



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 30, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today we begin new series, "Living Unafraid in a Frightening World." In this series we will find wisdom from the Book of Acts, as it shares how God formed the community called the Church. The first words of the resurrection Angel are "Do not be afraid." This is a charge not just to the early disciples, but to the whole church. The world is frightening, that's for sure. But because Christ is raised from the dead, there is reason to set our fears aside and be shaped by our hope.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Overture for a Celebration
by Douglas E. Wagner

Praise and Alleluyas (8 a.m.)
by Mary McCleary; Village Ringers

Scherzo (9:30 a.m.)
by Michael Helman; Morning Bells

Allegro Assai from *Sonate in A Major* (11 a.m.)
by Johann Ludwig Krebs

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

Here we sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,"
for the God of Heaven is our help and our hope, our rock and our redeemer.

Here we sing, "Love divine all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,"
for the love of God has come to us in Christ.

And here we sing, "Jesus shall reign where'er the Sun,"
for Christ is alive and it is he we worship and serve.

*Hymn, No. 258

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!
DEO GRACIAS

*Responsive Morning Prayer

O Lord, You have searched us and known us,
and are acquainted with all our ways.

**And we have sought Your ways, O God,
and hungered to know You.**

You are known to us:

**Creator, Holy One,
the God who brought us up out of the land of Egypt,
Abba-Father.**

You are known to us:

**Christ, redeeming one,
who did not grasp equality with God, but emptied himself.**

You are known to us:

**Spirit of holiness,
who moved over the deep to bring creation from chaos,
and came over Mary to bring new creation,
and came upon disciples giving birth to Your church.**

We have known you to come to us in love,
**as a father would welcome the prodigal,
as a mother would nourish her children,
as the Christ who humbled himself to take on human life.**

This is the grace we know.

This is the grace we profess. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

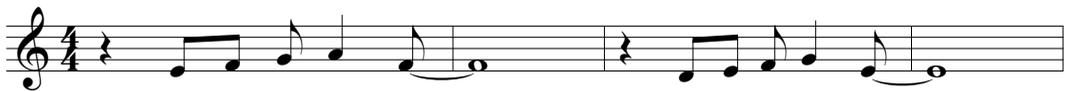
Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia,
Response: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

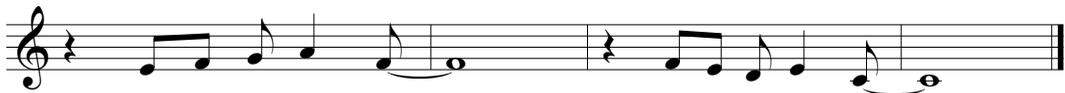
Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer



Change my heart, O God; _____ make it ev - er true. _____



Change my heart, O God; _____ may I be like you. _____

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

Be Thou My Vision
by Daniel Musselman; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination Bruce Williams (8 a.m.); Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.); Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-11 (pg.991)

Sermon *You Shall Be My Witnesses* Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith: from the Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

*Hymn, No. 325

By All Your Saints Still Striving
KING'S LYNN

Offertory

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (8 a.m.)
arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden; Village Ringers

Aria (9:30 a.m.)
by Michael Helman; Morning Bells

Silence may be kept from *Rubrics* (11 a.m.)
by Dan Locklair

*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

*Hymn, No. 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Choral Amen
Village Choir

*Postlude

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her (All Glory Be to God on High)
by Georg Böhm

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

The Finishing Touch for the Village Pipe Organ Case

The Village organ medallion is now in place and our new pipe organ case is complete. Principal Organist Dr. Elisa Bickers shared, "Richards, Fowkes & Co. has a woodcarver in their shop named Trent Buhr. He is an artist of the greatest skill. We asked him to carve a descending dove with a nimbus around its head. A nimbus is often seen in paintings of Mary — a circular halo. It is a symbol of holiness. The dove is associated with several Biblical stories, including baptism and Pentecost.

The carved medallion arrived at Village Church in late March. Then the builders began their delicate gilding process in the Sacristy Room. The medallion was installed Maundy Thursday. If you stand in the back, in the center aisle, you can see the cross with the dove aligned right above it.

As for the organ voicing process, 62% of the 3,800 organ pipes are now voiced. The goal is for voicing to be completed in June."



THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of May 1, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Dr. Ron Patton 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, May 1

2 Kings 4:8-17

This is the first section of a story of a "miraculous" healing. The emphasis of this section is on the hospitality given by the Shunemite woman to Elisha – food and lodging. Far more than a "cup of cold water" for a thirsty traveler, nothing was expected in return. An example for today?

Tuesday, May 2

Isaiah 58:9b-12

The IRS code says that a donation to a not-for-profit group is deductible only if the giver does not receive something of value in return. These verses from Isaiah describe the "return on investment" for those who feed the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted. There is a "return on investment" that is not measured in goods or money – light rising in the darkness/gloom as noonday. It may not be tax-deductible, but it makes for a tremendously rewarding life.

Wednesday, May 3

Psalms 68:1-6

These verses are filled with sharp contrasts: the wicked are scattered before God and the righteous are jubilant with joy. It is the power of God that is the subject of this song/psalm. There is also the understanding that the goodness of God is not just a one-time gift, for a father cannot just be a parent to the fatherless for one day, but a commitment for a lifetime as is God's commitment.

Thursday, May 4

Matthew 8:18-22

Two subjects are addressed in these verses: First, to follow Jesus Christ does not require the believer to be nailed to the cross. Jesus does not call followers to imitate the actions of the "Son of man." Second, the follower of Christ needs to make a clear division between social convention and discipleship. Don't waste time always getting ready to do mission without getting it done.

Friday, May 5

Hebrews 11:13-16

End of the world/time has been predicted to happen on: 5-21-2011 (didn't happen), 10-21-2011 (great earthquakes, etc.), 12-21-2012 (Mayan calendar), 2016 (great plague kills only humans), 2034 (equal O.T. and N.T. covenants), 9-14-2047 at 3:28 a.m. Soho, England Time (tongue-in-cheek) and "soon." Human beings are not privy to this information, but believers know that no matter where they go in all of creation, God is there. "God is not ashamed to be called their God."

Saturday, May 6

1 Corinthians 4:8-13

Christians living in a free and prosperous nation have a difficult time understanding the challenger of being a Christian in other parts of the world. Paul speaks of this in his writing to the minority of Christians in the majority pagan Corinth. In the 21st century, with little editing, these words could be in emails to Christians in Southern Sudan, Palestine, Iraq, Malaysia or Egypt. These words of Paul appear to support the concept that Jesus came to "afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted."



FRUIT SUNDAY

May 7, 2017

BRING CANS OF FRUIT
FOR THE VILLAGE CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY

Village on Antioch

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
5-7 PM



Village on Antioch Food Truck Festival Today

Please join us from 5-7 p.m. today for our first Village on Antioch Food Truck Community Festival. We're celebrating the new things happening at our new satellite campus. Pick your favorite food from our trucks: BBQ, Pizza and "The Crave." We'll have a bouncy house for the kids and face painters. The music trio, "Victor & Penny" will perform swing-infused folk-jazz music. You pay for your own food at the food trucks. All other activities and entertainment are free. Bring your friends and neighbors, too! Village on Antioch is located at 14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park.

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.

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 Schulenburg, 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, impactful 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. Call 913-671-2333 to register.

SPRING ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES meet at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Check villagepres.org for more details.

VILLAGE FORUM – The topic for the series of classes led by Dr. John Borden is "The Search for God." Sessions will include the Yearning for God, the Role of Scripture in the Search, Milestones in Christian Thought and the Completion of the Search in Eternity. Dr. Borden will introduce his new book, *Connecting the Dots*. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Now-May 14. Room 126.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER, MAY 3 – Cinco de Mayo—nacho bar, chicken fajitas, veggies. 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

REVELATION: THE GREEN BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT – Dr. David May, professor of New Testament and director of Online Curriculum Design at Central Baptist Theological Seminary will lead this presentation from 7-9 p.m. tomorrow night, May 1, in Room 127. Dr. May will illustrate a new interpretative lens by which to appreciate the ecological images found in Revelation and the challenging praxis it reveals for contemporary Christians. While a Christian ecological perspective rarely begins with Revelation, more typical are interpretations illustrating the destruction of the earth and the wrath of God, this last book in the New Testament unveils creation's positive and continuing role in the plan of God. Free and open to the community.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Next week is Fruit Sunday! Every family gets 1-3 cans of applesauce, pineapple or other good fruit at every visit, so please bring a few cans to help another family. Also, the Clothes Closet is ready for your donations of kitchen utensils, cookware, small appliances and decorative items. Household items should easily fit into a grocery cart. Thank you for serving the Food Pantry families with your generous donations!

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 AUTHOR LISA COOPER, *LOVE NEVER DIES* – 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.

CAREER CONNECTIONS STARTS SOON – Need information on resumes, interviews and more as you search for your new job? Come to the three-week Career Connections class. Classes will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, May 9, 16 and 23, in Room 230. Contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

STEPHEN MINISTRY'S HOUR OF CARING FORMATION – You are invited to join us at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 11, for a conversation with Michelle Niedens, the Director of Education, Programs and Public Policy at The Alzheimer's Association. What is the best way to care for both caregiver and family member who are navigating the realities of Alzheimer disease and other forms of dementia? The latest statistics on Alzheimer's is overwhelming. One-in-nine Americans over the age 65 have been diagnosed with the disease, by 2050 that number could be as high as 16 million. Every 66 seconds someone in this country develops Alzheimer's. Room 132. Contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCH AT CASCONE'S – Ladies of all ages are invited to join Women of Wisdom, (WOW), for a noon lunch on Thursday, May 18, at Johnny Cascone's Italian Restaurant. Located at 6863 West 91st, (91st and Metcalf). Along with Italian specialties, their menu includes soups, salads and sandwiches. RSVP to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608 by Wednesday, May 17.

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.

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. This Wednesday is the annual Messy Game Night, so be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and bring a towel!

Thoughts from Village Commitment

“But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”

—Matthew 6:3-4



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

A Way to Say Thank you!

A **Tribute Gift** to Village Church Endowment Trust gives you an opportunity to honor any of the wonderful Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and other volunteers your child has had this year.

Simply make a **Tribute Gift** online by going to Village Church's website, villagepres.org, click on Endowment Trust and then Tribute Gifts. Complete the form and click submit. You will then be given the opportunity to pay online or you may send your check to the church.

After we receive your donation, we will send a card directly to the person you are honoring.

For more information, contact Molly Sirridge, director of Stewardship and Endowment Trust, 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org.



SERMON SERIES

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.

April 30	Act 1:6-11	You Shall Be My Witnesses
May 7	Acts: 7	Carry This Story With You
May 14	Acts 9:36-43	We All Need Dorcas in Our Lives
May 21	Acts 9:1-19	Being Converted to Christ Every Day
May 28		Rev. Zach Walker Preaching
June 4	Acts 2:1-13	Who Needs to Be There?
June 11	Acts 10	The Last Person I Thought I Would Need
June 18	Act 15	When God Shows Up At Your Meeting
July 2	Acts 15: 36-41	Barnabas: Son of Encouragement
July 9	Acts 26:12-18	Have I told You This Story Before?
July 16	Acts 28:23-30	It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This?

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.*