



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 8, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

These are days of "Eastertide," the seven weeks following Easter Sunday leading up to the celebration of Pentecost. Theologians call these the "Great Fifty Days" and in the early church, they were the days of instruction for the many new believers who were baptized on Easter Sunday. The teaching was called "mystagogy," because it taught the new Christians about the great mysteries of believing without seeing. Unlike Thomas and the rest of the disciples, the second generation of Christians could not touch Jesus' wounds. If they were to believe, they had to do so through the mystery of faith. Nearly 2,000 years later, it is the same with us. We were not there to see the resurrection of Jesus, yet we still believe it. The tomb is empty and Christ is risen! Praise be to God!

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Hymn to Joy
arr. Wayne L. Wold

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

We are called to worship in Eastertide when the memory of the empty tomb
is still fresh for us.

We remember the joy of Easter when Christ was raised from the dead.

We are called to worship in Eastertide when the memory of the empty tomb
is beginning to fade for us.

**We remember the confusion of Easter when the disciples doubted the women's
story of the empty tomb.**

We are called to worship in Eastertide when the memory of the empty tomb
seems to make little difference.

We remember the hope of Easter that God's faithfulness is for all generations.

So with joy and confusion and hope, we are bold to still proclaim Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

*Hymn, No. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
MADRID

*Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ,

You came to us so that God would be with us and live among us.

You came to show us the way and to suffer and die and then be raised from the dead.

You came that we might have life.

Yet we confess to you that we live as if you never walked among us.

We live afraid of the stranger and doubtful of the kindness of others.

Forgive us for trusting only in that which we can see.

We believe, O God. Help our unbelief! (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker, Elder (8 a.m.)
Jean Janecek, Elder (9:30 a.m.)
Janice Gill, Deacon (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-29 (pg.989)

Anthem (11 a.m.)

What Wondrous Love
by Charles Dupree; More Love Chorale

Sermon

Believing and Seeing

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offertory

The Lord's Prayer
by Albert Malotte; Kate Breytspraak, soprano

*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

*Communion Hymn, No. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
HOLY MANNA

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. 248 (v. 1-2)

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
HYMN TO JOY

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

*Postlude

Holy Manna
arr. Dale Wood

**All who are able may stand*
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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 9, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by 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 9

John 20:19-23

After Jesus' death, the disciples are holed up together in a locked room. They are afraid that they, too, might be crucified as Jesus was. Then Jesus suddenly appears among them and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. New Testament scholars note that all of creation began with the breath of God moving over the waters of the deep. In Jesus' breath, he is creating something new yet again!

Tuesday, April 10

John 20:24-29

When Jesus appeared to the disciples, Thomas was not among them. Later, when the disciples told Thomas about Jesus' visit, he did not believe them. It was only when he was able to touch Jesus' wounds that Thomas believed. Jesus then blesses those who believe without seeing him. He is speaking about the later generations who would believe without being able to see Jesus in the flesh. What marvelous news. We are the ones he is blessing!

Wednesday, April 11

John 20:30-31

This chapter ends with these two verses. In the first verse, the writer reveals that there are many more things that Jesus said and did that are not included here. In the second verse, the writer tells us why this book was written: so that we might believe and in believing, we might have life. Belief and life are intricately related to one another. In believing, we live!

Thursday, April 12

John 21:1-14

The disciples have returned to Galilee and resumed what they were doing before being called by Jesus. They are fishing. Jesus again appears to them and invites them to a beach cookout. He eats with them to prove that he is real and alive. This is important because some in the early church argued that Jesus was only a spirit. This passage tells us that Jesus was a real person.

Friday, April 13

John 21:15-19

Bible scholars call this passage, "the restoration of Peter." As Jesus was being tortured, Peter denied knowing the Lord three times. Now after Jesus' death and resurrection, three times he asks Peter if Peter loves him. Peter answers each time, "Yes." In Jesus, restoration is always possible. Even Peter who denied Jesus three times is restored to wholeness by the grace of God.

Saturday, April 14

John 21:20-25

This last paragraph in the Gospel of John reveals that the writer of this gospel is the disciple John who holds a special place in Jesus' heart. The last paragraph also gives us the wisdom that some things are not known to us and we must trust in God rather than in ourselves. Then the gospel ends with the news that the works of God in Jesus Christ are greater than can be written. Surely in these Eastertide days, that is good news for us all!

Join us for

Art & Hors d'oeuvres



Artwork, refreshments and live jazz. Free Admission. Village on Mission.

5:30-7 p.m. • Friday, April 13



2018 Mozart in the Village

3 p.m. | April 22

Village on Mission Sanctuary

Featuring violinist David Hays, soprano Jee Yeun Kim
the Village Chamber Choir and Village Orchestra

Admission is free. A retiring offering will benefit
The Veterans Community Project.

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 Sarah Susan Hitchcock by her family.

TAIZÉ IS TONIGHT! – Craving a quiet, contemplative start to your week? If a worship experience filled with candlelight, moments of silence, communion, scripture and song sounds good to you, come to tonight's Taizé service. Taizé starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road.

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 date is 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

AARP 55 ALIVE DRIVING CLASS – 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in Room 232. Class will be taught by veteran instructor Terry Barker. The cost is \$20 (\$15 if you are an AARP member) per person payable to AARP. To enroll, call Marianne, 913-671-2333.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION – Earth Day 24-hour prayer vigil. The Environmental Action committee invites you to pray for God's creation. 7 a.m. Saturday, April 21, for 24 hours through 7 a.m. Earth Day, Sunday, April 22, we will be praying for the healing of earth. Sign up to join the prayer vigil in Friendship Hall today and on April 15.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

DAILY PRACTICE OF YOGA – In each session, participants will be guided through breathing exercises, movement and meditation. Jack Whitaker has years of experience as a yoga instructor and is glad to offer this at Village Church. There is no charge but donations to the church are appreciated. 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, now through April 24 and May 1-15. Room 15.

BEGINNER GOOGLE SHEETS – Learn to create spreadsheets in a web-based environment that can be accessed from any Windows or Apple device. The class will explore the components of a spreadsheet, entering data into a spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data and inserting and deleting rows and columns. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 12, Room 316. To register for this class, contact Marianne Weber at marianne.weber@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333.

INFANT, CHILD & ADULT CPR BASICS-EVENING – 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. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, Multi-Purpose Room (99th & Mission Rd.).

ORGAN 101: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL – You are invited to get “up close and personal” with Village Church on Mission's amazing new pipe organ. Dr. Elisa Bickers, Village on Mission principal organist, says there is a lot to love about this magnificent instrument. You will explore how the organ works, hear the new organ's varied sounds and even peek inside the organ for a closer look. Led by Dr. Elisa Bickers. 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday, April 11, Sanctuary.

DAY TRIP - JOHNSON COUNTY MUSEUM – The history museum in Overland Park offers innovative, engaging and challenging programs that will inspire all learners to discover a sense of place and spark excitement about history. The museum offers long-term and changing exhibits, children's history exhibitions, lectures and walking tours. Facilitated by Georgia Klein. Cost for the tour is \$30 per person. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, April 12.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT – 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, April 24, Room 133.

GAME NIGHT – Looking for a fun night out? Come the first Thursday of the month to learn a new board game or play an old favorite. No previous experience needed! Come laugh and meet new friends. Games provided but feel free to bring your own, too! 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, Room 233.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

9:30-10:30 a.m.

FAITH JOURNEY – The class is studying Dr. Marcus Borg's book, "The Heart of Christianity-Rediscovering a Life of Faith." Borg explores what he calls two paradigms for looking at our faith and how those can work together. Taught by Kathy Ray, Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – This class is studying the significance of Jerusalem, the holiest city for the three Abrahamic faiths of Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Taught by the Rev. Dwight Tawney, 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. Small groups will be 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.

10:45-11:45 a.m.

VILLAGE FORUM – Today-May 20 (except April 22) Rev. Dr. John Borden will teach Early Christianity and Beginning of the Church, examining such topics as the world of the ancient Middle East, the thought, religion and culture in the time of Christ and the early church. On Earth Day, April 22, join us for From Couch to Earth Care in Five Steps, presented by Rev. Chad Cooper, executive director of Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition. Room 126. 10:45-11:45 a.m.

PSALMS FOR LIFE – Dr. Rodger Nishioka is teaching a new Sunday morning class from 10:45-11:45 a.m. on the Psalms starting next Sunday. The Psalms are sources of inspiration and instruction. We will explore some of the most popular such as Psalm 23 to the most challenging. This class is for the novice and seasoned Bible reader and runs for six sessions from April 15-May 20 in Rooms 132 and 133.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

TODAY and Sundays in April: Come learn more about our "counselor" and "food prep" teams for VBS and Traveling Day Camp. Attend our Cookies, Coffee, Camp Volunteer Info Delight with Children and Family Ministry's Ellen Wootton from 10:30-11 a.m. in Friendship Hall.

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 at 10:30 and meet until 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 the Children and Family Ministry office with any questions at 913-671-2350.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for April 11 is baked potato bar, hot wrap sandwiches (meat and vegetarian). The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet at 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 free. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon tomorrow.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The Clothes Closet is now accepting spring and summer clothing. Cleaning out your closets benefits you and your donations benefit the Closet's clients. The Food Pantry is asking for creamy peanut butter, a staple in the Pantry's clients' diets, but not always available from Harvesters. Your donations help the Pantry use their money for other needed food items. Thank you.

BLOOD DRIVE - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres," or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall between 9 a.m. and noon today and April 15.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the Village on Mission Chapel, for our next Second Thursday with soprano Kayleigh Aytes who is enchanting audiences with her graceful voice and elegant musicianship. Recent engagements included collaborations with the Te Deum Chamber Choir and the Kansas City Baroque Consortium as a guest soloist.

39TH ANNUAL BACHATHON – 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 15. Sponsored by the Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Opus 22 will play host to several of the area's fine organists and singers for this exciting event. Performers include Andrew Morris, Kevin Kissinger, Ronald Krebs, Emily Bennett, Jan Kraybill, AGO Schola Cantorum, Michael Bauer, Rebecca Bell and Elisa Bickers. Admission is free—come and go as you can to enjoy the majestic and stunningly creative works of Johann Sebastian Bach.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

STEPHEN MINISTRY RETREAT WITH PROFESSOR ALLAN COLE, JR. – All are welcome to join us from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in Friendship Hall, when Professor Cole encourages caregivers to recognize our tendency to avoid offers of care and to replace them with "the practice of a more radical vulnerability and authenticity." Dr. Cole teaches at the University of Texas at Austin. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org by April 30.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCH AT TATSU'S – Women of Wisdom (WOW) is excited to return to one of our favorite restaurants, Tatsu's, for a noon lunch on Tuesday, April 17. Tatsu's, at 4603 West 90th, is an exquisite French restaurant, known for its consistently excellent food and gracious service, in a private and peaceful dining room. We welcome all women. RSVP by April 16 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

PW SPRING RETREAT – April 27 & 28, Heartland Presbyterian Retreat Center, Parkville, Mo. Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and inspiration. Our retreat leader is Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich. **Make your online reservation by this Wednesday, April 11,** at villagepres.org/pw.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY TEAM

From banners and ribbons to photographs and watercolor, we are assembling a group to imagine how our Sanctuary and Welcome Center can continue to reflect God's creativity. If you would like to gather with a group of creative and creating souls for specific tasks around the seasons of the church's life, contact Dr. Rodger Nishioka at rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org. We seek a variety of gifts from dreamers to engineers.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – We resume this Thursday, April 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road. This week we begin our new series on "Thought Shapers: A Quick Look At Our Most Influential Theologians." Pizza provided. Bring your own beverage.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY – We love our city, so we're spending one Saturday a month exploring different areas of KC. April's theme: We love River Market! 10:30 a.m.-noon April 21. We'll begin at Quay Coffee in River Market, make our way through the Farmer's Market and end at Strange Days Brewing Company. RSVP online.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for any of our weekly activities – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (middle school and high school) – 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

SNL (high school youth group) – Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

TWOSDAYS (middle school after school program) – Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

GPS (middle school youth group) – Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – Thursdays, 7:30-8:15 a.m. at Zach's house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village, Kan.) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!

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

The New Tax Reform– How will it Affect Your Charitable Giving?

by Judy Frame Wiseman

6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, in Room 132

Major changes to our tax rules were enacted in late 2017 and may have an impact on your charitable gift income tax deduction for 2018 and beyond. If you are 70 ½ and have retirement distributions, we'll talk about why making your charitable contribution directly to the charity from your IRA may be even more advantageous for you after tax reform. We will also talk about why tax reform may affect your tax deduction from your gift, and ways to maximize the tax benefit of your gift. If you have other questions about the new tax laws, bring those too!

Village Elder Judy Frame Wiseman is a CPA, tax lawyer and teaching professor at UMKC School of Law.



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Curate Your Heart

Some have said we are defined by our work. Some have said we are what we eat. At the deepest level, we are what we love. We can love all manner of things. We love our families and we love vacation. We love our country and we can love good coffee. It seems that love just happens, that love is something into which we fall. But love is also chosen. It is important to ask ourselves if we love the right things. In this sermon series, we will explore how following the life of Christ is a practice of training our hearts to want what God wants, to love the right things. If we are what we love, then curating our hearts is important work.

April 15	What Do You Want?
April 22	This Is Not the Time for Trivia
April 29	We Are Part of a Long Amazing Story
May 6	It's Not Always About Bliss
May 13	It's Not Always About Me—Even When It Is
May 20	Love Is Not the Only Thing
May 27	Do You Have Time, or Does Time Have You?

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.