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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 17, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

“The good news of the resurrection involves the affirmation that grace does not become abstract with the event of Jesus’ physical death. This means, at least, that the resurrection faith is inseparable from the existence of an historical human community characterized by certain styles of relation. And we are encouraged to believe that the faith of a later generation of Christians in the risen Christ is not different in *kind* from the faith of the apostles on that first Easter Day.”

—Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury,  
writing in *Resurrection – Interpreting the Easter Gospel*

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Gathering Song

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

It was on that first Easter day,

**when the women and men who loved Jesus discovered he was alive.**

It was on that first Easter day,

**when the whole world changed forever.**

And it is here and now nearly 2,000 years after that first Easter day,

**when we gather to proclaim the good news with our whole lives  
that Jesus still lives among us. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Hymn, No. 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
DIX

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful God,**

**We know that in the life, death, and resurrection of your son, Jesus, you lived among us, taught us how to be faithful, died for us all, and triumphed over death.**

**Yet we confess that even though we know this, we fail to act as Jesus did.**

**We fail to act as the body of your son Jesus Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sinfulness and draw us nearer to you so that we may live as Jesus did and walk in his ways sustained by your bountiful Spirit.** (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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem (11 a.m.)

*The Storm is Passing Over*  
words and music: Charles Albert Tindley and Barbara W. Baker; Alegría

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (8 a.m.)  
Bill Hare (9:30 a.m.)  
Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-9 (pg. 627)

## Call to Prayer

Two systems of musical notation in G major and 3/4 time. The first system contains the first line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system contains the second line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!" The music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a steady accompaniment of chords.

## 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

*Easter (from "Five Mystical Songs")*

words: George Herbert; music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; Devin Burton, soloist; The Village Choir

*Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him may'st rise;  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.*

*Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part  
With all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name  
Who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is best to celebrate this most high day.*

*Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song  
Pleasant and long:  
Or since all music is but three parts vied,  
And multiplied;  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.*

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:22-24 (pg. 992)

Sermon

*On Living, Dying, and Rising*

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 822

*When We Are Living*  
SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

Offertory

*Easter Anthem*  
words and music: William Billings; The Village Choir

\*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. 821

*My Life Flows On*  
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

\*Postlude

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

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## MUSIC NOTES

William Billings (1746-1800) was a Boston tanner, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and a friend of the famous silversmith, Paul Revere. He was a self-taught composer; his most enduring works are hymn tunes and choral works, including today's offertory anthem. For his contributions to our hymnal, see page 991-the index of authors, composers and sources.

George Herbert (1593-1633) was an Anglican clergyman, poet, and mystic. His passionate, faith-inspired texts have been set to music by many fine composers, including Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) whose *Five Mystical Songs* date from 1910. All five of the songs are included in our May 15 concert, *Vivaldi and Friends in the Village*. To learn more about Herbert and to read 19 of his poems, visit [poetryfoundation.org](http://poetryfoundation.org), the website of *Poetry Magazine*.

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 17, 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 17**

**Mark 16:1-8**

Of course we meet Jesus, our Risen Lord, back in Galilee. That is where ministry happens, where it finds its grounding. Galilee is also where Mark's gospel begins. He's encouraging us to go back to the beginning and tell the story over again. Proclaiming the Good News from the beginning is a very good place to start.

### **Tuesday, April 19**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

God often finds us where we are. No matter if we are running from a tomb of darkness with fear and great joy. Jesus finds us and comes to us, meets us and says, "Greetings!" Only the Mary's got to see the Risen One that day. Peter and the others had to make their way to Galilee, the place he first called them, taught them, fed them. This is where Jesus said, "they will see me."

### **Wednesday, April 20**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

Matthew couldn't have said it clearer... "they worshiped him" and "some doubted." Jesus gathered both the believing and the questioning. Jesus knew the church had a lot of work to do before His return. Making disciples, baptizing and teaching the faith, working to build up the nations to do heavenly work here on earth. Our hope is we do so knowing that the Risen Christ is with us always, "to the end of the age."

### **Thursday, April 21**

**Luke 24:1-12**

"Why do you look for the living among the dead?" The women, who had gone to the tomb that morning, were not going to experience their Risen Savior with their faces bowed to the ground in a tomb. They had to return from such a deadly place and tell the story of what they had seen. Two men, in dazzling cloths, standing beside them saying: Remember Galilee... Remember his words.

### **Friday, April 22**

**Luke 24:13-35**

"The Lord has risen Indeed!" What could that long walk have been like, as he opened up the scriptures and taught them about Moses and the prophets? Evening came and the shadows lengthened, they prepared a meal and asked him to "stay with us." They only recognized him after the blessing and breaking of bread, and in his giving it to them. Telling the story and being fed are always holy encounters with a Risen Rabbi.

### **Saturday, April 23**

**Luke 24:36-49**

Is their joy in our disbelieving? Is their wonder in our fear and doubt? Even as the Resurrected One stood before them saying, "Look at my hands and feet." "Touch me and see," watching him as he ate broiled fish in their presence. What is so unimaginable about resurrection is how real it all is. The Risen Realness of Christ in our presence saying, "Peace be with you."

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.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Doyle Hargadine by Dortha Hargadine and family and in loving memory of Sarah Susan Hitchcock by the family.

**ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST LITTLE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH** - The rose on the communion table announces the happy news of the birth of our newest member in our family of faith: Jane Katherine Killough (Emily and Jed Killough, parents). If you are a member of Village Church and have a new baby, share the excitement with us. Call 913-671-2350 or 913-671-2355. A rose will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday of this month in honor of these precious children of God.

**WORSHIP BAGS** are available for children to use as tools in worship. At the end of the worship service, please return the bags to the baskets located in the narthex.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL** - Parents may check in their preschool-age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available at 9:30 a.m and 11 a.m.

**KIDS' KINGDOM CHURCH SCHOOL** - Parents may check in their elementary (K-5) aged students on the 3rd floor. Check the large bulletin boards located in the Children and Family wing for which room your child's class will travel to that day. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**CLUB V6 (6TH GRADE)** - Join us for a fun new way to explore the ancestors of our faith. 'Tweens will discover the similarities between themselves and the many unlikely people selected by God to do extraordinary things. 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

**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD: SHEPHERDING LIFE ON EARTH** - Today and next Sunday, April 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Forum Sunday school class in Room 126 welcomes Jerry Rees who will facilitate the screening of the video of Marcus Borg's last presentation at Village on April 21, 2007.

### UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES

**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.

**DATE NIGHT** - 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.

**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 20** - Hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, onion rings, 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.

**ART & HORS D'OEUVRES MAY 6** - You are invited to the Village Church Annual Art and Hors D'oeuvres event from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, May 6, in the Welcome Center and Friendship Hall. See artwork by artists of all ages, amateur to professional, enjoy light refreshments and listen to a "Jazz Jam" with Kansas City's own Elder Statesmen of Jazz. This is a fun, family-oriented, community event. Admission is free. Call 913-671-2331 for more information.

## 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** - May 1 is CANNED FRUIT SUNDAY, the Food Pantry's second Food Drive of 2016. In the next few weeks, please be looking for sales of canned fruit and plan to bring several cans with you to church on May 1. The Clothes Closet is hoping you will donate those spring and summer clothing items that you won't be wearing this year. They will be put to good use by the Closet's clients. Thanks!

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Village will host a blood drive on Tuesday, April 26, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 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.-noon today and April 24.

**CELEBRATION DOMINICANA—COME JOIN THE PARTY!** - 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!** 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) to register.

**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 Church Tuesday-Thursday crew, you can do so on May 5. 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

**KC WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT MAY 1** - This free concert, entitled "Tops in Pops," will feature musical selections including *Beguine for Band* by Osseer, *Original Dixieland Concerto* by Warrington and *Danza Cubanas* by Sheldon. Guest Soprano Soloist Gwen Coleman Detwiler will sing Gershwin's *Summertime* and *Nice Work if You Can Get It*. She will also sing Hartburg's *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. The Liberty High School Steel Drum Band, under the direction of Eddie Owen, will perform *Mambo Furioso* and *The Elephant and the Flea* with Tuba and Piccolo. The concert is at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**COME WATCH THE AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY, *ABOUT ALL THESE FLOWERS*** - Families For Mental Health hosts Kevin Bryce who will introduce his award-winning documentary on bipolar disorder, *About All These Flowers*. Join us on Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in Rooms 126/127.

**CAREER CENTER BEGINS MONDAY, MAY 16** - Are you searching for a new job? Consider attending the next Career Center to learn ways to find job openings, how to approach these employers, and conduct a planned, step-by-step job search. The next series begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, in Room 232. Can't wait until then? We offer an online series that you can immediately receive. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

## 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. All women are invited. RSVP by Monday, April 18, to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net.

## 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, 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 two sessions. We will meet on the odd dated Sundays (e.g., today & 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.

### Let's Celebrate Village Church's Past, Present & Future!

Please join us Sunday, May 1, for a dedication of our Welcome Center following the 11 a.m. worship service.

Items from the initial time capsule of 1954 and current items that will be placed in a new time capsule will be on display. Both time capsules will be sealed in the new cornerstone of the church.

Please help us celebrate this historic moment for Village Church!



## Farewell to Mich Phillips

Friends, we are saying goodbye to Mich Phillips as our associate director of youth ministry. Her last day is April 20. Mich has provided leadership for our middle school program since Nov. 4, 2013. Mich shares: "As my twins (with autism) get older and near the completion of high school, and as I too continue to age, I have discovered that my heart feels pulled more to home than ministry. I want the congregation to know what a joy and honor it has been working with and loving the students at Village Church. Life is hard and sometimes family gets put to the side, however, I need to take a step back and put them first."

We are extremely grateful to Mich for her love and care of our middle school students these past 2½ years. She has touched all of us with her big spirit and big heart, and we wish her nothing but the best in this next season of her life.



**IS CARING YOUR CALLING?** If so, find out if you could be a blessing to others as a Stephen Minister. Come to one of two identical "Tell Me More" sessions at 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, OR 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, in Room 126. Call Linda Alley 913-671-2327 for more information.

## Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin – Our Guest Preacher Next Sunday

Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin will preach in our Sanctuary worship services on Sunday, April 24. She and her mother, Rev. Margaret Peery, will be in town next weekend leading the PW Spring Retreat. There will be a reception for Meg in the Welcome Center immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service.



### THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Only when you give from the heart does it  
make the giving whole.

– Stephen Richards



**FRUIT  
SUNDAY**

May 1, 2016

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

## 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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*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.*