



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 9, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Jesus is in his final week and the events we call "holy" are coming soon. He seems to be in a rush of conversations. In these few days he has told a few parables, answered a host of questions from scribes and other religious leaders, has taught his disciples their final lessons, but here he just watches. He calls his disciples to pay attention to this widow woman. He needed to see her and to see how she lived. He wants to make sure we see her, too.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Fantasia on "Valet will ich dir Geben," BWV 735
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit (11 a.m.)

Ho Ho Ho Hosanna
by Terry D. Taylor; Morning Stars Prelude
I Am the Light
by Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand and Kim Mitzo Thompson

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Jesus is coming!

Shout Hosanna!

He's riding on a donkey!

Shout Hosanna!

Open the gates!

Shout Hosanna!

Don't be afraid!

Shout Hosanna!

Wave the branches!

Shout Hosanna!

Spread out your coats!

Shout Hosanna!

The king is coming to us!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*Hymn, No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

The King's Story

Anthem (9:30 a.m.)

Nearer My God To Thee
by James Stevens; Kids' Kingdom Singers, Morning Stars,
Village Voices, Alegría, Village Choir

*Hymn, No. 197


Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLACOMBE

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (8 a.m.)
Hoyl Lockett (9:30 a.m.)
Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:41-44 (pg. 924)

Sermon

Do You See That Woman?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own
SCHUMANN

Offertory

Ride On, King Jesus
arr. Mark Ball; Village Choir

*Response

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start.
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!
ST. DROSTANE

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Village Choir

*Postlude

Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!
arr. J. Wayne Kerr

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The organ prelude and opening hymn are traditional Palm Sunday fare: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* has been used for centuries world-wide as a processional hymn, to which worshippers enter the Sanctuary waving palms to both recall and make current the narrative that the hymn describes. Indeed, the artful juxtaposition of the words "they" and "we" ties the singing congregation both to the past and the present. This text was written by Theodulph of Orleans in the ninth century (the tune is often called ST. THEODULPH), and the original text contains 38 stanzas! Gratefully, Bach's fantasia on this tune includes only one verse, and we will sing but four soon after.

The anthem at the 9:30 a.m. service brings together nearly every choral ensemble in Village's music ministry, from the wee singers to the more seasoned ones, and everyone in between. This surprising rendition of the familiar hymn *Nearer, My God, to Thee* introduces a newly-written Latin text, meant to underscore the original's emphasis on closeness to and trust in God. At first blush, this may seem an odd choice for Palm Sunday; then again, the Latin text (translated below) appropriately ushers us into Holy Week and the crucifixion of our Lord.

IN ARTICULO MORTIS // At the moment of death
CAELITUS MIHI VIRES // My strength is from heaven
DEO ADJUVANTE NON TIMENDUM // God helping, nothing should be feared
IN PERPETUUM // Forever
DIRIGE NOS DOMINE // Direct us, O Lord
AD AUGUSTA PER ANGUSTA // To high places by narrow roads
SIC ITUR AD ASTRA // Such is the path to the stars
EXCELSIOR // Ever upward

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 10, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Len Carrell and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith. Pray for Village Church and our mission. Pray for God's world.

Monday, April 10

John 12:1-8

Raising Lazarus from the dead gets Jesus in trouble. Caiaphas, the high priest, has put into action his plan to have Jesus killed. Then we find ourselves around Lazarus's table. Martha, of course, is serving. Lazarus is eating with his savior. And Mary does an amazing thing. She takes very expensive perfume and washes Jesus' feet and wipes them with her hair. "The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume." Acts of love can fill a room with sight, touch, taste, sound and smell. Judas is there in direct opposition to Mary's love. He wished to rob this moment of love. This week let us remember to fill each room with love.

Tuesday, April 11

John 12:12-19

On Sunday, with palm branches we celebrated Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets. Palms were a symbol of national triumph and victory. Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 entering the city in victory, yet humbled and riding a donkey. Crowds shout "Hosanna," which means "save us." John connects this scene and the crowds to the ones who witnessed Lazarus being raised from the dead. This moment is for all who are beginning to believe that Jesus is victor over sin and death. Even today we struggle to accept that Jesus will be raised on Easter morning, even though we know he will.

Wednesday, April 12

John 13:1-20

"Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me." In Jesus' final meal with his disciples, he models what it means to love one another. Loving one another means serving one another, and serving one another is a vulnerable practice. Jesus ties a towel around himself, fills a basin with water, and washes his friends' feet. The first time I ever engaged in this vulnerable practice I was 40 years old. Kneeling down to wash a stranger's feet and then having someone else wash mine was intimidating and exhilarating.

Thursday, April 13

John 13:31-35

This is not the first commandment to love each other. What makes it new is what we celebrate each time we come to the Lord's Table, and how we are washed in the font of Easter promise. It is new because God's love remains with us and shapes our community in the life and death of Jesus. The day is coming when we will all be raised to new actions of love. In the incarnation, the Word became flesh and the mutual glorification of God and Jesus was enacted. What was revealed in Jesus' heart was the visible mystery of God's love in and for the whole world.

Friday, April 14

John 19:16-29

How could a day so bad be so good? The imagery is striking. Carrying his own cross upon his shoulder, crucified at a place called Golgotha meaning "Place of the Skull," an inscription to mock him reading "King of the Jews," soldiers dividing his seamless tunic, his last drink is a sponge of sour wine. Christ dwelled among us so he could die on a cross for us. This is the ultimate God-with-us moment. And even from the cross he teaches us we belong to one another.

Saturday, April 15

John 19:30

"It is finished." These were the last words of Jesus of Nazareth in John's gospel. It seems that according to John, the whole world falls silent so as you are able, keep silence this day.

J. S. BACH

SAINT JOHN PASSION

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2017 | 3 P.M.

VILLAGE CHURCH
SANCTUARY

PERFORMED IN ENGLISH BY

Village Chamber Choir

Te Deum Chamber Choir

Kansas City Baroque
Consortium

FREE ADMISSION

A Retiring Offering will benefit

Jewish Vocational Service Refugee Services

Holy Week Worship Services

Village on Mission

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13 – Rev. Jenny McDevitt is preaching.

7 p.m. Good Friday, April 14 – Led by Rev. Tom Are.

8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. (The Gathering) - Easter Sunday, April 16

We will have two services at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tom Are will preach in the Sanctuary. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will preach in Friendship Hall.

Easter Sunday morning - Child care is available for children age 3 and under.

Free shuttle bus service will run from 8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Easter morning. Buses will pick up at the Blue Moose parking lot at Prairie Village Shopping Center and drop off at the west entrance of the church.

Village on Antioch

6 p.m. Maundy Thursday - Community Dinner and Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Music led by Becky and Nathan Bliss. Rev. Hallie Hottle is preaching.

9:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday, followed by an Easter Egg hunt and community breakfast.

We will also welcome new members.

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 Van Cooper by Bonny Cooper and family.

ONE GREAT HOUR OFFERING TODAY – Gifts collected from the One Great Hour offering are distributed among the following: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) rebuilding communities after natural and human-caused disasters, Self-Development of People (32%) providing resources to disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems. Gray and blue envelopes for this offering are found in the hymnal slot in front of you.

SAINT JOHN PASSION CONCERT – Please join us in the Village Sanctuary at 3 p.m. today for a performance of Bach's *Saint John Passion*, featuring the Village Chamber Choir, Te Deum Chamber Choir and the Kansas City Baroque Consortium. The concert is free and open to the community. A Retiring Offering will benefit Jewish Vocational Service Refugee Services.

TAIZÉ TONIGHT – Give yourself the gift of time to contemplate and meditate on the full meaning and impact of Holy Week. Prayer, silence, scripture can be experienced at this evening's Taizé service. Join us at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to use as tools in worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

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 and 11 a.m.

KIDS' KINGDOM – K-1st GRADES new curricula! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. First Grade meets in Room 303. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **2nd-5th GRADES** - Sign-in elementary (2nd-5th) aged students on the 3rd floor. Check the large bulletin boards located in the Children and Family wing for each grade's class location. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Club V6 (6th Grade) – Relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Room 302.

EASTER SUNDAY – There will be **no Church School for children aged four (4) and up**, including grades Kindergarten-6th. **Child Care for infants through age three (3) will be provided.**

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Please register for the Village U classes you wish to attend at villagepres.org.

APRIL TECH NIGHTS – Tech nights address specific questions regarding Word, Excel and email using a Microsoft Windows computer. Members of the Computer Ministry are available to provide individual assistance. Bring your laptop or tablet. Desktop computers will also be available. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, now-April 26. Room 316. Call Marianne, 913-671-2333, to enroll.

GROWING A VIBRANT, STICKY FAITH IN OUR CHILDREN – Co-led by Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of Children and Family Ministries, and Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of Adult Educational Ministries, this class will help parents live out their faith with their children in real and expressive ways so that faith in Jesus Christ will stick as they grow older. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, now-April 26. Rooms 132 and 133.

SEEING IS BELIEVING: EXPLORING MISSION IN THE HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY – Rev. Sally Wright, will help us understand what it means to be a missional congregation. Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. now-April 26. Room 127.

BOOK CLUB – Join us for an interesting book discussion while your children enjoy child care. Our last spring selection is *The Light of the World, A Memoir* by Elizabeth Alexander. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 18. Room 206. Led by Nicki Johnston.

BASIC POWERPOINT – This class explores the basic skills necessary to develop a simple presentation using PowerPoint. 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, and 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Room 316. Call Marianne, 913-671-2333, to enroll.

SITTING AT THE FEET OF JESUS—EXPLORING THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT AND THE SERMON ON THE PLAIN – In these two classes, Rev. Len Carrell will guide a study of the similarities of the two stories and the differences and why they matter. Jesus' message is a crucial one for his followers then and for us today. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 19 and 26. Room 126.

SPRING ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES meet at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Check villagepres.org for more details.

THE ANCIENT PRESENT FUTURE CHURCH – Now-April 30 (except Easter), Dr. Rodger Nishioka leads this new adult class. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the new movement of followers of Jesus that eventually became the Church. 10:45-11:45 a.m. Rooms 126-127.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER, APRIL 12 – Holy Week—Italian roast chicken, eggplant Parmesan, pasta with tomatoes and a vegetable. Cost: \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar and dessert. Salad bar starts serving at 5:15 p.m. followed by the hot food bar from 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$3 for children ages 3-10. Children under 3 are free. Reservations are required by noon on the Monday preceding the Wednesday Night Dinner if you wish to attend. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners to make a reservation.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The Food Pantry is collecting donations of breakfast cereal during April. Bring your favorite cereals to church to help another family: oatmeal, raisin bran flakes, granola, sweetened cereals. Think outside the box. The Clothes Closet has opened its doors to accept spring and summer clothing. Time to clean out those closets and share your surplus with another family. Donations are gladly accepted whenever the Pantry is open. Thank you for your generous support.

BLOOD DRIVE - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 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 from 9 a.m. and noon today. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

DRMP EASTER GIFTS OF CHOCOLATE AND COFFEE - Today, the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church is offering Santo Domingo Coffee and Equal Exchange dark chocolate bars in Friendship Hall. Proceeds benefit DRMP Child Health Promotion, an empowering program to help children living in poor sugar cane communities of the DR have healthier lives and brighter futures. For a \$10 donation, you may receive two dark chocolate bars in flavors of your choice or a 1 lb. bag of Dominican coffee.

THE EAST HILL SINGERS will perform in the Village Sanctuary at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23. The choir, consisting of minimum security inmates from Lansing Correctional Facility and volunteer singers from the greater Kansas City community, will be joined by the barbershop chorus, New Harmony Handful. The concert, entitled "Manly Men," will feature traditional spirituals, jazz, barbershop and Broadway tunes. An exhibit of works created at Lansing Correctional Facility by AiP program participants will be open at 3 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM – Come hear Terri Wible, executive director and co-founder of Paws 4 Autism, talk about getting a better understanding of autism and the benefits of pet therapy. Mrs. Wible's presentation is at 5 p.m. this Thursday, April 13, in Room 132. This event is sponsored by Stephen Ministry. All are welcome.

ESTATE PLANNING: SETTING UP A TRUST - Attorney Craig Reaves will talk about how to specifically handle this issue for families who have family members with mental illness. Join us at the next Families for Mental Health Meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in Room 126. There is a share and care time following the program for those that would like to stay.

CAREER CONNECTIONS – Searching for a new job? Career Connections provides information on resumes, interviews and more. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 9-23, in Room 230. Contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327 for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) eagerly looks forward to a beautiful spring lunch at noon, Thursday, April 20. We'll dine at Seasons 52, at Ward Parkway and Broadway on the Plaza, where the Plaza Easter bunnies will greet us in the courtyard. Carpool, if needed, leaves north entrance of church at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608. All women are cordially invited.

AMAZING GRACES IN BLOOM – From 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Gregory Banken of Gregory's Fine Florals will demonstrate floral arranging and tips for entertaining at HKO building, 300 W. 22 St., Kansas City, Mo. Your \$10 check by April 25 is your reservation. Please send to Dee Gound, 8208 Cherokee Circle, Leawood, KS 66206. Appetizers and drinks will be served.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

TAIZÉ IN ST. LOUIS – Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-29. We'll travel together to meet up with young adults from around our country and monks from Taizé, France who have been working this past year in the St. Louis/Ferguson area for racial reconciliation. It will be a weekend of worship, and community-making in new ways. Sign up at VillagePres.org or by emailing: hallie.hottle@villagepres.org.

THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP – 6:30 p.m. upstairs at Village Church. Faith is a practice. It cannot be something we learn, or search for, or think about. It must be something we do, and do regularly enough that the lines between sacred and secular are blurred by eyes that can't help but to see the holy. We're reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar In The World* and practicing community together. All 20s and 30s invited. Pizza provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Will attend the 9:30 a.m. service together in the balcony.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL) – The new name for our high school youth group! SNL meets tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All are welcome for a night of discussion, amazing people and a great time.

TWOSDAYS – Middle schoolers join us Tuesdays for our after-school program from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333. All are welcome!

GPS – Middle school youth group, meets Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for a great night of people, games and conversation. We hope to see you there!

MS SERVICE DAY APRIL 14 – Middle schoolers come and serve with us on your day off of school. We'll meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and return by 1 p.m. Bring some cash for lunch and let's do some good for others!

Easter Lily Memorials

Honor a loved one by purchasing a potted lily. Mail a check for \$10 payable to Village Church (include the memorial/honorary name with the check). Send your check to the church, Attn: Janice Gill with "Easter Memorial" referenced on both the envelope and the check. This must be received by this Wednesday, April 12, to be included in the May 3 *Good News* listing of donors.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

The People You Meet Along the Way

Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem. It was a journey on foot and a journey of the heart. A cross awaited him. When you know the end is near your time is precious and you pay attention to the people around you. Jesus spoke with his followers and with a rich man. He noticed children and an impoverished woman. Jesus paid attention to them all. We will pay attention to them as well, and discover that there is a little bit of all of them in us. I suppose that means we are on the journey as well, at least the journey of the heart.

March 5	Let's Go Over This One More Time For James and John
March 12	This Guy Thinks It's All About Him
March 19	Jesus Is Interrupted and Schooled By a Courageous Woman
March 26	He Got Everything Right and Still Missed It By That Much
April 2	Would You Want To Be a Kid Again?
April 9	Do You See That Woman?
Maundy Thursday	That's Just the Way Of the World
Good Friday	Tenebrae Service
Easter: April 16	The Heart Of the Matter

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ 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 and bridge site pastor of Village on Antioch
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration
Ryan Main, interim director of music ❖ 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

*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 8 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

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.*