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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 15, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Jesus comes upon a man who had been ill for 38 years. He asks this man, "Do you want to be made well?" You would think that the response to such a question would be obvious. But it's not. This man doesn't appear to know what he wants. Jesus heals him anyway. But the question reveals that this man had more troubling him than physical illness. If Jesus were to ask you, "What do you want?", what would you say?

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Fuga in G Minor*  
Jan Adam Reincken

Introit (11 a.m.)

*Higher Ground*  
by Carl Stromman; Village Voices

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally Wright

God has called us to this moment of worship.

**We come as a people of belief and unbelief.**

We come to worship the risen Christ,

**for he is our help, our hope and our home.**

\*Hymn, No. 401

*Here in This Place*  
GATHER US IN

\*Prayer of Confession

**God, you call us to love as deeply as you love,  
and yet, we love too few and too little.**

**You call us to stand boldly for what is right,  
and yet, we timidly whisper that the world is unfair.**

**You call us to serve others selflessly,  
and yet, we mostly take care of ourselves and our own.**

**We have no right to ask  
and too often fail to know our own need for your grace,  
and yet, we trust that once again you will heal the brokenness in us.** (Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response



\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer



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

Dee Couch (8 a.m.)  
Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)  
Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 5:1-9

Sermon

*What Do You Want?*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 683

*Lord of All Hopefulness*  
COURTNEY

Offertory

*Hear My Prayer*  
Felix Mendelssohn; Village Choir  
Soloists: Jee-Yeun Kim (8 a.m. & 11 a.m.)  
Carol Royster (9:30 a.m.)

\*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

\*Hymn, No. 247 (v. 1-3)

*Now the Green Blade Rises*  
NOËL NOUVELET

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

\*Postlude

*Noël Nouvelet*  
arr. Richard Hudson

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

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 16, 2018)

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, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

### **Monday, April 16**

**Acts 10:34-43**

This is the Apostle Peter's last sermon, or proclamation, in the book of Acts. And what does he choose to do? He proclaims a story of Good News - that God does not choose partiality, but equality and forgiveness for all. Peter knew this is not always an easy human choice. Peter wanted Jesus to choose him to come out onto the water, and to be the first to answer him correctly, "You are the Messiah." Yet, Peter was the first to deny him when things got tough. Peter saw, firsthand, how God's love works not in partiality, but in love for all.

### **Tuesday, April 17**

**Acts 4:32-35**

Here is that "Son of Encouragement" again, Barnabas. He inspired the early church by selling a field he owned and laying the earning at the apostle's feet. He understood that to be the church we must support the church with our treasured gifts. But more than the church calling us to share in only our treasured gifts, it calls us to share something much deeper and richer. God calls us to share the great gift of grace by sharing our heart and soul together, so that no one feels in need of grace.

### **Wednesday, April 18**

**Acts 3:1-10**

This healing act places Peter in direct line with the healing signs and works of Jesus. As you go on to read, Peter dares not attribute this healing power to himself, but to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who was revealed to him in Jesus. The power of Jesus' name far exceeds the power of money that the lame man was hoping to receive sitting outside the temple gate. This is a story of resurrection power. The early followers of Jesus focused on those who needed to see and hear such saving power. The man leaps and praises God in response to the saving love of God.

### **Thursday, April 19**

**Acts 1:1-11**

The early church standing there, "gazing up toward heaven," watching Christ disappear into the clouds. I wonder if this isn't what we all feel in these Easter days? Awe struck, staring into the heavens, asking ourselves, "What now?" Who were the two men standing among them? Angels dressed in white? Were they just passing by? New followers who found themselves with these odd apostles? No matter who they were, they asked the right questions - why are you standing around? We will experience the risen Christ the same way we saw him go. He will be lifted up. Where are you seeing God's love lifted up today?

### **Friday, April 20**

**Acts 2:37-42**

Here we hear a similar question, "What should we do?" Peter tells them to repent, echoing John the Baptist in Luke's gospel. The Greek word, metanoia, meaning "repent" or "repentance," is one of Luke's favorite words. It is a call to action, to do a 180o, to change directions. It starts with the initiation into a new way of life through baptism, the forgiveness of sins, and the receiving of Holy Spirit. This new life is the way of the risen Christ, it is the way God is calling us to live in the world actively shape by God's only son.

### **Saturday, April 21**

**Acts 28:21-31**

Paul's parting words at the end of this book are that the life of Jesus is the fulfillment of the Hebrew scripture. Salvation is not for some, but for all. The saving work of Christ falls on all of us whose ears are hard of hearing, and whose eyes are shut, and whose hearts grow dull. The saving work of Christ lifts us up, so that God's healing grace will touch what we cannot heal on our own - and we are all in need of that healing together.



<sup>2018</sup>  
*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.

# **Stephen Ministry** Retreat



with **Professor Allan Hugh Cole, Jr., Ph.D**

**"The Authentic Caregiver and The Power of Vulnerability"**

**9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5**

**Friendship Hall, Village on Mission**

Admission is free. Lunch provided. All are welcome to attend.  
RSVP by April 30 to [len.carrell@villagepres.org](mailto:len.carrell@villagepres.org)

## TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

**NEW TO US?** Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, 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. Upcoming dates are Dec. 3, Feb. 4, 2018, March 25, June 10, 2019. Email [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) for info.

**39TH ANNUAL BACHATHON** – 2-6 p.m. today. 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 when you can; leave when you must!

**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

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME** – Using *Laudato Si'* as an outline, we will look at what is happening now in our world in terms of our air, water, and soil; the rate the extinction of species; and global warming and climate change. We will also look at the biblical, theological and spiritual sources of inspiration for Christians to be active in meeting this crisis. Led by Father Bob Hagan, S.J. 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. Room 127.

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

### UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

**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** – Come the fourth 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! Facilitated by Kyle & Sandra Stephens. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, Room 233.

**INTERMEDIATE GOOGLE SHEETS** – Recommended for those who have a basic understanding of Excel OR Google Sheets. Topics include filtering and sorting data, creating charts and graphs, and utilizing functions to easily perform mathematical and statistical calculations. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, Room 316. Call 913-671-2333 or email [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org). to register.

**FROM EVE TO GOMER – WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT** – Beginning with Eve and including Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, Rahab, Deborah, Jael, Abigail, Huldah, Vashti, and ending with Gomer, these are women whose witness, for good or for ill, have shaped us as God's people. We will explore these women and learn more about each of them and how they have influenced our life and witness as followers of Jesus Christ. Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 9 and 16, Rooms 232 & 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. 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. You will find a small group exploring the Acts of the Apostles. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

**VILLAGE FORUM** – Now-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** – Beginning today, Dr. Rodger Nishioka is teaching a new Sunday morning class on the Psalms. 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 through May 20 in Rooms 132 and 133.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**TODAY** - Come learn more about our Summer Camp “counselor” and “food prep” volunteer team opportunities to enrich your summer and impact others! 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! The roses on the Communion Table remind us to celebrate and welcome the birth of new little ones among the Village Community: Andrew Christopher Vonnahme (Beth and Greg Vonnahme, parents), Gabrielle Leilani Bessem Agbor (Valentine Agbor and Jennifer Moyer-Agbor, parents) and Noah Christopher Langford (Andrew and Michelle Langford, parents). Call 913-671-2350 or email [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto: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.

**6TH GRADE MOVING-UP DAY** is scheduled for Sunday, May 6. All 6th graders and families please plan to attend this celebration. Contact the Youth Ministry office to RSVP at 913-671-2302.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** – Our April 18 menu is Italian roast chicken, eggplant parmesan, pasta with tomatoes and vegetable. 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. Call 913-671-2359 or email [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) for reservations by noon tomorrow.

**VILLAGE GOLF OUTING** – Join us for monthly casual golf outings, a four-person scramble format runs now thru October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Sycamore Ridge on Tuesday, May 8, with an 8 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP by May 1 to Brad Steil, 913-469-5683, bradsteil@everestkc.net or Art Newcomer, 913 -752-7540, artnewcome@aol.com.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – The demand for cereal is so great, the Pantry is having to buy cereal retail to keep the shelves stocked. Please bring a box or bag of cereal to church with you each Sunday. One box or bag is what each family gets once a month. Clean, empty egg cartons for 12-18 eggs are also needed. The Clothes Closet is asking for linens - bed, bath and kitchen.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit [esavealifenow.org](http://esavealifenow.org) and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. and noon today. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or [acolston1113@gmail.com](mailto:acolston1113@gmail.com) for additional details.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT** – 7 p.m. Friday, May 4, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. The Pepperdine Chamber Choir is Pepperdine University's top-tier vocal ensemble. The Chamber Choir is comprised of both music majors and non-music majors and tours regularly both domestically and abroad. Recent tour destinations include the western and southern United States as well as Italy, Switzerland and the Czech Republic. This concert is free.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS APRIL 25** – If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, consider coming to Growing Through Grief, a five-week class where you can learn more about the grieving process, meet others who understand your struggles, and be reminded that God is with us through even the hardest of moments. The next series is from 5:30-6:45 p.m. every Wednesday, April 25-May 23, in Room 124. There is no cost, but registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) to register.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY RETREAT MAY 5** – Come hear Prof. Allan Cole talk about "The Authentic Caregiver and The Power of Vulnerability" starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, in Friendship Hall. Prof. Cole will share his story to encourage caregivers to recognize our tendency within ourselves to avoid offers of care and to replace it with what he calls "the practice of a more radical vulnerability and authenticity." Lunch is provided. RSVP by April 30 to Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327.

## 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. We welcome all women to dine together and enjoy fun conversation and fellowship. RSVP by April 16 to Marvie Sneegas, [sneegi@kc.rr.com](mailto:sneegi@kc.rr.com), 913-209-9608.

## 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](mailto:rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org). We seek a variety of gifts from dreamers to engineers.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**THEOLOGY THURSDAYS** – 6:30 -8:30 p.m. Village Courtyard (outside the Cup) What do you want? And is what you want the right thing to want? We're spending April and May following our sermon series "Curate Your Heart." Come, let's do some heart work, together. Food provided!

**LOVE YOUR SATURDAYS** – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 21. To love your city, you have to know your city, so each month we're exploring a different part of KC! April's adventure: River Market. We'll meet at Quay Coffee, stroll the Farmer's Market, and visit Strange Days Brewing Co. RSVP online at [villagepres.org/youngadults](http://villagepres.org/youngadults).

## 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](http://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](http://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. This event is sponsored by Village Commitment.



VILLAGE  
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# 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.

<b>April 15</b>	<b>What Do You Want?</b>
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?

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## 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. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care  
Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry  
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

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*We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.*

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*If you are not taking your bulletin with you, hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.*