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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 29, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Jesus read from the Prophet Isaiah. These ancient words were the best way Jesus knew to describe his life and ministry. He found his "name" written in the scripture. Your name is written in this book as well. Look for it, and the scripture will live in you today.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Chorale Prelude on MUNICH*  
by Aaron David Miller

Call to Worship

Rev. Becky Chamberlain

Today is the day the Lord has made.

**Today we sing praise to God, our maker.**

The scriptures come to life as God's word for this day and every day.

**May God's Word live in us.**

\*Hymn, No. 664

*Morning Has Broken*  
BUNESSAN

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and light,**

**When we fail to understand your will,**

**teach us, we pray.**

**When we understand, but fail to obey your will,**

**forgive us, we pray.**

**When we understand and follow your will,**

**use us to glorify you, our God, our redeemer. (Silent prayer)**

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response



\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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



Cre - ate in me a clean - er heart, O God;  
in your sto - ry, may I find my place to serve.  
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Choral Call to Prayer (11 a.m.)

*Vidi Aquam*  
by Marty Wheeler Burnett; Alegría

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 (11 a.m.)

*Gloria (Heiligmesse)*  
by Franz Josef Haydn; Alegría

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.)  
Laura Edgington (9:30 a.m.)  
Patricia Shultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21 (pg.936)

Sermon

*We Are Part of a Long Amazing Story*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 459

*O Word of God Incarnate*  
MUNICH

Offertory

*Prayer of Saint Francis*  
by Allen Pote; Village Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.  
Where there is despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be  
light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not  
so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to  
be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we  
are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

\*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. 301

*Let Us Build a House*  
TWO OAKS

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Gaelic Blessing*  
by John Rutter; Village Choir  
*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
by Paul Manz

\*Postlude

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

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 30, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Hallie Hottle 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 30**

**Psalms 145**

I'm often asked, "How do I just start reading the Bible?" When I've been out of it for a while, or if I'm just feeling lost in my usual routine, I often begin again in the book of Psalms. Psalm 145 is almost at the end of the book, a song of praise and of hope for a future better than where we stand. It's here we find the words often in our Assurance of Grace, "The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." If you're trying to find a way back in, start here.

### **Tuesday, May 1**

**Matthew 6: 7-15**

I find both in my own prayer life, and with some of you, that prayer can be a tricky thing. Sometimes it feels too big, as if the words need to be just right. And sometimes it gets too small, too casual, and can become a laundry list of what I want. But this passage assures us, however we pray is always just right. God knows before we speak. Read here, and maybe reconsider your own prayer habits this week.

### **Wednesday, May 2**

**Matthew 6: 19-24**

Our current sermon series is all about reorienting our hearts towards God. This section of Matthew's gospel might help here. What do we treasure? What do we focus our eyes on? Which masters are we serving? Read, think and reorient the parts of your heart with answers not of our God.

### **Thursday, May 3**

**Matthew 6: 25-34**

Funny story - I was once pastoring a group of youth who were highly stressed about an upcoming prom. One youth in particular was having trouble finding a dress she both liked and could afford. While I scrambled to come up with funds to help her enjoy her senior prom, she read the Bible. She stumbled upon this verse, and came flying into my office to tell me she was going to go and have fun, without worrying about her dress. She shouted, "Consider the lilies!" She had a great time at prom, and I learned to "consider the lilies" more thoroughly.

### **Friday, May 4**

**Matthew 7: 1-5**

Oh, the specks in our neighbors eyes! We live in a day when they are so much easier to see than our own. We might all do well to meditate on this verse today, perhaps while we stare into a mirror. What might we need to reconsider about our own vision?

### **Saturday, May 5**

**Psalms 114**

We end the week in the same book in which we began. Psalm 114 is a bit peculiar, but the imagery is worth reading again. All the earth responds to God's people. The sea looks and flees. The hills leap like lambs. What if it's still true that the earth responds to God's people? What if the dirt is parted for seeds to grow, by your hands? The water trembles and stops, from your saving? How might your action influence the earth around you, this week?



# CANNED FRUIT SUNDAY

MAY 6

Bring cans of fruit to church  
for the Village Food Pantry



Photo: Peter Chavez

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

## *Solo Organ Recital & Hymn Festival*

with Dr. Jan Kraybill

**7:30 p.m. Friday, May 18**

Village on Mission Sanctuary  
Admission is Free.

## 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. The upcoming date is June 10. Contact [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) for information.

**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

**TECH TALK WITH TONY** – Join Tony Liu to learn how to present your pictures on the internet, how to edit pictures on your computer then share these in the cloud. Pictures from old family albums, on a CD/DVD, your cell phone, or email attachments can be made into a slideshow. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, Room 316.

### UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

**ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN**, a Friday morning class, will close our year reflecting on mercy using Anne LaMott's captivating and moving book, "Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy." "By embracing mercy, we give our families, our communities and even ourselves the opportunity to see the world in gentler and more engaging ways...mercy is the light that shines in dark places." All women are invited to join us. Rev. Diane Quaintance, facilitator. 9:30-11a.m. Fridays, now through May 25.

**INTERMEDIATE GOOGLE SHEETS** – This class is 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 [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 finishing out the spring with "Misquoting Jesus-The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why" by Bart D. Ehrman. Taught by Kathy Ray, Room 230.

**FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH** – Join the class today for an exciting series on symbolism in Christian art taught by Kim Higgins. Kim is a teacher at the Nelson Art Gallery and a member of Village Church. The class meets in 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. Small groups will be exploring the Acts of the Apostles. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre, the group is asking where we are called as apostles and what that even means. Room 124.

**VILLAGE FORUM** – Now-May 20, Rev. Dr. John Borden is teaching 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. Room 126.

**10:45-11:45 a.m.**

**PSALMS FOR LIFE** – Dr. Rodger Nishioka is teaching a 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 now through May 20 in Rooms 132 and 133.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**TODAY** – Come learn more about our "counselor" and "food prep" teams for VBS and Traveling Day Camp. 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 posted outside of Rooms 107 & 307.

**INFANTS-TODDLERS** – Child care is available for Sanctuary services and The Gathering in Rooms 111 & 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. Call 913-671-2350 or email [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

**BAPTISMS** – Future baptism dates are July 15 and Sept. 16. 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES** – May 20 is the last day of School Year Sunday School, and June 3 is the first day of Summer Sunday School.

**SUMMER CAMP UPDATES** – Heartland Traveling Day Camp still has openings, and volunteer and paid student counselor opportunities are still available. Please call our office at 913-671-2350 for more info.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** – Our menu for May 2 is Cinco de Mayo—nacho bar, chicken fajitas, veggies. The 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. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or [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 and 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](mailto:bradsteil@everestkc.net) or Art Newcomer, 913-752-7540, [artnewcome@aol.com](mailto:artnewcome@aol.com).

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Next week is Canned Fruit Sunday, the second Food Drive of 2018 for the Food Pantry. Canned fruit is a staple in the diet of the Pantry's clients, and they receive at least one can each month. Please be generous with your donations - we cannot have too much canned fruit. The Clothes Closet continues to ask for linens - bed, bath and kitchen. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Every year, Village Church sponsors an apartment with Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Hillcrest offers homeless families a place to live rent free while they get back on their feet and move to self-sufficiency. If you would like to help stock the kitchen and spruce up the apartment before a new family moves in and deliver a welcome meal, contact volunteer coordinators Nancy Gatewood ([nngatewood@gmail.com](mailto:nngatewood@gmail.com) or 913-638-1922) or Karen Reimer ([KW.reimer16@gmail.com](mailto:KW.reimer16@gmail.com) or 913-219-8389). All volunteer expenses for groceries and supplies are reimbursed.

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY?** Village Church provides weekend bags of nutritious food to more than 100 low-income children every week during the school year. Village is looking for two volunteer coordinators to help sign up volunteers and connect with Harvesters during the 2018-2019 school year. The program is not a huge time commitment but the impact is huge for the kids. If you are interested in learning more, contact Jane Emley at 913-302-7544 or Amy Turpin at 913-908-1138.

**VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES** – On Friday, May 11, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. We need cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 10. If you can help, you can sign up at [bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up](http://bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up).

## 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. This concert is free, reception to follow.

**KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT** – Join us at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary for this free concert. The program, "Top of the Pops," will feature a lively selection of music from composers John Philip Sousa, John Williams, Roger Cichy and more! This program will also feature guest soloists Dr. Chris White on trombone and Dr. Zach Shemon on alto saxophone, along with guest conductor Brady Finch.

**SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL** – You're invited to our next Second Thursday Recital at 12:15 p.m. May 10, when Mark Ball plays the organ in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Mark is the music director at Southminster Presbyterian Church.

**SOLO ORGAN RECITAL & HYMN FESTIVAL WITH DR. JAN KRAYBILL** - Please join us at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary, for this final concert in the Village Pipe Organ Dedicatory Recital Series. Dr. Jan Kraybill is executive director of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Read more about Dr. Kraybill and her upcoming performance in the May 2 "Good News."

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**STEPHEN MINISTRY RETREAT WITH PROFESSOR ALLAN COLE, JR.** – All are welcome to join us from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in Friendship Hall, when Professor Cole encourages caregivers to recognize our tendency to avoid offers of care and to replace it with "the practice of a more radical vulnerability and authenticity." Dr. Cole teaches at the University of Texas at Austin. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Rev. Len Carrell at [len.carrell@villagepres.org](mailto:len.carrell@villagepres.org) by tomorrow, April 30.

**FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH IS NEXT TUESDAY** – Anyone who has lost a loved one and would like to connect with others who are experiencing a loss is invited to the Faith and Grief lunch. Join us from noon-1 p.m. next Tuesday, May 1, in Friendship Hall for lunch, a short program and conversation around tables led by a trained facilitator. Registration is helpful; go online at [faithandgrief.org](http://faithandgrief.org). If you have questions or would like more information, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## 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.

**COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY** – May 9, 5:30 p.m. (family dinner), 6-7 p.m. Bible Study (child care provided). Every second Wednesday come connect with other young adult parents while kiddos are cared for in the nursery. RSVP at [villagepres.org/youngadults](http://villagepres.org/youngadults) by May 2.

**LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAYS** – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. May 12. To love your city, you have to know your city, so each month we're exploring a different part of KC. May's adventure: West Bottoms. We'll meet at Blip Roasters Coffee, throw axes as Blade & Timber, and eat at The Ship. Child care is provided at Village Church with RSVP by May 4. 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).

### Village on Antioch Upcoming Events

#### Community Food Truck Festival

**5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, Village on Antioch**

Please join us at Village on Antioch for our second annual Community Food Truck Festival. We will have three trucks, plus a shaved ice truck. Food is very reasonably priced.

#### Service of Installation for the Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick

**7 p.m. Monday, May 21, Village on Antioch Sanctuary**

Please join us as we install the Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick as site pastor at Village on Antioch.

### Officer Nominations

The Congregational Nominating Committee will be meeting soon, and they request your input. Please submit names of anyone you recommend to serve as an officer to Marsha Hansen at [marsha.hansen@villagepres.org](mailto:marsha.hansen@villagepres.org). Include your name, the name of the person you recommend, the office in which they might serve (elder, elder trustee, deacon). It is also helpful to include relevant information regarding the gifts and experiences this person would bring as an officer at Village.

# UPCOMING 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.

April 15	What Do You Want?
April 22	This Is Not the Time for Trivia
<b>April 29</b>	<b>We Are Part of a Long Amazing Story</b>
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.*