



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 14, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Tabitha was also known by the name Dorcas. But more than her name, she was known for her good works. When she died, the people to whom she had shown love came together to celebrate her kindness. Everyone needs someone like Dorcas in his or her life. It's an appropriate story to read on Mother's Day. It is also an instructive story to read on the day we celebrate baptism.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude	<i>Vater Unser im Himmelreich</i> (Our Father in Heaven) by Georg Böhm
Introit	<i>Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho</i> arr. Craig Curry; Morning Stars (9:30 a.m.) <i>If I Were A Butterfly</i> by Brian Howard; Morning Stars Prelude (11 a.m.)
Call to Worship	Rev. Jenny McDevitt

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ,

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;**

For all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

**As one people, claimed by God's grace,
we lift our hearts in praise.**

*Hymn, No. 488

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry
WATERLIFE

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
what is it we should confess in your presence
that we have not already admitted before?**

Perhaps little—save this:

**We have absolved our own guilt
by expecting little of ourselves.**

**We have reigned in our dreams
to avoid being disappointed in ourselves,
and in you.**

Rekindle in us a living faith that greets the day with expectation.

This is the prayer we tremble to offer to you. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

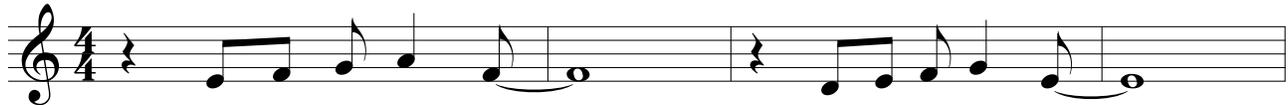
Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia,
Response: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

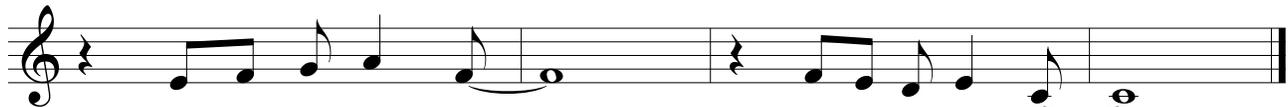
Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (8 a.m.)



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 (8 a.m.)

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Hymn, No. 482 (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Baptized in Water

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Anthem (9:30 a.m.)

More Love
by Sid Davis; More Love Chorale

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (8 a.m.)
Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)
Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-43 (pg. 1001)

Sermon

We All Need Dorcas in Our Lives

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. 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins
NOEL

Offertory

You Are Not Alone
by Ryan Main; Village Choir

*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. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
HERE I AM (Schutte)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Choral Amen
Village Choir

*Postlude

Wade in the Water
setting by Barbara Harbach

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

*Beautiful Soul,
You are not alone,
Not here, not now,
Not before birth,
Not after death.
We are all one, through all time:
Ourselves,
And something greater than ourselves.
Thus, your spirit passes through time
From God to God,
Always the same,
Always the one,
Always the love you knew,
Beautiful soul.*

—Bette Milleson James

Today's offertory text was written by Kansas poet Bette Milleson James as a loving message from grandmother to grandchild. While that narrative stays consistent throughout the poem, the focus shifts from the individual to our communal connection through faith. In that pivotal moment, the emphasis placed on "ourselves" is echoed through the choir. A solo voice calls through the chaos toward "something greater than ourselves," reminding us that our spirit passes through time from God to God.

—Ryan Main

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of May 15, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker 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 15

Acts 9:32-35

These are the verses just prior to what we read in worship yesterday. They also involve Peter and is a healing story. Peter appears to be capable of healing just like Jesus could; what do you see yourself being capable of if you were to believe that the power of Christ resides in you?

Tuesday, May 16

1 Peter 2:2-17

These verses, written by Peter, contain familiar and inspirational imagery: that of the rejected stone used as the cornerstone, and of living stones built into a spiritual house. They are a call to remember who we are, but also that we are not alone. Who are the people who are stones in your life, building a house of support for you?

Wednesday, May 17

Psalms 31

In this Psalm we see yet more stone and rock imagery, but this time is it about God who provides a refuge for us. As you find yourself in the middle of the week, consider the ways God has been your refuge this week, or how you might seek God as a refuge in the days to come.

Thursday, May 18

John 14:1-14

Jesus tells his disciples, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places..." (picking up a theme this week?). Jesus is assuring his disciples that God has room for them. But, how often do we send the message to others that there is not enough room for them? How might you make room for someone in your daily life?

Friday, May 19

Luke 24:13-35

Sometimes Jesus is walking with us on our journey, but we don't recognize him. But something happens when we take the time to sit down at the table together, to share a meal, and be in conversation to learn from each other. When is the last time you had an intentional meal with someone – a meal where you really made a goal of listening and learning? Could you invite someone to a meal in the near future? You just might find Jesus crashes the party, too.

Saturday, May 20

Haggai 1:7-14

When's the last time you read Haggai? These verses speak of the re-building of God's house. God notes that the efforts of the Israelites have come to nothing because they had prioritized their own lives over God's work and will. No matter what we build in this life, God cares deeply for how we are in conversation (how we construct a relationship) with God's presence throughout our lives.

Join us for

Celebration Dominicana

**A Fundraiser for the
Dominican Republic Medical Partnership
7 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the Vox Theatre**

Caribbean food, drinks, music, dancing and a silent auction.
Get tickets at drmp2017.eventbrite.com

Show Your Generosity

Is your annual gift to Village Church set up electronically?
Do you wish you had a means to share with others a
symbol that shows your support of Village Church through
online giving? Look in the book holder in the front of your
pew and find the card that says **I Give Electronically**.
When the offering plate is passed, just place this card in
the plate as a representation of your generous gift.



TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY – Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children at **9:30 a.m.** Rush Pearson Atterbury (Lauren and David Atterbury, parents); Caitlin Bailey Bowen and William Gene Bowen (Laura Ann and Brian Bowen, parents); Andrew Steven Clancey (Lindsey and Bob Clancey, parents); Jack Theodore Jones (Jane and Bryson Jones, parents); Luella Jadeen Lindquist (Stacey and Bobby Lindquist, parents); William Sears Stenger (Annie and Sean Stenger, parents); Truitt Cole Sullivan (Jenny and Colby Sullivan, parents); and Oliver Jonathan Wagner and Theodore Alexander Wagner (Margo and Jon Wagner, parents). **11 a.m.** Ellie Jo Balwanz and Morgan Marie Balwanz (Joanie and Josh Balwanz, parents); Beckham Gray Franklin (Beth and Zachary Franklin, parents); Hayley Hall Moran (Caroline and Matt Moran, parents).

TAIZÉ IS TONIGHT – End your weekend and start the new week on a calm note by attending the Taizé worship this evening at 6:30 p.m. Partake in song, scripture, candlelight and time for silent reflection. We will also share communion. The Taizé service is held at the VCCFDC at 9900 Mission Road.

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 this Village U class at villagepres.org.

I DRIVE ELECTRIC. YOU CAN TOO! – Al Pugsley, Village Church ruling elder and recipient of the Environmental Action Committee's Earth Steward Award, has been driving electric cars for over 10 years. You will learn about costs and saving money and better understand the differences between electric vehicles and hybrids and plug-in electric vehicles. Come learn more about how Al views electric car ownership as one faithful way to care for God's creation. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. Room 126.

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

INQUIRERS – Class will meet today and May 21 before summer break. The study topic is "Messages from the Biblical Gardens." Led by Don Wilson. 10:45-11:45 a.m. Room 124.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Dinners resume Sept. 6.

70s AND UP DINNER – 4 p.m. Thursday, June 1. You are invited to meet at the Salsa Grill Mexican restaurant in Mission to enjoy low-seasoned dishes, good prices and neighborhood friendliness with other Village Church friends. We'll gather for an early dinner located on 6508 Martway, Mission. Salsa Grill is located south of Johnson drive, across from the Hy-Vee Grocery Store. We hope you can come and enjoy the fellowship of friends and a wonderful meal! We'll go "Dutch" (each person pay for their meal). Space is limited, so RSVP to Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS CHURCH – This a special opportunity for those newer to Village Church to spend time with Senior Pastor Tom Are, Jr. and learn more about Village Church. This is a two-part, free class that will be offered from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 30 (part 1), and June 6 (part 2), in Room 232 (south end of the building/2nd floor). A box dinner will be provided. To register, contact Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org. Child care is available for this event with (7 days) advance notice reservation. Make your child care reservations by contacting marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2322.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – A big thank you from the Food Pantry for your generous donations to Canned Fruit Sunday! This week the Pantry's request is for 1 lb. packages of all types of rice (white, brown, wild) and dried beans (pinto, navy, lima, black, etc). The Clothes Closet is asking for small household items and summer clothing - sized, clean and gently used - and shoes.

FOOD PANTRY SEEKS PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT – This is a part-time position, 10 hours a week. Get the complete job description and how to apply on our website: villagepres.org under the "Stay Informed" tab and "Employment Opportunities."

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.

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 service in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

STUDY HALL – Do some last minute finals studying with us from 4-9 p.m. Monday, May 15. Dinner will be provided so get ready to buckle down and do some group quizzing to ace those tests!

YOUTH WEEK – Want to kick summer off to a great start? Join us for Youth Week, June 4-8. Activities range from Worlds of Fun to volunteering to a day at Powerplay! Check the youth website for the form to sign-up.



VILLAGE CHURCH
CHILD & FAMILY
DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Community Open House & Dedication

3-5 p.m.
Sunday, June 11

Tours, activities for kids & refreshments!



I Drive Electric. You Can Too!

Presented by Al Pugsley

6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at Village on Mission

Village Church member Al Pugsley has been driving electric cars for almost 11 years. Over that time, Al, a retired TWA pilot, has experienced firsthand the evolution of the electric car and become an advocate for the benefits of electric vehicles. Al will answer questions about driving an electric vehicle and its costs and limitations at this free Village U seminar, "I Drive Electric. You Can Too!" from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, in Room 126.

Today, every major auto manufacturer has an electric vehicle for sale. You will learn about costs and saving money and better understand the differences between electric vehicles and hybrids and plug-in electric vehicles. Come learn more about how Al views electric car ownership as one way to faithfully care for God's creation.

Call 913-671-2333 or visit villagepres.org to register.

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	Acts 6:1-7	Now Hiring
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, senior associate ❖ 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.