SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 15, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

This is the day we find the disciples sitting inside, together, alone, quiet. They’ve been through a lot, these disciples. They lost their leader, then found him alive, only to lose him again in the clouds as he ascended. And so they sit, and they wait. But they don’t wait for long, because on this day the Spirit descends. Fire, breath and violent wind. Today the disciples are thrown from their private gathering, into the world to speak testimony of Jesus’s love in every language. Today, the Church is born. The Spirit that entered the world this day has never left. It still ignites, empowers, calls to us to be the Church. Can we feel the fire?
Prelude

Träumerei
Robert Schumann

*Choral Introit (9:30 a.m.)

If Ye Love Me
music: Thomas Tallis; words: John 14:15-16

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray to the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, e'en the Spirit of truth, that he may abide with you forever.

Call to Worship

Come to this time of worship and praise God.

We will look for the Lord our God.

Let us sing for joy to the Lord.

Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

We seek to find and respond to God's living Spirit in this world.

In our seeking, we desire to grow in the grace and wisdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Come now, all God's children.

We come, not knowing our place in the world,
but knowing that the Spirit of God is with us.

*Hymn, No. 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains
JENNINGS-HOUSTON

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we gather here knowing our week is full of big and small challenges.
As we have dealt with those challenges, we have failed to live according to your Spirit.
We desire to live as Christ lived, but fall short.

We are not perfect.
We make mistakes.
We are not always loving.
We struggle with our unbelief.

We seek to honor you, and we look to you when we fall.

Help guide us, Lord, to be the people you want us to be.
Help us to be kind, forgiving, and gracious. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response

![Music notation]

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Welcome of the Confirmation Class (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Anthem (11 a.m.)  
**Home**  
music: Heather Sorensen; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination  
Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.)  
Fred Logan (9:30 a.m.)  
Patricia Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading  
Ezekiel 37:1-10, Acts 2:1-13 (pg. 791, 992) (8 a.m.)  
2 Timothy 1:6-10, 13-14 (pg. 1084) (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Sermon  
**Fire and Bones**  
Rev. Hallie Hottle (8 a.m.)  
**Inside and Out**  
Rev. Zach Walker (9:30, 11 a.m.)
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life
LAND OF REST

Offertory
Choose Something Like a Star
words: Robert Frost; music: Randall Thompson; Village Choir and (9:30 a.m.) More Love Chorale

O Star (the fairest one in sight),
We grant your loftiness the right
To some obscurity of cloud—
It will not do to say of night,
Since dark is what brings out your light.
Some mystery becomes the proud.
But to be wholly taciturn
In your reserve is not allowed.
Say something to us we can learn
By heart and when alone repeat.
Say something! And it says, ‘I burn.’
But say with what degree of heat.
Talk Fahrenheit, talk Centigrade.
Use language we can comprehend.
Tell us what elements you blend.

It gives us strangely little aid,
But does tell something in the end.
And steadfast as Keats’ Eremite,
Not even stooping from its sphere,
It asks a little of us here.
It asks of us a certain height,
So when at times the mob is swayed
To carry praise or blame too far,
We may choose something like a star
To stay our minds on and be staid.

(In the poem “Bright Star,” John Keats speaks of “nature’s patient sleepless Eremite.” The reference is to an unidentified star which, like a hermit, sits apart from the world.)

*Response
Lord of All Good
TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving
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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread
together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ’s body.
You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 692
  Spirit, Open My Heart
  WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Postlude
  Gigue Fugue from Toccata in G
  J. S. Bach

*All who are able may stand
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THE CHURCH’S BOOK  (Week of May 16, 2016)

This week’s scripture and reflections were chosen and written by students in the 2016 Confirmation Class. Forty-eight members of the class officially joined the church at the May 4 Session meeting and are being recognized today in worship at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services.

Monday, May 16  
Matthew 5:4
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. In this Beatitude, we are reminded in times of sadness or grief. By making our feelings known, we are opening the door to allow others to comfort us. This also reminds us we have the ability to comfort others.

Tuesday, May 17  
Matthew 5:7
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. In this Beatitude, we are reminded of the importance of showing mercy to those around us, and that all of us are ourselves in need of mercy.

Wednesday, May 18  
Matthew 5:9
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. This Beatitude reminds us it is not enough to just be a spectator; to be children of God we need to be willing to help create solutions to problems.

Thursday, May 19  
Deuteronomy 31:6
Do not be afraid of any trial or challenge, because God will always love you and be with you, forever.

Friday, May 20  
Mark 4:30-32
Your faith may start out small, but over time it will grow and thrive until you reach the kingdom of God. As the mustard seed becomes the largest of garden plants, so will your faith if you pursue the kingdom of God.

Saturday, May 21  
John 13:13-15
Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. He tells them that just as he, their Lord and teacher, does this for them, they should do the same to others. We are called and instructed to help others, and serve them when they are in need. We should never think ourselves above being servants.
VIVALDI & FRIENDS IN THE VILLAGE
Presented by The Village Choir, Chamber Choir & Orchestra

5.15.16 | SUNDAY AT 3 P.M.

VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6641 MISSION RD. PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS 66208

FREE ADMISSION
RETIRING OFFERING WILL BENEFIT THE VILLAGE ARTS ALLIANCE

The program for “Vivaldi & Friends in the Village” will include Vivaldi’s “Spring” and “Summer” from The Four Seasons, Schubert’s Mass in G, Vaughan Williams’ Five Mystical Songs and Gjeilo’s Evening Prayer. Soloists for the concert are Devin Burton, baritone, and violinist Sarah Titterington Ibbett.
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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Dave Francisco by Jean Francisco and family.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST LITTLE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH - The rose on the communion table announces the happy news of the birth of our newest member in our family of faith: Harrison Andrew Smith (Jason and Lindsey Smith, parents). If you are a member of Village Church and have a new baby, share the excitement with us. Call 913-671-2350 or 913-671-2355. A rose will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday of this month in honor of these precious children of God.

WITNESS OFFERING TODAY, PENTECOST SUNDAY - This offering is divided among Village Church (40%), Heartland Presbytery and General Assembly for children at risk, youth ministries and young adult ministries. Yellow envelopes for this offering are available in the hymnal slot in each pew.

CHURCH-WIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY - Join your friends and family from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today 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.

BONE MARROW DRIVE CONTINUES TODAY - When we got word that Matt Cooper needed our prayers, we learned hosting a bone marrow drive could also help his battle against leukemia. Matt is Village Church member Mary Lou Niebling's teenage grandson. Donors can help save Matt or someone else's life by joining the national registry “Be the Match”. Come by today between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to Room 133. The process – a simple cheek swab - provides hope for patients who are waiting for or going through a transplant.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS TODAY – Providing support for someone who is battling cancer and/or the patient's family members is a gift. If you’re interested in helping others, please come to a cancer support group organizational meeting this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the small dining room, Room 230. To learn more, contact Linda Fuchs at 913-383-1009 or lfuchs3524@att.net.

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 CHURCH SCHOOL - Parents may check in their elementary (K-5) aged students on the 3rd floor. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

CLUB V6 (6TH GRADE) - Fun and relevant discussions for today’s ‘tweens. 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 302.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

MASS INCARCERATION SYMPOSIUM - At 7 p.m. this Wednesday, May 18, 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. See the Social Witness bulletin board in the hallway for more details.
UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:
Sign up for Village U classes at villagepres.org. or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

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? Taught by Rev. Len Carrell. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 18 & 25, and has moved from the Chapel to Room 126.

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 and 25, in Room 132.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES:
The Cloud of Witnesses and Village Forum classes welcomes Dr. David May whose topic will be “Biblical Concepts of . . . Dreams, Laughter, and Money.” Over three Sundays we will explore the understandings of dreams, humor, and money from the biblical perspective of our ancestors in faith. Today: “To Sleep Perchance to Dream:” The Biblical Understanding of Dreams; May 22: “God Laughed”: The Biblical Understanding and Use of Humor; and May 29: “Money, Money, Money:” The Economics of Jesus. 9:30 a.m. Rooms 126/127.

Summer Sunday Adult Church School – More Food for the Journey of Faith - Join us this summer every Sunday morning for an adult church school conversation that will further explore the sermon text for the day. The class will meet at 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Room 229. Focusing on the summer preaching theme of “Meals in the Bible,” the class will look at the various stories and parables around meals in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Most classes will be taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka. The class begins June 12.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES
New Village Church Tours for 2017! Springtime in Ireland: April 25-May 7 - The Emerald Isle's Beautiful Countryside and Dublin; Autumn in Spain and Portugal: Oct. 9-22 - Tour with Rev. Jay and Elizabeth McKell in Southern Spain visiting Seville, Granada, Cordoba and the Coast and Lisbon, Portugal with a four-night optional visit to Morocco afterwards. Tour meeting with details at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22, in Room 132. Contact Lisa Ball, Lisa@LisaBallTravelDesign.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION
TRUTH AND TRANSPARENCY IN OUR FOOD SYSTEM JUNE 6 - The Environmental Action Committee is sponsoring a presentation by Carey Gillam about the Corporate Food System and some of its secrets. Carey is a veteran journalist and researcher with more than 25 years of experience, including 17 years as a senior correspondent for Reuters. She is the daughter of Village member Chuck Gillam. Class at 7 p.m. Monday, June 6, in Room 127. Admission is free.

MISSION
THE FOOD PANTRY - Remember the hungry in our community and pick up several cans of canned veggies on your trip to the grocery store and bring them to church. The Food Pantry is requesting any variety of canned vegetables - spinach, tomatoes, peas, corn and all varieties of beans. Two cans of veggies per church member can make a big difference!
FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE OPEN HOUSE MAY 22 – Meet the new executive director of Front Porch Alliance, Roxana Shaffé, and tour our newly renovated Linwood Place offices at an Open House from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 22. Linwood Place is located at the corner of Linwood & Bruce R. Watkins Drive.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

SEARCHING FOR A JOB?– The next Career Center class is tomorrow night, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 232. You’ll learn how to plan a step-by-step search. If you are interested in attending, contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

TANYA HESSONG TO DISCUSS SUICIDE PREVENTION - Families for Mental Health hosts Tanya Hessong from Johnson County Mental Health at 7 p.m. 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 OF WISDOM (WOW) invites all women for lunch and shopping in the Northland’s Briarcliff Village on Tuesday, May 17. Complimentary van accommodates 14 and leaves from the church's south parking lot at 11:30 a.m., returns by 3 p.m.; carpooling suggested for others. Lunch at Trezo Mare, and shopping at boutiques and Nell Hills furniture store, or relaxing and people watching. RSVP by tomorrow 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. Hope you can join us!

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.

THIRD THURSDAYS AT THE MOOSE! This Thursday, May 19. Meet 6-8 p.m. with food, drinks, and new friends. 4160 W. 71st St., Prairie Village.

YOUNG ADULTS @ TOPGOLF! - 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at TopGolf Overland Park, 10611 Nall Ave. Start Memorial Day weekend off with new friends, food, and fun! No golf experience required. Make a reservation by May 20 to hallie.hottle@villagepres.org. $10 per person.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - Will meet in the Youth Loft at 9:30 a.m. Room 333.

YOUTH WEEK – From June 5-9 we have events going on every day; 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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES
Starting Sunday, June 5, Sunday worship services in the Sanctuary will be at 9:30 and 11 a.m. only. The Gathering, our alternative worship service with music led by Becky & Nathan Bliss of Barnaby Bright, will move to 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall. Taizé worship, held the second Sunday of the month, will move to 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Our radio broadcast at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM will be a week delayed previously recorded worship service. This schedule will run through the end of August. Thank you!

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.
—Proverbs 3:27

Thank your child’s teacher!

Honor the wonderful Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and other volunteers your child has had this year by giving a Tribute Gift to Village Church!

Simply make a Tribute Gift online by going to Village Church’s website, villagepres.org, click on “Endowment Trust” and then “Tribute Gifts.” For more information contact Molly Sirridge, director of Stewardship and Endowment Trust, 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org.
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**  Inside and Out
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.