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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 6, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

There is joy in the life of faith. There are times of inspiration that leave the heart soaring. There are seasons of gratitude for undeserved blessings that God bestows on every life. But if you follow Christ very far there will also be moments that demand courage and a willingness to sacrifice. Sometimes these demanding moments reveal just how much we want what God wants.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Minuet from Berenice* (8 a.m.)

by G. F. Handel

*Fanfare and Toccata* (9:30, 11 a.m.)

by Bill Holcomb; Village Brass

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

As the sun rises on this new day,

**we will sing praise to the living God.**

We have come to hear again the story of God's redemption of the world;

**and we have come to hear again the story of our salvation.**

God of grace, meet us in these moments,

**and train our hearts to want what you want.**

\*Hymn, No. 826

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

\*Prayer of Confession

**Living God,**

**You call us to live for the sake of the gospel,**

**to take up our own cross,**

**to go the second mile,**

**to forgive seventy times seven.**

**We confess our skepticism, for we want there to be another way.**

**We confess our fear, for we worry about what we might lose.**

**We confess our fatigue, for we have tried, and have fallen short once again.**

**But we are here, O God, praying that your truth might cast aside our doubt,**

**and your love would cast out our fear,**

**and your mercy would strengthen our spirits,**

**that our hearts might be drawn closer to you.** (Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters

Village Church Endowment Trust

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Cre - ate in me a clean - er heart, O God,

ev - en when this trav - 'ler bears a hea - vy load.

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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

*Soon Ah Will Be Done*  
by William Dawson; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)  
Kathy Lueckert (9:30 a.m.)  
Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:31-9:1 (pg.919)

Sermon

*It's Not Always About Bliss*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 692

*Spirit, Open My Heart*  
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Offertory

*Vater unser im Himmelreich (Our Father in Heaven), BuxWV 219* (8 a.m.)  
by Dieterich Buxtehude

*Virga Jesse* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
by Anton Bruckner; Village Brass

\*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. 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
EIN FESTE BURG

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Benediction*  
by Peter Lutkin

\*Postlude

*Grand March from Aida* (8 a.m.)  
by Giuseppe Verdi  
*Triphonic Fanfare* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
by Howard Cable

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

## MUSIC NOTES

Today's Anthem, "Soon 'Ah Will Be Done," is written by one of the great champions of the African American Spiritual, William Dawson. "Soon 'Ah Will Be Done" is equal parts excitement and sadness. The tempo marking (Allegro) lets us know that the piece is supposed to move along, without getting bogged down in sentimentality. After a lifetime of "weepin' and a-wailin'," the excitement of going to see not only one's mother in heaven, but also Jesus, is tremendous, and almost too much to bear. – Based on notes by Jonathan Miller

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of May 7, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Brandon Frick 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, May 7**

**Philippians 1:9-11**

"That your love may overflow." Paul's vision of the Christian life is not just one of evangelism, knowledge and ethical living; it's one that includes an uncontainable, unconditional love. As it spills it waters the ground and produces a "harvest of righteousness."

### **Tuesday, May 8**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

Due to its style and language, many Bible scholars believe this is a hymn of the early church. What did they sing about? A God who humbled himself and emptied himself of privilege to become one of us, so that he might be exalted, and us along with him.

### **Wednesday, May 9**

**Philippians 3:4-7**

Today, we would probably call Paul a "golden boy" given his pedigree and accomplishments. But, Paul warns us, all that glitters isn't gold. In fact, he counts them as loss; only following Christ – to death and resurrection – does he count as gain.

### **Thursday, May 10**

**Philippians 3:10-14**

This may be one of Paul's most difficult exhortations: "forgetting what lies behind and training forward to what lies ahead." It's so easy to stay focused on the past, whether it's accomplishments, failures, or both, and to have those determine our future. But, looking to the resurrection and renewal wrought by Jesus Christ, Paul has to change his focus, and he challenges us to do the same.

### **Friday, May 11**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

Presbyterians, the "Frozen Chosen," are not renowned for our joy. Some even think joy is a bad thing because it might keep us from doing "all things decently and in order." But, if Paul, who is in prison as he writes this, can rejoice upon thinking on the Lord, then I think it's OK if we join him. In fact, I think it's downright wonderful if we join him. So, REJOICE!

### **Saturday, May 12**

**Philippians 4:8**

True. Honorable. Just. Pure. Pleasing. Commendable. Excellent. Worthy of praise. If that sounds like anything or anyone you know, think on it right now before the moment passes. Now give God thanks that we live in a world where he/she/it exists.

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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.



JOIN US FOR THE

*Service of Installation*  
for **Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick**  
Site Pastor at Village on Antioch

**7 p.m.**  
**Monday, May 21**

Village on Antioch Sanctuary



## TODAY AT VILLAGE

**WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!** Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory and with gratitude for the friendship of Caryl Herman and Jennifer Kieltyka by their friends in PW Circle One.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Today is Canned Fruit Sunday, the second Food Drive of 2018 for the Food Pantry. Pantry clients look forward to the aisle with the canned fruit and in choosing from the variety on the shelves - each family may choose at least one can per month. If you forgot your fruit today, food donations may be left in the drop boxes at the south and north main doors during the week. Thank you.

**KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT TODAY** – The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present their final concert of the season, “Top Of The Pops,” at 7 p.m. tonight in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. Admission is free. This performance will feature music by: John Williams, Sousa, Roger Cichy and more. This concert will also feature guest soloists Dr. Chris White on trombone, and Dr. Zach Shemon on alto saxophone.

**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

### UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

**INTERMEDIATE GOOGLE SHEETS** – This two-week 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. To register, please call Marianne at 913-671-2333 or email [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org).

**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 & 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** – Through May 20, the class is viewing and discussing “Jesus and his Jewish Influences” from the Great Courses series. Diann Markley is the teacher. 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 through May 20 in Rooms 132 and 133.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**TODAY** – Join us in prayer for our sixth graders as we commemorate their “moving up” today from Children and Family Ministry to Youth Ministry with their new programming beginning June 1. We are grateful for the Morning Stars Choir as they present their musical to our Sunday School children.

**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.

**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** – We’d love to have you join our biggest ministry week of the year (July 16-20)! Nearly 200 children are enrolled in Village on Mission’s Vacation Bible School. Invite family or a friend to join you to pray, sing, craft, prepare crafts by cutting, collecting and organizing, teach, read, lead, love, listen, encourage and more. Come touch children’s lives at our Village VBS Week Extraordinaire! Call 913-671-2350.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** – Our menu for May 9 is baked ziti w/Italian sausage, baked vegetarian ziti, GF versions available. 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. Our last Wednesday Night Dinner for the spring is May 9, 2018. We resume this fall on Sept. 12.

**VILLAGE GOLF OUTING** – Do you like a casual golf outing? Then, these outings are for you! The monthly outings are 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 Prairie Highlands on Tuesday, June 12, with 8 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP by June 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

**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. Cookie donations 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).

**CELEBRATION DOMINICANA** – Please join the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) of Village Church for our annual fundraiser, Celebration Dominicana from 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 15, at the Madrid Theatre. This festive evening enables our non-profit organization to provide health care and health education to poverty-stricken communities in the DR. Single tickets are \$65 if purchased by May 18. Cost is \$75 a person after May 18. Go to [drmp2018.eventbrite.com](http://drmp2018.eventbrite.com) to buy tickets and learn about sponsorship opportunities.

**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 or 913-638-1922) or Karen Reimer (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. Contact Jane Emley at 913-302-7544 or Amy Turpin at 913-908-1138 for more information.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**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.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**NEED SOME HELP? A RIDE TO THE DOCTOR? A MEAL WHILE YOU HEAL?** – Helping Hands Ministries are here to assist you in many ways. The ministry's three separate groups can provide occasional help with household chores, assist with transportation or bring a meal. If you could use some help or want to be a part of this outstanding volunteer group, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

**MAY TAIZÉ IS CANCELLED** – The Taizé service scheduled for May 13 has been cancelled due to that date being Mother's Day.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**WOW LUNCHEON** – After adverse weather caused cancellation of an earlier WOW lunch at Cheesecake Factory, Women of Wisdom again invites all ladies to this fun restaurant at 6675 W. 119th, in Overland Park at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 23. Please note the earlier start time which is necessary to reserve a table. RSVP to Diane Lee, ]913-432-4321, or dianelee@att.net by Tuesday, May 22.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**THEOLOGY THURSDAYS** – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Village Courtyard (outside the Cup). We're spending 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 today!

**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 at Blade & Timber, and eat at The Ship. Child care is provided at Village Church with RSVP by TODAY! RSVP online at villagepres.org/youngadults.

**ART PROJECT WITH SYRIAN NEIGHBORS** – 4-5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26, Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church (9300 Nall Ave.) Every Saturday afternoon our friends with the Arabic Presbyterian Fellowship meet with the Syrian refugee families in KC for ESL classes. While they learn together, we'll gather the children for art and play. Come, let's show our Syrian neighbors some love. Let us know you're coming 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).

**YOUTH WEEK STARTS JUNE 3!** – Kick off summer with a bang and join in on any or all of the Youth Week activities. Registration forms can be found on the youth website (see above) on the Forms page. Meet interns, get the summer shirt, and have a blast! All recently finished 6th graders through recently graduated 12th graders are welcome!

“We teach children how to measure and how to weigh. We fail to teach them how to revere, how to sense wonder and awe.” –Harold Kushner



VILLAGE  
COMMITMENT

## Village on Antioch Upcoming Event

### 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.

## 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) by today, May 6. 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
April 29	We Are Part of a Long Amazing Story
<b>May 6</b>	<b>It's Not Always About Bliss</b>
May 13	Love Is Not the Only Thing
May 20	It's Not Always About Me—Even When It Is
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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*The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.*

*We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.*

*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, hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.*