SERVICE OF WORSHIP
April 24, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
We are delighted to welcome back to Village Church the Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin. Meg was associate pastor for Pastoral Care from September 2006 to August 2013. She and her husband, the Rev. Jarrett McLaughlin, are deeply loved for the ministry they provided the Village family. They make their home in Burke, Virginia, where they are co-pastors of Burke Presbyterian Church, but we hope Meg feels like she is at home with us today.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

*Prelude

Xacara
by Martin y Coll

Choral Introit (9:30 a.m.)

Now I Walk In Beauty
words: traditional Navajo prayer; More Love Chorale

Call to Worship

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings as eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

The “waiting” is the hard part.
But we are here, O God. Meet us in these moments
that we may walk in your ways all of our days.

*Hymn, No. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
ELLACOMBE

*Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, the times you have welcomed us in grace
number more than the stars of heaven.
We wish to offer you lives that are holy, righteous and pure;
but once again we must confess:
While we have loved much, we have also given into fear.
While we have offered much, we have also given into greed.
While we have served, we have also been self serving.
While we have lifted up, we have also oppressed.
For everything in us that glorifies you, we give you thanks.
For all in us that offends you, we repent.
We pray once again for your gracious forgiveness,
and we trust that our desire to please you does, indeed, please you. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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*Response

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!
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

*An Easter Alleluia*
music: Andrew Clarke; The Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Laura Hewitt (8 a.m.)
Sandy Wells (9:30 a.m.)
Bill Nulton (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading


Sermon

Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*Hymn, No. 775 (st. 1,3)*

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*
WALK WITH ME

Offertory

*Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God* (8, 9:30 a.m.)
words and music: Gordon Young; More Love Chorale and Music Ministry Interns

*Beautiful Things* (11 a.m.)
words and music: Gungar; The Youth Band and Village Voices
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. 767  Together We Serve
SAN ANSELMO

*Benediction  Sonate in F, K 205
by Domenico Scarlatti

*Choral Amen

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand  © A-705103 for all hymns
# THE CHURCH’S BOOK (Week of April 25, 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 25**

**John 20:1-10**

What a race! Mary, upon discovering that the stone had been rolled away, goes to tell the others. Peter and “the one whom Jesus loved,” who is John, race to see. John outruns Peter, but stands just outside peering in. Peter immediately walks in and stands in the tomb. Peter surveys the scene and sees the linen cloth, but John seems to see them through believing eyes. Neither understood what they saw, but John may have first believed because he loved.

**Tuesday, April 26**

**John 20:11-18**

This story seems to have dramatic undertones to when Jesus is standing at Lazarus’ grave. As Jesus did, she is weeping and asks in the same way, “Where have they laid him?” In both stories Jesus calls them by name. In both accounts, they are being called into new life from a deadly place.

**Wednesday, April 27**

**John 20:19-23**

The risen Jesus appeared to his disciples behind the locked doors of fear. The only way they would recognize him, as Lord of their own rising, is to see the broken places of his hands and side. This passage highlights the connection between peace and forgiveness. Peace and forgiveness happens when we become visually aware of our own broken places.

**Thursday, April 28**

**John 20:24-29**

It’s quite a distance to travel from “I will not believe” to “My Lord and My God!” They sat around for a whole week waiting for Thomas to get his wish. “Believe us, we saw him in full body nail marks and all.” Thomas wasn’t interested in believing them. He wanted to touch and see for himself; he wanted the full wonder of resurrection right before his eyes. And then it happened. Jesus made a special trip just to shake them from their closed-door realities. Perhaps, Thomas believed all along. He just wanted to experience the living Christ, present and real.

**Friday, April 29**

**John 21:1-14**

At first, Peter was always anxious to leave the boat. But the minute things got rough he was back in the boat, back to life as usual. Just him and his nets and nothing in them. Peter always sprang into action when Jesus was around. But when things got hard he said, “I am going fishing.” When Jesus calls out to him from the shore we find Peter naked, spiritually bare, perhaps. When John says, “It is the Lord!,” he quickly puts on his clothes and jumps from the safety of the boat, to the turbulent sea, to breakfast on the shore. This is the beginning of something new for him.

**Saturday, April 30**

**John 21:15-19**

Remember when you used to get those notes passed to you in class? “Do you like me? Check Yes or No.” Peter denied his Lord three times before the cock crowed, and Jesus knew he would. Here the risen Lord asks him three times to reconsider. Resurrection means that we do not have to live our worst decisions all over again. Peter was obsessed with showing Jesus his loyalty and love, but he often failed to follow through. Here we see Christ say, “Show your love for me by feeding my sheep.”
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.
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.

REV. MEG PEERY McLAUGHLIN is preaching in our Sanctuary worship services today. There will be a reception for Meg in the Welcome Center immediately following the 11 a.m. 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 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

ART ON THE BRIDGE - The Art Ministry committee would like to thank the Village U 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:

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.

VILLAGE TALK - In a radio talk show format, Rev. Brian Ellison, a KCUR contributor, hosts lively conversations with engaging public figures, renowned scholars and community leaders. On Wednesday, May 11, we welcome Bob Page, president and CEO of KU Med Center, at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Chapel.

BEGINNER EXCEL CLASSES - Topics covered include: identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data into an Excel spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data, and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will be creating a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, OR 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, in Room 316.

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL CLASSES - 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, OR 6:30 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. This class is recommended for people who have a basic understanding of Excel OR have taken the Beginner Excel Class. Students will be creating a spreadsheet during class to reinforce learning. Room 316.
FINDING THE FACE OF GOD IN ART - How would our interpretations about art, music and drama change, if we viewed them through a theological lens? For example, how is God viewed differently in the musical *Les Miserables*, or where do we see the face of God in the artwork of Picasso or Van Gogh? Come, and together let's try to explore art through a theological lens, and perhaps we might just “taste and see that the Lord is good.” Taught by Rev. Len Carrell. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 18 & 25, in the Chapel.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY - THE MYSTERIOUS MEMBER OF THE TRINITY - The Holy Spirit, the third member of the Trinity, is called by many names and is vital to our personal growth and journeys in many ways and, at times, through mysterious roles and relationships. The class is an exploration of this mysterious and least understood member of the Trinity. Underneath the veil of mystery you will find an aspect of God essential to life and an intimate relationship with God. Taught by Dr. John Borden from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 18 & 25, in Room 132.

Sign up for Village U classes at villagepres.org or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER APRIL 27 - Reuben sandwich, tuna melt, grilled cheese, white and sweet potato fries, vegetable, 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.middletone@villagepres.org or go to 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 Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 for more information.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - Next Sunday, May 1, is CANNED FRUIT SUNDAY, the second food drive for the Food Pantry in 2016. Please be generous with your assorted canned fruit donations, each family receives at least one can of canned fruit each time they shop. Canned fruit will be picked up at the south doors of the church and at the northeast door, by the old elevator, which used to be the handicap entrance for the north parking lot. Thank you.

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

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, barbeque and beverages, and some special guest appearances by our friends from the Dominican Republic. Register at 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 is Monday, May 16. Proceeds provide the bulk of the DRMP’s operating budget, funding programs like medical clinics, surgeries, health education and child growth monitoring. Visit villagepres.org to register.

MUSIC MINISTRY

KC WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT MAY 1 - This free concert, entitled “Tops in Pops,” will feature musical selections including *Beguine for Band* by Osser, *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 will also perform. The concert is at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL - At 12:15 p.m. May 12, our guest artist is tenor Jeff Howe. Jeff is our Village Church tenor intern. Jeff also sings with the Grammy-winning Kansas City Chorale and is an undergrad at William Jewel College. Jeff will perform songs accompanied by Mark Ball on piano. The 30-minute recital in the Village Chapel is free and open to the public.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH TUESDAY, MAY 3 – All who have lost a loved one are invited to come to the new monthly Faith and Grief lunches where comfort and resources are shared. A simple lunch will be provided at no cost. Join us on the first Tuesday of every month from noon-1 p.m. in Friendship Hall. You must register each time you want to attend; register online at faithandgrief.org. Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 913-671-2367 or jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org for more information.

PLANTING SEEDS of compassion, kindness and caring is what Stephen Ministers do for their Care Receivers. If cultivating relationships is your passion, come explore this ministry where you can do some planting of your own. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register for one of two identical “Tell Me More” classes: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4 OR 2:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BOOK BRUNCH - Laugh, Chat, Chew, Share . . . Read! It’s that time ladies! Come One, Come All to our annual Women with Spirit Book Brunch on Monday, May 16, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Village Church’s Small Dining Room. Wrap one of your favorite books (new or used) to swap for another’s good read. It’s fabulous fun, and child care is provided! Your check of $7 made out to PW of Village Church will serve as your official RSVP. Mail to Julia Scammahorn, 15705 Dearborn St., Overland Park, KS 66223. For food preparation, checks must be received no later than May 9. To reserve child care, contact Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 by May 9. Contact Julia Scammahorn at juliescammahorn@hotmail.com for more information.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - Young Adult Ministry is a new ministry of Village Church for all 20s and 30s. Stay up to date on special events and find ways to connect by finding us online at VillagePres.org, Facebook.com/VillagePresYA, and follow us on Twitter @VillagePresYA.

CONNECT! Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and noon, meet @ the Cup, then continue discussion about life and faith in Room 206.

PRE-BARNABY BRIGHT CONCERT at the Tavern (3901 Prairie Ln, Prairie Village) 6 p.m. this Friday, April 29. Join us at the Tavern before the Barnaby Bright concert! Free child care provided beginning at 6 p.m. by reservation to pam.southerland@villagepres.org.

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!
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 session. Our last odd dated Sunday will be 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.

GRADUATING SENIOR DINNER – High School Seniors and family are invited to join us for a celebratory dinner this Tuesday, from 6-8 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

GPS M.S. YOUTH GROUP – Meets this Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Loft.
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.

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

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. 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.