ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

Easter has come. The empty tomb has been found and Jesus has risen. But then what happened? If the disciples struggled to keep up with Jesus before the crucifixion, the time immediately after the resurrection must have been truly uncharted territory. In some ways we are in the same place they are: living in the light of the resurrection while also daily asking ourselves, “What happens now?”
Prelude
Sheep May Safely Graze
by J.S. Bach; Joelle Teal, flute

Call to Worship
Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Christ the Lord is risen!
The stone has been rolled back,
Christ has conquered the grave.

Christ the Lord is risen!
This is the good news which we proclaim to you.
We have been freed; fear and death have no claim on us.

Christ the Lord is risen!
Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we have been given a brand new life.

Christ the Lord is risen!
The good news is for all Creation.
Walk in the light of God’s grace, mercy, and love.

*Hymn, No. 236

*Prayer of Confession

Living God,
We have shouted our Easter Alleluias,
but in the secret corners of our hearts,
we are still somewhat afraid to hope.
We trust your resurrection promises,
but doubt creeps in when we cannot see you
or touch you
or hear you.
You feel very far away,
and we feel very alone.
Sometimes we allow our most beautiful days
to do little more
than remind us how very broken we are. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia,
Response: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Dee Couch (8 a.m.)
Jean Janecek (9:30 a.m.)
Ruth Johnson (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Sermon
What Now?
Rev. Zach Walker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 409
God Is Here!
ABBOT'S LEIGH

Offertory
Prayer for Today
music: Margaret Tucker; Village Choir; Joelle Teal, flute

*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
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread
together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ’s body.
You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 326

For All the Saints
SINE NOMINE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Choral Amen
Village Choir

*Postlude

Fanfare and Allegro on “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”
by Jeffrey Honoré

*All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns
The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt 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 24**  
Psalm 135  
From its first word to its last, this psalm is one of praise. It tells the story of God’s faithfulness beginning with creation up until, it seems, the moment the psalmist puts pen to paper (or ink to scroll). God's faithfulness endures, we are meant to understand; so, too, should our praise. Looking back over your life — or even just this Easter week! — what reasons do you have to praise God? It is always a good time to tell the story of our gratitude.

**Tuesday, April 25**  
Psalm 86  
This psalm has a different tone. It is a prayer in a time of need. The psalmist begs God for help… but even that is a word of praise and faithfulness. Help me, the psalm declares; the request for help comes knowing that the God who hears, will respond. God’s faithfulness is sure, on our best days and on our worst. When have you seen this in your own life?

**Wednesday, April 26**  
Matthew 15:21-28  
The Canaanite woman’s story is a complex one. Jesus speaks harshly and, it seems, unkindly to her. Yet she is filled with the same kind of faith as the psalmist. She trusts that Jesus will act as she knows the Son of God should act… and with her faithful insistence, he does. When have you demanded that God keep God’s promises?

**Thursday, April 27**  
Matthew 15:32-39  
Yesterday, the Canaanite woman eats crumbs; today, thousands eat abundantly. This is perhaps one of the best known miracle stories, and for good reason. When we think we are operating from a place of scarcity, Jesus shows up with abundance. In what ways might this story inspire you to live more boldly and courageously?

**Friday, April 28**  
Matthew 16:13-20  
“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks this question of his disciples. They can recite what others have to say about him, but then the Son of God twists the question in a personal way. How would you answer? Who do you say that Jesus is?

**Saturday, April 29**  
Psalm 136  
This psalm has one central message — God’s steadfast love endures forever. Twenty-six times in twenty-six verses, this line rings out to the rafters, noting both victorious days and defeated days. Give thanks to the God of heaven; God’s steadfast love endures forever. Consider writing your own Psalm 136. What would you include?
Food trucks will line the Village on Antioch parking lot from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, to celebrate the new things happening at our new satellite campus. There will be three trucks: BBQ, Pizza and “The Crave.” We’ll have a bouncy house for the kids, face painters and live music for a relaxing evening of community fun. The event is free. You pay for your own food at the food trucks.

Village on Antioch is located at 14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park. We’d love to have you join us. Bring your friends and neighbors, too!
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. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

THE EAST HILL SINGERS will perform in the Village Sanctuary at 4 p.m. today. 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.

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 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.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

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

CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS–CHILDREN OF THE SAME GOD? – This two-session course, led by Rodger Nishioka, director of Adult Educational Ministries, along with leaders from the Kansas City chapter of the Dialogue Institute Southwest, will explore the relationship between Islam and Christianity. We will seek to better understand what Islam and Christianity hold in common and how we are different. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 3 & 10. Rooms 132 & 133.

CARING FOR GOD’S CREATION – GROWING A BUTTERFLY GARDEN – On Wednesday evening, May 3, BJ Schuelenburg, a certified master gardener of Johnson County, will teach a course to help us understand the life and the importance of butterflies and moths and ways to attract and keep butterflies and moths in the garden through the planting and nurture of particular plants and shrubs. The Wednesday evening class will be followed by a visit on Saturday, May 6, to the Monarch butterfly way station garden at the Village Church Meneilly Center. This would be a wonderful evening for families to attend and then follow up with a visit to the garden on Saturday. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, Room 127 and 9 a.m. Saturday, May 6, Meneilly Center, 99th and Mission Road.

WALTER CRONKITE MEMORIAL DAY TRIP – Walter Cronkite was best known as anchorman for the CBS Evening News for 19 years. A visitor to the museum commented: “My visit to the Walter Cronkite Museum was impressive, impactive and insightful. Being able to recall Mr. Cronkite on air allowed us to remember the man we knew, loved and trusted.” 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, May 4. $30 per person includes transportation and tour. Participants will pay for their own lunch.

I DRIVE ELECTRIC. YOU CAN TOO! – Al Pugsley, Village Church ruling elder and recipient of the Environmental Action Committee’s Earth Steward Award, has been driving electric cars for over 10 years. Over that time, he has experienced firsthand the evolution of the electric car and become an advocate for the benefits of electric vehicles. 6:30-8 p.m. Please note date change -Tuesday, May 23. 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 – Through April 30, Dr. Rodger Nishioka leads this 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 26 – Drive-in night! Burgers, hot dogs, onion rings, etc. 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 – Fruit Sunday is coming up on May 7. Please think of us on your next shopping trip and choose a few extra cans of peaches, pears, etc. The Clothes Closet volunteers are happy to see your donations of clean, summer clothing starting to arrive. We are looking for lightweight slacks, shorts and shirts in all sizes. Thank you for your continuing support through the seasons!

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - Friday, May 12, Village will cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need two to three people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and six to seven volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations, and they can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 11. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

KC WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT - The Kansas City Wind Symphony presents “Conductor’s Favorites – a Retirement Concert” at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, in the Village Church Sanctuary. The free concert marks the final concert of conductor Phil Posey. Alto saxophone soloist Bobby Watson will join with the ensemble in a special arrangement by Frank Ticheli of Amazing Grace. Visit kcwindsymphony.org for more information. A reception honoring Dr. Posey will follow the concert. The Kansas City Wind Symphony is a member ensemble of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – Join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the Village Chapel for a free recital with guest artists Dr. Margaret Marco, on oboe and English horn, and Dr. Paulina Wu Leisring, on piano. The program includes the Concerto in D Minor by Alessandro Marcello and Romance No. 1 by Robert Schumann.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

COME HEAR MARTI HILL, ATTACK SURVIVOR, ON APRIL 27 – How do you offer care to someone who has been a victim of a violent attack? Everyone is invited to find out more about ways you can share understanding and compassion at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, in Room 132. Marti Hill and her story were featured on CBS’ 60 Minutes. Her presentation is sponsored by Stephen Ministry.
AUTHOR LISA COOPER (LOVE NEVER DIES) COMES TO VILLAGE – Local author, inspirational speaker and grief advocate Lisa Cooper will be sharing her experience at the next Faith and Grief lunch at noon on Tuesday, May 2, in Friendship Hall. Small table discussion follows her presentation and a box lunch is provided. If you are grieving, or know of someone who is hurting, join us. Reservations are helpful; register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. For more information, contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

SEARCHING FOR A NEW JOB? – Career Connections provides information on resumes, interviews and more. Classes will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 9, 16 and 23, in Room 230. If you are interested, contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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

MISSION SEWING accepts fabric, only one yard pieces or larger, cotton, cotton blends, and wool, also yarn and embroidery floss. Please contact Edie Hultman, 913-432-3515, regarding other items to be donated and general information. If you don’t machine sew, perhaps you would enjoy doing some hand sewing, stuffing pillows or pressing. Come and go as your time permits. Lunch is from noon -1 p.m. Brown bag or purchase at the Village Cup.

MONTREAT WOMEN’S RETREAT – Join us this summer for a mountain retreat! Aug. 10-13 we will travel to Montreat, North Carolina, for three days of worship, workshops, conversation and sabbath time. Author Rachel Held Evans is the keynote speaker. Come with your friends or make new friends. Open to women of all ages. Interested? Contact Jenny McDevitt at jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org or 913-671-2367. The retreat is a ways out, but we need to make plans now.

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. at KC Bier Company. 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 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 p.m. Join us for a great night of people, games and conversation. We hope to see you there!

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Village Church Meneilly Society

Legacy planning is more than just including Village Church in your will or trust. It is deciding what you can do now that will positively change your family and generations to come.

If you have included Village Church in your estate plan, please contact Molly at 913-671-2325 and become a member of the Meneilly Society.
NEW SERMON SERIES
STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Living Unafraid In a Frightening World

When Easter was over and the world got back to normal, some recognized there was a new normal now. The world today is a place of crosses. Bodies fail and hearts break, systems and structures crush the powerless. There is enough in this world to scare you to death. But Jesus is alive now—there is a new normal. Jesus is alive now, so we can live, even in this world, as a people who are living unafraid in a frightening world.

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.