper  
Invitation  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
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. 251 (st. 1, 4, 5)  
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia  
MFURAHNI, HALELUYA

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Postlude  
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (in the style of Bach)  
arr. Michele Murray

*All who are able may stand

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Monday, April 4

“For this reason… I pray,” gives us an indication of Paul’s power for unceasing prayer. It is a power that comes solely from God. It is strengthened through Holy Spirit. And it is a recognition that we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. How does prayer empower our life? Is it only a suggestion box? Or, a random list of gratitude? Or, a cry for help? Prayer can be that. But, perhaps our faith rooted and grounded in love, compels us to simply pray, “Christ live in us.” Prayer is a reflection of God’s active life in our inner life. We pray in order to see and trust that.

Tuesday, April 5

We also pray for “discernment.” A word that takes time to comprehend, because it’s not about attaining God’s knowledge, but rather to know God. The power to comprehend such thought is an act of love. God’s love for us and our love for God. God is “far more than all we can ask or imagine.” So how is it that we can know God? It is through the “love of Christ,” which surpasses all human understanding, and still makes the divine known in human likeness. Wisdom and knowledge are essential, but without love it is nothing.

Wednesday, April 6

Unity in the Spirit and loving one another is what makes for the “bond of peace.” Christ is the giver of peace, the ultimate peacemaker. But, as Christians, we are the great troublemakers. All of us share in the life of our Lord through one body, one Spirit, one baptism, one faith, hope and love. Our capacity to model humility, gentleness and patience through disharmony is the mood love takes on. Christ calls for diverse people to put up with each other bearing love, unity and oneness.

Thursday, April 7

The gifts of the Spirit and the Body of Christ are important imagery to our theology. It is just as significant for us to take to heart today, as it was for first century Christians. We who live in Christ must seek to “speak the truth in love,” working as a unified body to do the diverse ministry of Christ. We submit to a living Lord who calls for love and unity. Unity in Christ is a cosmic reality and a human one, and it calls us to love one another.

Friday, April 8

There is a common understanding in our faith of turning from the old life toward the future new life. In Ephesians, this seems to be directly connected with being part of the Body of Christ. In its own context this letter is probably speaking directly to Gentiles becoming a part of the Christian community. The old life must be put away, life separated from God, and the new life, life in the Body of Christ, must be put on like new clothes. This is not a human decision or event, clothing ourselves in new life is an act of God.

Saturday, April 9

This new life in Christ is seen through Christian unity and love manifested in forgiveness and tenderheartedness. These words give some strong suggestions on those old life things that need to be put away, and what new life really looks like. The Christian life is primarily seen in human actions and not in the 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 community, with these examples of Christian love.
Faith And Grief Lunch Series

First Tuesdays of every month at Village Church starting April 5
Noon - 1 p.m. in Friendship Hall
No cost to attend

Come as you are and join us for:

• a supportive community of people who have experienced the death of a loved one
• encouragement from personal stories
• the chance to share with others to whatever extent you are comfortable; there are no expectations or requirements
• comfort from (and space to ask questions about) how your faith and grief intersect
• a simple but delicious meal provided at no cost to you

Register online at www.faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.
Questions? Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327.

The Faith and Grief Lunch Series is a shared ministry of:

Country Club Christian Church
Second Presbyterian Church
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
St. John’s United Methodist Church
Village Presbyterian Church
TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Clyde Lewis Smith and Martha Jane Smith duMoulin by Larry & Helen Smith.

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.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL - Parents may check in their preschool-age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available at 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

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH YOUR BUDDIES - Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning men’s Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture, and there will be time for discussion as well. To make a reservation for breakfast, please call 913-671-2333. Cost: $6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, April 5-May 10, in Room 228.

FREE DAY & EVENING INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER CLASSES - The Intermediate Computer class allows students to improve their skills in Microsoft, Word, the internet and email. With the assistance of teachers and teacher assistants (chimes), students will explore topics including: inserting pictures into documents, using margins, indents and tabs, using the Help feature in Microsoft Word, using the Internet to locate specific information, using folders and address books to organize email. Completion of the Very Basic Computer Class is recommended but not required. To register, call Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 5-26 in Room 316 or 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 6-27, in Room 316.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES

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, now-May 4, in Room 132.

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. 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.

Day Trip to Kansas Museum of History, Topeka - This award-winning Kansas Museum of History tells the story of the people of Kansas. See the Santa Fe’s oldest surviving locomotive, No. 132, from 1880; and A. K. Longren’s 1914 version of the plane in which he made the first successful flight of a Kansas-built plane in 1911 (named one of the 8 Wonders of Kansas History). Cost: $20 plus lunch. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7.
**Faulkner’s As I Lay Dying And The Sound And The Fury** - Teachers 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.

**Village Talk April 13** - KCUR contributor and Village parish associate Rev. Brian Ellison hosts these lively exchanges; engaging public figures, renowned scholars and community leaders. Join us from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Village Chapel, when Brian’s guest is Gary Forsee, former Sprint CEO and University of Missouri president.

**Village U Class: Keeping Kids Safe Online** - Join us for “Keeping Kids Safe Online” from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in Room 232. Learn more about possible dangers of internet usage, practical safety tips and tools and the cyber-crime reporting process. Presentation covers electronic safety concepts, including music devices and other wireless/internet communication. Presentation designed by Sunflower House, Overland Park Police Department and FBI Cyber Crime Task Force. This program is appropriate for adults only. This training is approved for 2 clock hours, KDHE.

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

**CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER APRIL 6** - Egg casserole, bacon, pancakes, salad bar, dessert. Price is $7 for full buffet, $6 for salad bar, dessert & drink, $3-children ages 3-10, ages 2 & under are free. Reservations no later than this evening. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org under Connect>Adult>Wednesday Dinners to make a reservation.

**AGE SPECIFIC DINNER FOR AGE 60s** - Couples & singles are invited to meet at the famous Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, to enjoy Italian classics with other Village Church friends in their sixties. We’ll gather for dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Olive Garden located on 95th Street, just east of Metcalf. Each person is responsible for their own tab. The reservation is under “Village Church Group.” Space is limited. RSVP to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

**SAVING THE MONARCH MIGRATION APRIL 4** - The Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition of KC and the Environmental Action Committee of Village Church are co-sponsoring a presentation about Monarch butterflies and their migration and historic population declines by Angie Babbit of Monarch Watch. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, April 4, in Room 127. Admission is free and open to the community.

**“DO WE TREAT EARTH DAY LIKE THE SABBATH?”** - The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church is sponsoring the presentation “Do We Treat Earth Day like the Sabbath?” by Josh Svaty at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, in Room 126 at Village Church. Do some of our even long term efforts—such as supporting local agriculture and recycling—fall short of the spirit of Earth Day? In this class, we will explore both the pitfalls of single-day environmentalism and the soft underbelly of some of our best efforts. We will, however, celebrate the power of what even one day can do to foster transformational change within society.

**MISSION**

**THE FOOD PANTRY** - Spring is here and we’re requesting donations of canned fruit - and variety is good: pears, mandarin oranges, cherries, peaches, etc. Think of canned fruit for the Pantry when you do your grocery shopping and bring several cans on your April visits to church. The Clothes Closet is accepting only spring/summer clothing. As you get out last year’s spring clothing, please give to the Closet what you will not be wearing this year! Thank you.
HELP FILL HILLCREST’S LINEN CLOSET - Village’s 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. We need new or gently used: bathroom linens, kitchen washcloths and towels, bed linens (queen, full and twin). Drop off your donations at the receptionist desk. The Drive ends April 12. Call Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org for more info.

PRISON MINISTRY POETRY READING - From 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15, the Arts in Prison program in collaboration with the Interurban Art House will host a reading by seven inmate poets at the Interurban offices at 8001 Conser, Suite 290 in Overland Park. If you have questions about the event or would like to volunteer for the Arts in Prison program, donate supplies or simply learn more about this service opportunity, call Arlin Buyert, Village Prison Ministry volunteer coordinator, at 913-909-2915. Arlin leads a poetry group for 12 weeks in the spring and fall on Thursday nights at Lansing Prison.

MUSIC MINISTRY

TE DEUM CONCERT APRIL 10 - Te Deum Chamber Choir presents “Peace,” exploring humankind’s wish for peace on earth and peace eternal, with works by Schönberg, Pärt and MacMillan, culminating in Brahms’ German Requiem. Mathew Shepard will conduct the choral ensemble in the four-hand piano version of Brahms’ masterwork in English, for a more deeply spiritual experience, with pianists Jan Kraybill and Elisa Bickers, and guest soloists Ida Nicolosi and Brian Ming Chu. 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at Village and 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Central United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Mo. A $10 donation is suggested. Te Deum is a member of the Village Arts Alliance. Mark Ball will offer a pre-concert lecture at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 10, in the Chapel.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL THURSDAY, APRIL 14 - Join us at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, in the Village Chapel, for Second Thursday Recital featuring flutist Hannah Occena and pianist Jessica Koebbe. The 30-minute performance is free and open to the community.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

HOW WELL DO YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR PARTNER? - Improve your communication skills at this new class facilitated by Dr. Dave Ehman. The 4-week series starts this Tuesday, April 5, from 6-8 p.m. in Room 230. Dinner is provided and childcare is available. The class fee per couple is $50. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – If you’re grieving the loss of a loved one, you are not alone. Growing Through Grief, a five-week class, is designed to help discover God’s healing presence during a difficult time of life. Classes start this Wednesday, April 6, and meets every Wednesday through May 4 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in Room 124. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE - Join us at 5 p.m. next Sunday, April 10, in the Chapel for Taizé evening worship. This quiet, reflective service includes song, silence, scripture and communion. Come and worship in a new way.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT SPRING EVENT - PROGRESSING THROUGH THE VILLAGE - Join us as we Progress through the Village at 6 p.m. Friday, April 8. Start 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.

PW SPRING RETREAT – Friends, we still have space for commuters on Saturday, April 23. Don’t miss the inspiring and creative sessions led by Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin and her mother, Rev. Margaret Peery. The retreat at the Heartland Presbyterian Conference and Retreat Center in Parkville, Mo. will include times for fellowship, prayer, reflection on Scripture, singing and worship. Register online at villagepres.org. Click Connect>Adult>Presbyterian Women. Cost is $55. Deadline for registration is April 8.
WOW LUNCHEON - WOW (Women of Wisdom) has rescheduled a noon lunch at Café Provence, 3936 W. 69th Terr., Prairie Village, for Tuesday, April 19, after weather cancelled our January date there. All women are warmly invited to this popular venue named as one of the nation’s Top 100 Restaurants. RSVP by Monday, April 18, to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net.

SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

WALK IN SOLIDARITY WITH ADVOCATES FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS & RECONCILIATION (AIRRKC) 5:30 P.M. MONDAY, APRIL 11 - The Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force of Village Church will be walking one mile with AIRRKC carrying banners and signs to make a plea for immigration reform. The April walk will be from Trinity Methodist Church, 620 East Armour Blvd. in Kansas City, Mo., to Linwood United Church, 3151 Olive. These monthly walks of approximately one mile are on the 11th of each month through October, 2016. Meet at 5 p.m. Monday, April 11, at the south door of Village Church to carpool. Contact Jim Galliher at 816-536-0400 for more information.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - Connect with other Young Adults, the church, and God through weekly gatherings, communal worship, monthly service, and fun around KC! Meet every Sunday at noon in the Welcome Center (post-worship, pre-brunch), and 6 p.m. every third Thursdays at the Blue Moose in Prairie Village. Monthly service and fun posted online: facebook.com/VillagePresYA, Twitter @VillagePresYA. All 20s and 30s welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – 9:30 a.m. We will meet at the balcony to worship together.

CHEER H.S. YOUTH GROUP - Meets tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft.

ODD SUNDAYS BIBLE STUDY – Which was formally known as Odd Mondays will be moved to Sunday for our remaining 3 sessions. We will meet on the odd dated Sundays (e.g., April 3, April 17) from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the Bistro. Join us for this great time together!

TWOSDAYS - Middle schoolers join us Tuesdays after school from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

GPS M.S. YOUTH GROUP – Meets this Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. In the Youth Loft.

Young Family Estate Planning Workshop April 7
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. Child care is available with advanced reservation. 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 Dysart Taylor Attorney, Stacey Janssen, an estate planning specialist and longtime member of Village Church. RSVP to Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

—Proverbs 3:27
ERMON SERIES

Resurrection: It’s More Than You Think

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a joyful and triumphant day. But resurrection is more than a day of jubilation. Resurrection is God’s holy and loving choice to raise Jesus from death. Resurrection is the promise of life after death—but it is more than that. Resurrection speaks to our fears and our ethics; it reorders priorities and provides the foundation for real hope. Resurrection is personal enough to whisper your name but it is also cosmic in scope. Throughout the month of April, when the lilies have faded and the egg hunts have passed, the pastors of Village Church will share with you what they think about resurrection, and how it shapes their lives.

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  Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of adult educational ministry
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.