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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 21, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Saul has gained fame in Jerusalem as one of the worst persecutors of those Jews who converted to follow Jesus of Nazareth. When he hears of a growing group of converts in Damascus, he leaves Jerusalem intending to continue his pattern of torturing, imprisoning, even killing. On the road in a dramatic moment, he encounters Jesus in a vision, is converted, and is transformed forever. This is exactly what happens when we encounter Jesus Christ. But the truth is that our encounter with Jesus Christ does not happen only once. By the grace of God through the Holy Spirit, we are encountering Jesus and being converted to Christ every day.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Prière à Notre-Dame* (8 a.m.)

by Leon Boëllmann

*Sonata from Die Bänkelsängerlieder*

arr. Robert King; Village Brass (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Introit (11 a.m.)

*Praise His Holy Name*

by Keith Hampton; Village Voices

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Over powers and principalities,

over rulers and all who guide, govern, and shape the ways of humankind,

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Of the poor, of the broken and grieving,

of the sinned against and the sinner,

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

In the Church and beyond the Church,

in our homes and communities and workplaces

and in the quiet of our hearts,

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

So let us offer to God our worship this day.

\*Hymn, No.244

*This Joyful Eastertide*

VRUECHTEN

\*Prayer of Confession

**Death defying God,**

**It has been five weeks since that glorious Easter morning**

**when you changed the whole world.**

**And we confess that all too quickly**

**we fell back into our old patterns of skepticism and doubt.**

**All too quickly we fell back into our old patterns of sinfulness and fear.**

**All too quickly we fell back into our old patterns**

**of making our way through our days**

**without noticing how you are redeeming us and the world.**

**Convert us yet again, O Risen Christ.**

**Remove the scales from our eyes so that we might see you.**

**Turn our hearts to you so that we might live as your**

**Easter people yet again.** (Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

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

\*Passing of the Peace

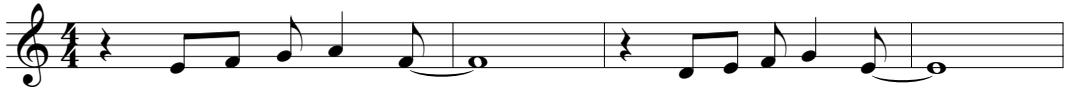
Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters

Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust

## 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

*Praise to the Lord*  
by Mark Hayes; Village Choir

*Please join in singing as directed:*

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

Choir: Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)  
Kevin Hennessy (9:30 a.m.)  
Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-19 (pg. 1000)

Sermon

*Being Converted to Christ Every Day*

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## 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. 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
AMAZING GRACE

Offertory

*Largo* from “*New World Symphony*”  
music: Antonin Dvorak; arr. Jari Villanueva;  
Elisa Bickers, organ (8 a.m.); Village Brass (9:30, 11 a.m.)

\*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. 485

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*  
ENGELBERG

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Choral Amen*  
Village Choir

\*Postlude

*Toccata* (excerpt)  
by Theodore Dubois

## WORSHIP NOTES

### **Occasional Reflections on the Elements of Worship**

These reflections are written by Village’s staff, and it is our hope that knowing a bit more about some of the individual components of the church service may help us to experience more fully the gifts of this time together.

#### **Postlude**

**written by Dr. Rodger Nishioka**

As the prelude serves as a bridge for God’s people to enter into the sanctuary and the worship of God, the postlude serves as a bridge to send us out to carry the good news of Jesus to the world. Both the prelude and the postlude are carefully and thoughtfully selected, practiced, and performed for God’s glory and our attention. In Central Presbyterian Church where I worshipped in Atlanta before being called here to Village Church, persons who wanted or needed to leave following the benediction would do so quietly but most of the congregation would sit down and listen to the postlude. It reminded us that the benediction and the sung response was not the end of the worship of God quite yet. It was as if we were soaking up those last few notes to gather our courage and to be inspired to engage in God’s redemptive activity in the world. Following the postlude, we would applaud, praising God for the gift of music just offered and expressing thanks for the hard work of our organist. Today, after the sung response, consider sitting down to listen to the postlude as we prepare to cross back over the bridge into God’s beloved yet broken world.

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of May 22, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Hallie Hottle 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 22**

**John 8:12-20**

In John's gospel, Jesus is the light of the world. But here, Jesus refers to himself as the light of the world. The Pharisees question his claim with hostility, because for them, Hebrew scripture refers to God as Light. They hear him saying "I am the Messiah." Jesus responds to say they have lost sight of who God is, because God's judgment is not of human ways; rather God is the one who judges no one.

### **Tuesday, May 23**

**Psalms 145**

The last five chapters of the psalms are songs of praise to God. This psalm of praise reminds us of the goodness of God's wondrous works and the greatness of God's compassionate love for us. It encourages us to meditate, and to set our eyes on seeing, and to use our mouth for singing and speaking of God's glorious splendor.

### **Wednesday, May 24**

**Matthew 6:25-34**

This passage sounds as if Jesus never experienced worry or anxiety. But to say so, means his full humanity would have been limited. I do not think this passage is about Jesus telling us not to live our lives without some concern of forethought. Rather, it is about trusting that today is enough to live fully into what today has to offer. Free from being gripped by worrisome fear and the anxiety of what is unknown to us. For who hopes for things that are seen?

### **Thursday, May 25**

**Colossians 4:2-6**

The ending verses of Paul's letter to the Colossians are what I call a final "button," the last image we walk away with. And the reminder is to pray in thanksgiving and to keep others in our prayers, to be open to the mysteries of God in Jesus Christ, and to let our speech be gracious and life-giving, to be seasoned with salt, as we are called to be the salt of the earth.

### **Friday, May 26**

**Luke 6:6-11**

Jesus healed a man with a withered hand. This story is told in all three synoptic gospels. But only Luke says it was his right hand, perhaps his more prominent hand, the one he worked with. The Pharisees are trying to catch Jesus doing work on the Sabbath, but to do so would prohibit this man from being made better to work another day. Jesus asks them, "Is it better to do good, or to do harm on this day?" And he asks the man to stretch out his hand on his own. Does Jesus really do anything wrong?

### **Saturday, May 27**

**Genesis 28:10-17**

This is the story of Jacob's ladder, where he dreams of a structure reaching up to God in heaven. And on it there are angels descending and ascending. But the Lord is standing beside him saying, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go." Isn't that so much like us? We have big dreams of someday reaching up to know God better, only to find out that God is right here standing beside us. "Surely, the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!"

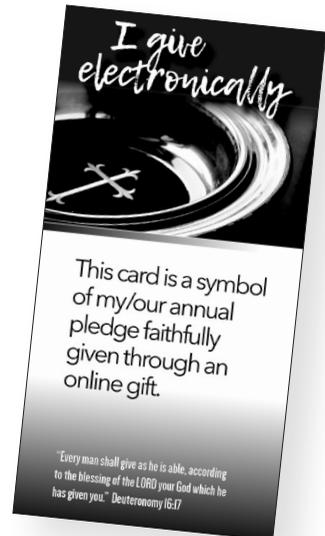
Join us for

# 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](http://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.

**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.

**THE ROSES ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** today are in honor of all these precious little ones born recently: Matilda Clare Chonko McInerney (Julie and Kieran McInerney, parents) Ellie Jo and Morgan Marie Balwanz (Josh and Joanie Balwanz, parents); Isla Annabel Pattison (Joe and Sally Pattison), Luella Jadene Lindquist (Stacey and Bobby Lindquist, parents).

## 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.

**6th Grade** – Move-Up Brunch Today in the Youth Loft!

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**Please register for this Village U class at [villagepres.org](http://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 AI views electric car ownership as one faithful way to care for God's creation. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. Room 126.

**SPECIAL CLASS: NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR GOOGLE ID, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT?** – The Village Church Computer Ministry is hosting "water cooler sessions" on the first Wednesday of the month on June 7, July 5, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6. Learn how the Google suite of products can be used to collaborate with others while doing God's work in the church and the community. Topics will include Gmail and InBox, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Google Spreadsheets, Google Drive, and Google Keep. 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 316.

### Summer Adult Sunday Morning Class

**FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING. SUMMER SERMON BIBLE TEXT CONVERSATION FOR ADULTS** – Beginning June 4 and continuing each Sunday through Aug. 20, all adults are invited to study and discuss the Bible text for the day's sermon. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of adult educational ministry, will lead the majority of classes. The class will meet in Rooms 126-127 from 10:45-11:45 a.m. The class welcomes persons who are new to the Bible as well as those who are more familiar with the Bible. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will explore the context of the Bible passage, discuss what the preacher said in the sermon, and better understand what it means to us as followers of Jesus.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**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 pays for their meal). Space is limited, so RSVP to Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org).

**40s & 50s DINNER** – 6 p.m. Thursday, June 15. Couples and singles are invited to meet at the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant at 6750 W. 95th Street in Overland Park. Olive Garden is located on 95th Street, just east of Metcalf. The reservation is under “Village Church Group”. Each person is responsible for their own tab. Come and enjoy the fellowship of friends and a wonderful meal! RSVP to [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2359. Space is limited!

**TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS CHURCH** – This is 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](mailto: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](mailto:marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2322.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – One pound bags of dried beans (pinto, black, navy, Great Northern, etc.) and all varieties of rice (brown, white, wild rice, etc.) are what the Food Pantry is requesting this month. The Clothes Closet is asking for summer clothing - clean, gently used, in all sizes. Hats, shoes, sunglasses and other summer accessories are also appreciated. Thank you.

**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](http://villagepres.org) under the “Stay Informed” tab and “Employment Opportunities.”

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**VILLAGE NURSES NEED YOU** – If you are a nurse and are interested in sharing some of your time and talents helping both members and others in our community, consider joining Village Nurses. Both the church and the food pantry could use your knowledge and caring touch. Village Nurses offer health education, nutritional advice, do blood pressure checks, offer support and much more. If you are interested, contact either Betty Crooker at 913-432-2649 or [bcrooker@ecckc.com](mailto:bcrooker@ecckc.com) (for helping at the church) or Betty Parker at 913-362-6773 or [olliebeh@gmail.com](mailto:olliebeh@gmail.com) (for the Food Pantry).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**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

**BIER AND BIBLE** – 7 p.m. Thursday night, KC Bier Company. We're talking about the gospel of Mark. With a short attention span, no need for “fluff,” and a knack for political critique, this gospel was written for young adults (not really, but kind of). Let's read it together. Bring a Bible (Rev. Hallie would love to give you one if you ask!). Pizza provided.

**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](http://villagepres.org) or by emailing: [hallie.hottle@villagepres.org](mailto:hallie.hottle@villagepres.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** – Will attend the 9:30 a.m. service in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

**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.

### Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 4

#### **Sunday Worship Services at Village on Mission**

9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

5 p.m. The Gathering, alternative worship, in Friendship Hall

#### **Sunday Worship at Village on Antioch**

11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Our worship service radio broadcast on 1660 AM KMBZ the Business Channel will be a recorded broadcast of the previous Sunday's service starting Sunday, June 11.



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](http://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
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Acts 9:1-19</b>	<b>Being Converted to Christ Every Day</b>
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
June 25	Acts 20:7-12	A Lesson From Eutychus
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?

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## 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

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*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at [villagepres.org](http://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.*