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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 10, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The first work of resurrection begins in Galilee and in Kansas City. Resurrection's first work is to transform our lives so that we may live shaped by love and not by fear. But the ultimate work of resurrection is not known until all of God's creation is brought home to God's promised day. Resurrection is God's work of redemption for the whole of creation; but it is also God's work of redemption for you.

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# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Toccata in G-Dur, BWV 916*  
by J. S. Bach

Choral Introit

*O Radiant Dawn* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
music: James MacMillan; Te Deum

Call to Worship

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

They whispered early morning words: "He is risen,"  
**and hope was born to live forever.**

Just as he told us, life lives beyond death.

**For God is faithful and will not let go of his children.**

Hear again the promises of our faithful God:

**nothing separates us from the love of God;  
in my father's house are many rooms;  
today you will be with me in paradise.**

Hold fast to the promises of the Risen One.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Hymn, No. 254

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Eternal God,  
who breathes life from death,  
who gives strength to the weary,  
and casts out fear;**

**We are too casual about your love for us and for all.**

**We are skeptical that your love knows our name.**

**Forgive our eternal second guessing of ourselves,  
that we might trust both your grace and your calling in our lives.** (Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

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

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\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters

DRMP Golf Classic

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)  
Cindy Kueck (9:30 a.m.)  
Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 (pg. 491)

Call to Prayer (8, 9:30 a.m.)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Choral Call to Prayer (11 a.m.)

*Prayer*

music: Lloyd Pfautsch; Village Voices

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.**

Anthem

*Jesus Loves Me* (8 a.m.)

music: William Bradberry; Judy Bliss, soprano

*Blessed Be God, Alleluia* (9:30, 11 a.m.)

music: G.F. Handel; Te Deum

Scripture Reading

Luke 20:27-39 (pg. 958)

Sermon

*My Shepherd*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 250

*Hymn of Promise*  
PROMISE

Offertory

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (8 a.m.)  
music: John Rutter; Judy Bliss, soprano

*How Lovely Is they Dwelling Place* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
music: Johannes Brahms; Te Deum

\*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

\*Hymn, No. 547 (st. 1,2)

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*  
AY HYD Y NOS

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

\*Postlude

*Waltz in E Minor*  
by Johannes Brahms

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 11, 2016)

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

### Monday, April 11

**John 14:1-7**

Jesus is promising to "prepare a place" for us. In this word, like all of his words, he speaks with love and hope. It is a hope that calls you by name.

### Tuesday, April 12

**Isaiah 43:1-3**

No life is free from suffering. For some, suffering seems to be a constant reality; for others, less so, but no one escapes injury to the heart and body. Suffering is a reality in this life. The greater question is this: will suffering define us? God promises to be present in the midst of hardship that we might be defined or shaped by his love rather than the most painful of circumstances.

### Wednesday, April 13

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

Peter describes the resurrection not only as what happens to Jesus, but as the first indication of what happens to us all. Living this faith in the midst of struggle that shows the hope we hold in Christ.

### Thursday, April 14

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

We don't use the word "sin" as often as we used to. There is no one, however, who fails to hold dreams for themselves. We have dreams of who we wish we were; we imagine living as a better person than we are today. And we would have to admit that God has dreams for us. The good news of 1 John is the promise that anything that stands in the way of our fulfilling God's dreams for our lives can be washed away. What are your dreams for your heart, your life today?

### Friday, April 15

**1 John 4:7-12**

No one has ever seen God. But John says, in our love for one another, God can be seen in this world. Our love for one another grows from God's love for us, so our love for one another is a reflection of God's holy love.

### Saturday, April 16

**John 15:1-11**

Jesus speaks of pruning branches. It is impossible to take a trip without leaving some things behind. Faith is a trip, a journey. The closer we get to God the more will be pruned or left behind. It may seem painful along the way; but the pruning can be that which gives us life.

INDIE FOLK BAND

# BARNABY BRIGHT

IN CONCERT AT VILLAGE CHURCH

7 P.M. FRIDAY

# APRIL 29

## FREE ADMISSION

SPONSORED BY CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES.



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Shervin Lainez

Award-winning, indie folk rock duo Barnaby Bright will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29, in the Village Church Sanctuary. The concert, featuring married singer-songwriters Becky and Nathan Bliss, will be followed by a reception in the Welcome Center. Seating will be on a first come first serve basis.

A retiring offering will go to The Children's Place, which nurtures and promotes the healthy development of young children who have survived abuse, neglect and trauma by providing specialized services and family support.

Becky Bliss sings lead vocals and plays the harmonium, piano and ukulele. Nathan Bliss does vocals and plays guitar, banjo and clarinet. Barnaby Bright's albums are *Wake the Hero*, *Gravity* and *The Longest Day*. Becky and Nathan recently moved back home to Prairie Village, Kan., and are about to release a new album, which they made with a renowned Nashville-based producer.

Village Church is thrilled to welcome Becky and Nathan Bliss as new musical directors for The Gathering, alternative worship Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. in Friendship Hall.

For their April 29 concert, Becky and Nathan will be joined by one of KC's premier drummers, Brandon Draper. They'll be playing lots of new songs from their forthcoming record, as well as some cover songs and more.

Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or email [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) for more information about the concert.

## TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

**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.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Susan Montgomery Morrison by the Morrison Family.

**MUSICAL LEADERSHIP** is being offered today at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services by Te Deum, a Village Arts Alliance ensemble. Te Deum was founded by Village Associate Director of Music Matthew Shepard.

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*. Matthew 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. today at Village and 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Central United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Mo. A \$10 donation is suggested. Mark Ball will offer a pre-concert lecture at 2 p.m. today in the Chapel.

**TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT** - Join us at 5 p.m. this evening in the Chapel for the Taizé evening worship. This quiet, reflective service includes song, silence, scripture and communion.

## 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.

**REQUEST FROM OUR NURSERY** - We would greatly appreciate donations of gently-used crib sheets and receiving blankets as our supply is running a bit low. Thank you!

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**ART ON THE BRIDGE** - The Art Ministry committee would like to thank the Village U Continuing Watercolor class for displaying their artwork in the Bridge gallery (located on the second floor overlooking the courtyard, alongside the Senior Pastor's office). Please take a moment to stop by and enjoy their work.

### UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES

**Village Talk April 13-** KCUR contributor and Village parish associate Rev. Brian Ellison hosts these lively exchanges by 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.

**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.

**DATE NIGHTS** - Join us for a Date Night with your spouse from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in Room 232. We will begin with a 30-minute discussion each evening 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. The topics will cover family of origin, toolbox for marriage and growth planning. Child care is available with an advance reservation by April 20.

**DAY TRIP TO POWELL GARDENS** - As the area's major botanical garden, Powell Gardens is a uniquely Kansas City garden that offers much to explore and discover. Experience 970 acres of botanical bliss, stunning architecture and gorgeous display gardens that change with the seasons. With a full-service cafe, gift shop and an inspirational chapel, enjoy a visit any time of year. Cost: \$30 includes lunch and a guided trolley tour. Coordinated by Georgia Klein. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

**FUN THINGS TO DO IN KANSAS CITY** - Although we all anticipate long, lazy summer days; a few weeks into summer we may be looking for fun things to do in Kansas City. Come for a presentation and informal discussion and idea share about fun family activities and events in our area. Led by Elizabeth Wallace. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, in Room 232.

**Sign up for Village U classes at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org). or email [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org).**

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER APRIL 13** - Smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes, vegetarian entree, 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](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or go to [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) under Connect>Adult>Wednesday Dinners to make a reservation.

**EXCITING VILLAGE CHURCH & FRIENDS TOURS FOR 2016 & 2017** - Sedona & Grand Canyon National Park: Oct. 9-14, 2016; New York City at Christmastime: Dec. 1-4, 2016; Ireland Spring 2017: Itinerary Preview; Spain & Portugal Fall 2017: Itinerary Preview. Please come to an information meeting at 4 p.m. today in Room 132. If interested and you cannot attend, please contact Lisa Ball, [LisaBallTravelDesign.com](mailto:LisaBallTravelDesign.com)

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

**"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. 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** - During the month of April, the Food Pantry is asking for cans (no glass please) of assorted canned fruit. Everyone who shops at the Pantry receives at least one can of fruit, and it's a joy for them to see a variety on our shelves - pears, pineapple, mandarin oranges, cherries, etc. The Clothes Closet is accepting only spring and summer clothing now with the warm weather here - gently used, clean and sized.

**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 Tuesday, April 12. Call Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org) for more info.

**CELEBRATION DOMINICANA—COME JOIN THE PARTY!** - Our Celebration Dominicana event is Friday, May 13, at the Vox Theatre in KCK. This event will truly be a celebration of our work in the Dominican Republic—with live music and dancing, a silent auction, fund-a-need, and a raffle, great food and beverages, and some special guest appearances by our friends from the Dominican Republic. Register at [villagpres.org](http://villagpres.org). We hope you'll come celebrate with us!

**12TH ANNUAL VILLAGE GOLF CLASSIC - GET READY TO TEE UP!** The Village Church Golf Classic, our annual golf tournament/fundraiser benefitting the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership, is Monday, May 16. Proceeds from the golf tournament provide the bulk of the DRMP's operating budget, funding programs like medical clinics, surgeries, health education and child growth monitoring. Visit [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) for more information or to register.

**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.

**READY TO HELP BUILD A HEALTHIER, STRONGER KANSAS CITY?** Join Heartland Habitat for Humanity for Women Build Week (April 30-May 7). If you wish to work with our Village Presbyterian Church Tuesday-Thursday crew, you can do so on May 5. No previous experience is necessary; just a willingness to learn and help the community. If you wish to work during the week, contact Joe Carignan at Habitat at 913-238-6501 or [joe@heartlandhabitat.org](mailto:joe@heartlandhabitat.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**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

**JOIN VILLAGE NURSES!** - If you are a nurse and are interested in helping both members and others in our community, consider joining Village Nurses. Village Nurses help out at both the church and the Food Pantry, offering health education, nutritional advice, blood pressure checks, support and so much more. To learn more, contact either Betty Crooker at 913-432-2649 or [bcrooker@ecckc.com](mailto:bcrooker@ecckc.com) (for helping at the church) or Betty Parker at 913-362-6773 or [olliebehr@gmail.com](mailto:olliebehr@gmail.com) (for the Food Pantry).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**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](mailto: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 Thursday at the Blue Moose in Prairie Village. Monthly service and fun posted online: [facebook.com/VillagePresYA](https://facebook.com/VillagePresYA), Twitter @VillagePresYA. All 20s and 30s welcome!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** – Will meet in the Youth Loft at 9:30 a.m. Room 333.

**CONFIRMATION** - Meets tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft.

**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 2 sessions. We will meet on the odd dated Sundays (e.g., April 17, May 1) 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.



# FRUIT SUNDAY

May 1, 2016

BRING CANS OF FRUIT  
FOR THE VILLAGE CHURCH  
**FOOD PANTRY**

### Reminder – Village No Longer Has a PO Box

Please make sure you've updated your address book with the Village Church street address. Village Church NO LONGER has a PO Box and hasn't for over a year. Unfortunately, a few folks are still sending correspondence to that old PO Box. The gentleman who now has our old PO Box number is frustrated that he continues to receive mail addressed to Village Church. Please make sure you always mail correspondence to: Village Church at 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Thank you!

## SERMON 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.

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### **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

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*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](http://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.*