SERVICE OF WORSHIP
May 1, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
I bet you are busy. I imagine you have more to do than you can get done. Among all the things that seem urgent, it is sometimes difficult to identify that which is important. So, sometimes we need to step back and take the long view. We need to pay attention to that which will last. Paul teaches Timothy that we are most alive when we give our lives to what is ultimately important.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

*Prelude
“Adagio” from Toccata in G-dur, BWV 916 (8 a.m.)
J. S. Bach
Rondo Passacaglia (9:30 a.m.)
Cynthia Dobrinski; Village Ringers
Ring Jubilee (11 a.m.)
Susan Geschke; Morning Bells

Call to Worship
Rev. Zach Walker

Come to this time of worship and praise God.
We come,
those of us with much faith,
and those of us wishing for more faith.

Come to this place of prayer and seek God.
We come,
those of us who know what it is to run, to walk, and to fly,
and those of us who know what it is to stumble.

Come to this community of faith and love God.
We come,
those of us who hunger and thirst for a better life and a more just world,
and those of us who long for a place to rest.

We have come, and God is here, too.
Let us meet and be met by God.

*Hymn, No. 35
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
LOBE DEN HERREN

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
We come into your presence carrying this simple but heavy truth:
we are not yet who we wish to be.
Unlike our ancestor Abraham,
we sometimes question your faithfulness.
Unlike the prophet Amos,
we are not always convinced justice will roll down like water.
Unlike your servant Paul,
we so often lose sight of the big picture.
We dislike growing pains, O God, but we still have some growing up to do. So meet us where we are, and remind us of the dreams you envision for us, the hope you hold for us, and the life you offer us. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace

*Response

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Dee Couch (8 a.m.)
Laura Edgington (9:30 a.m.)
Ruth Johnson (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11 (pg. 671)
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

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
Early American Hymn, arr. by Alice Parker; The Village Choir

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-9 (pg.1084)

Sermon

The Long View  
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 714

God of the Fertile Fields  
ITALIAN HYMN
Offertory   Carillon (9:30 a.m.)
by Dean Wagner; Village Ringers

A Simple Celebration (11 a.m.)
music: Kevin McChesney; Morning Bells

*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. 321
The Church's One Foundation
AURELIA

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Postlude
“Prelude” from Toccata in G-dur, BWV 916
J. S. Bach

*All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns
THE CHURCH’S BOOK  (Week of May 2, 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, May 2 1 Timothy 1:1-2

One unique thing about this letter from Paul is that it addresses a person, and not a church. Timothy was definitely one of Paul’s closest working colleagues. Another surprising discovery in this greeting is Paul chooses to throw in a bit of mercy along with grace and peace. For indeed we receive mercy as freely as we do grace and peace.

Tuesday, May 3 1 Timothy 1:3-7

Interpreting the bible can be tricky. Paul recognizes that there can be an error of speculation that is tempting. He reminds us here that the source of our reading is through the lens of love. Christian love comes from these three things: an honest wholeheartedness, trusting belief, and an active, and authentic conscience.

Wednesday, May 4 1 Timothy 1:12-17

This letter is set up as an instruction between good or bad teaching, and right and wrong behavior, and then the author makes Paul the example. The example of the true Christian life is moving from the actions of a former life, to a new one received by mercy and grace overflowing with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

Thursday, May 5 1 Timothy 2:1-7

God is the God of everyone. Therefore our prayers are for everyone. We pray for everyone because God desires “everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” We don’t pray against our enemies or for our own private benefits. We don’t pray for God to intercede in our own trivial debates. We pray to One God for the benefit of all people, and to lead us all into a “peaceable life” together.

Friday, May 6 1 Timothy 3:14-16

The household of God is where we experience the presence of a living God. The author of this letter gives Paul the language that describes the great mystery of faith; a mystery of divine activity that needs to be learned, believed and retold. This little mysterious hymn packs in the whole story. It gives the visible account of what God has done in Jesus Christ. It unveils the unknown.

Saturday, May 7 1 Timothy 4:6-16

This letter is all about being faithful recipients of “sound teaching,” which consists of things that look a lot like worship – public reading of scripture, exhortation, teaching. For God’s plan for salvation to work, there must be faithful leaders who are fed by the gospel truth, and who intend to nourish others by the same truth. “Do not neglect the gift that is in you.” Good leadership draws out faithful leadership in others.
VILLAGE CHURCH

ART &

HORS D’OEUVRES EVENT
Art, Jazz, Refreshments • Free Admission

MAY 6, 2016 | 5-7 P.M.

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& FRIENDS IN THE VILLAGE
Presented by The Village Choir, Chamber Choir & Orchestra

5.15.16 | SUNDAY AT 3 P.M.

VILLAGE CHURCH SANCTUARY
FREE ADMISSION villagepres.org
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.

LET’S CELEBRATE VILLAGE CHURCH’S PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE! Join us for a dedication of our Welcome Center following the 11 a.m. worship service today. 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!

KC WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT TONIGHT - 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.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRESCCHOOL 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.

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 creations.

MASS INCARCERATION SYMPOSIUM - On Wednesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in Friendship Hall, Village’s Social Witness and Advocacy committee will host a symposium on mass incarceration. Young Black and Hispanic men constitute the majority of people subject to lengthy, mandatory sentences in America’s prisons, often for non-violent crimes. Panelists include local activists in areas of faith and social justice, moderated by Rev. Brian Ellison of Village Church. See the Social Witness bulletin board in the hallway for more details.

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.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - Today is CANNED FRUIT SUNDAY, the second Food Drive of 2016 for the Food Pantry. If you have forgotten your cans on the kitchen table, bring them to the south entrance on your next visit or drop them off at the Food Pantry. Cash and checks are cheerfully accepted, and we will do the shopping for you! Thank you for your generous support in providing this staple food in the diets of our clients.

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.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - On Friday, May 14, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Ks. 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 13. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.
MUSIC MINISTRY

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 THIS TUESDAY, MAY 3 – Members and those in the community 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.

FIND OUT MORE THIS WEEK ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTRY - If you have a caring heart, a listening ear and want to bring Christ’s love and care to people during a time of need, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Come and find out more at one of two identical “Tell Me More” meetings this week; either on Wednesday, May 4, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 126 or on Thursday, May 5 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Room 126. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE IS NEXT SUNDAY - Take a moment, relax, and reflect at the Taizé service. Join us for an evening worship service at 5 p.m. next Sunday, May 8, in the Chapel. Modeled after worship from the Taizé community in France, the service includes song, silence, and scripture — all experienced at a quiet, reflective pace. We will also take communion together.

TANYA HESSONG TO DISCUSS SUICIDE PREVENTION - Families for Mental Health hosts Tanya Hessong from Johnson County Mental Health at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, in Room 126. Ms. Hessong will talk about “Suicide Prevention.” Sharing and caring follows the presentation. Families for Mental Health meets the third Thursday of every month in Room 126.

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.

WOW VISITS BRIARCLIFF VILLAGE MAY 17 - Women of Wisdom (WOW) invites all women to join us on Tuesday, May 17, for lunch at Trezo Mare, with diverse Italian-American cuisine, but with a menu that includes all styles of food. Shops include the upscale Nell Hills furniture store and uniques boutiques. Complimentary transportation will be via a commercial van that Diane Quaintance will drive. The van can accommodate a maximum of 14, but others can car pool and follow the van. We will leave at 11:30 a.m. and will return by approximately 3 p.m. RSVP by Monday, May 16, to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321, or dianelee@att.net or to Marvie Sneegas at 913-209-9608, or sneegi@kc.rr.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WHAT IS 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. (There will be no noon class today, as we’re dedicating the Welcome Center at noon!)
**THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT**

“If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” — 1 Corinthians 13:3

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**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION!** 7 p.m. this Thursday, May 5, at KC Bier Company (310 W. 79th St, KCMO). We’re bringing back an ancient tradition (like a 1,700 year old tradition) of feasting on the day of ascension! Bring your favorite foods, and we will eat, drink, and retell the story of Jesus’s ascension into heaven. It will be weird, and fabulous!

**MAY SERVICE PROJECT** - 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Youth Ambassadors (3737 Troost Ave, KCMO). You want to come and meet these high school kids. They have more to teach us than we do them, but they need some adults to listen and love. We can do that. This will cost $20 per person so we can pay for our lunch, and their’s too. Money well spent. Meet at VPC at 11:30 a.m. to carpool, or meet us there! Childcare provided at VPC with reservation to marjean@villagepres.org.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** - worship together in the balcony today during 9:30 a.m. service.

**CONFIRMATION** - Meets tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft.

**CHEER H.S. YOUTH GROUP** - It’s our last meeting of the school year tonight from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

**ODD SUNDAYS BIBLE STUDY** – Which was formally known as Odd Mondays is moved to today for our remaining session. Our last odd-dated Sunday will be today from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the Bistro.

**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** – Messy Game Night, our last meeting of the school year, is this Wednesday evening, May 4, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Loft. Bring a towel and wear clothes that you don’t mind getting messy!

**YOUTH WEEK** – From June 5-9 we have events going on everyday; Worlds of Fun, Powerplay, Crafternoons, T-Bones Game, and more! Grab a form online (villagepresyouth.org) or by the youth offices and join us for a great start to summer!

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**CHURCH-WIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - **SUNDAY, MAY 15**

Join your friends and family from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in Room 228 for pancakes, sausage and the ever entertaining pancake magic of Chris Cakes! Tickets are $5 at the door. Sponsored by Children & Family Ministry.

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**COMING SOON - NOVEMBER 2022**

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SERMON SERIES

The Things to Say When It Matters Most

The First and Second Letters of Timothy are compiled as letters that the apostle Paul wrote when he knew his life was nearing its end. Timothy was a generation younger, and Paul considered him a “son in the faith.” In these few words we find the apostle teaching, offering encouragement and at times he writes what can only be described as deep love. We will spend several weeks “listening in” as the apostle Paul, knowing his time in this life is drawing near, shares “the things to say when it matters most.”

May 1  The Long View
May 8  Remember Your Mother
May 15 Celebration of Pentecost and Welcoming the Confirmation Class
May 22 Rev. Dr. Paul Timothy Roberts
May 29 Let God Deal With Alexander
June 5 Come Before Winter

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.