



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 22, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Paul Timothy Roberts is president of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta. He received his B.A. in Architecture and African American Studies from Princeton University. He received his M.Div. from Johnson C. Smith. Paul is a compelling speaker and preacher, and his calendar is busy with his commitment to share his gifts with the church. He is a leader in NEXT Church. We are very pleased to welcome Rev. Paul Timothy Roberts to Village today.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth.

**From the smallest infant and from the brightest star,
your name is praised.**

Before time was born,
and after time takes her last breath,
your name is praised.

**We join with the birds of the air and the stars of the night,
in humble amazement that you, the Creator of all,
love us and call us by name.**

*Hymn, No.33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show
LLANFAIR

*Prayer of Confession

Suffering produces endurance...

Or so the Apostle says.

Yet, we confess,

**suffering often produces cynicism,
and cynicism produces hopelessness,
and hopelessness produces fear.**

We are not our best selves when we are afraid.

So, forgive us once again.

But more than that,

we know that suffering will come.

When it does,

**let it produce in us the endurance and character and hope
that bears witness to our trust in 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

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)
George Beaumont (9:30 a.m.)
Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8 (pg. 482)

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.

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-5 (pg. 1027)

Sermon

The Best Of

Rev. Paul Timothy Roberts

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World
TEMPLE OF PEACE

Offertory

Green Fields
19th Century American Hymn; setting: Virgil Thomson; The Village Choir

*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

*Hymn

All the Wonder That Surrounds Us
AR HYD Y NOS

**All the wonder that surrounds us springs from God's care:
All that marvels or confounds us, raw, rich or rare;
Touch and texture, sights and voices,
Nature's countless forms and choices:
All for which the heart rejoices springs from God's care.**

**Every creature, every human lives by God's grace:
Every family, man and woman, culture and race;
Those whom fortune seems to favor,
Those exploited for their labor,
Those who need to know a neighbor live by God's grace.**

**How can we revere God's goodness meant for all time?
How ensure that each uniqueness keeps in its prime?
How can we revere with pleasure
All God gives for life and leisure,
How preserve each earthly treasure meant for all time?**

**God has willed that peace and justice walk hand in hand.
These, with love, shall build foundations on which we'll stand:
Love for lover, friend and stranger,
Love defying death and danger,
Love as first born in a manger – heaven close at hand.**

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of May 23, 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 23

2 Timothy 1:3-18

"Do not be ashamed...to rekindle the gift of God." Sometimes we Christians do embarrassing and shameful things. We pass quick judgments, we exclude by address, or race, or sexuality, or gender, or opinion. We easily fall susceptible to a "spirit of cowardice." When we mess up let us not be ashamed to reclaim the powerful gifts of God through love and self-discipline according to God's own purpose and grace for us.

Tuesday, May 24

2 Timothy 2:8-13

When we are faithless, God remains faithful, because God in the act of Jesus Christ cannot deny himself. That divine act in the person of Jesus is God choosing to be connected to us in both life and death. If we live with God as God's own then we must be raised from deadly things to eternal things. This is an unchained gospel promise.

Wednesday, May 25

2 Timothy 2:14-26

In the midst of an election year, how important it is to hear the words "avoid wrangling over words." The focus here is that among folks there will always be differences. But lessons learned in the Christian life are hopefully carried everywhere. We mustn't be bitter and hot-tempered one minute, and then calm, kind and gentle the next. We meet the ideas we disagree on with honest critique, and we meet the person in wholehearted tender love. With God's help, of course.

Thursday, May 26

2 Timothy 3:1-9

Both books of Timothy have a strong emphasis on virtue and ethical living. But the author writes in such a personal way about understanding the coming days of these distressing times. It's as if the people spoken of are in their own community. The author is appealing for two things to happen as a community: honest correction done with a hope for repentance.

Friday, May 27

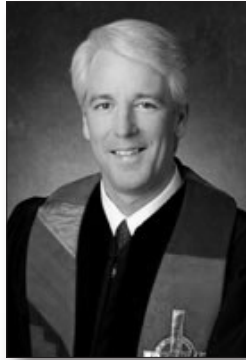
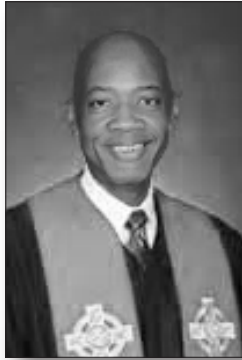
2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

Timothy has done his homework and character study on Paul. Paul is the example that through persecution and suffering God's word continues to teach and equip us to bear new fruits of the spirit. The warning is to beware of "itching ears," of hearing the teachings that "suit our own desires" and not the truth of God. Old ways of thinking should not be confused with good traditions renewed.

Saturday, May 28

2 Timothy 4:6-8

These are very recognizable words of Paul: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Even in the end Paul faces persecution and death with grace and mercy and the truth of the gospel. We are to imitate Paul's faithfulness. Hold onto the light even though darkness ensues. Hold onto the good news even though our ears are tickled with more pleasing teachings. Stay faithful to the truth at all cost.



**A Conversation about Race in America
Led by Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Paul Timothy Roberts
5 p.m. Today in Friendship Hall**

Please join Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Paul Timothy Roberts, president of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta, tonight at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall, for a conversation about race in the United States.

We have witnessed more overt racial tensions in our nation in recent years. As people of faith, engaging in honest dialogue about these experiences is an effort to know compassion and seek justice.

Rev. Paul Timothy Roberts received his M.Div. from Johnson C. Smith, which is the only PC(USA) seminary that is historically African American. Rev. Roberts has also offered his wisdom and leadership to NEXT Church. NEXT Church is a network of leaders across the PC(USA) who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful and more agile. It provides hopeful space for robust conversations about the theology, culture, and the practice of ministry, to serve as a catalyst for new mission callings, and to support strong leadership in a time of adaptive change.

Visit nextchurch.net for more information.

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 Jim Lord by Susan Lord and family.

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. today in Room 132. Contact Lisa Ball, Lisa@LisaBallTravelDesign.com.

STRING QUARTET THIS AFTERNOON - Come join the KAMA Ensemble at 3 p.m. today in the Chapel for live music featuring works by Brahms, Haydn, Vaughan Williams and Balakrishnan (Turtle Island String Quartet.) KAMA is comprised of musicians who met and became friends at the Conservatory at UMKC, and have performed together annually as an ensemble since 2008. KAMA is: Josh Kendle, Hannah Dowell, Brad Zeithamel, Shane Borth and Noah Seitz.

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) - Move-Up Brunch is today 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft! Join us.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

Sign up for Village U classes at villagepres.org. or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

FINDING THE FACE OF GOD IN ART - What artists work so hard to do is convey something real and truthful about life and the world we live in, much like the stories of our faith attempt to do. 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. Wednesday, May 25, in Room 126.

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." We will explore the understandings of dreams, humor, and money from the biblical perspective of our ancestors in faith.

Today: "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 132. 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.

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 is at 7 p.m. Monday, June 6, in Room 127. Admission is free.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - Remember the hungry in our community and by picking up several cans of veggies on your trip to the grocery store and bringing 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 TODAY – We invite you to 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. today. Linwood Place is located at the corner of Linwood and Bruce R. Watkins Drive.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS – The Village Nurses are happy to check your blood pressure anytime between Sunday services in the Bride's Room.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT EVENT - Join Women with Spirit for the My Favorite Things, Show and Tell Summer Edition at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at Kelsey Nazar's house (8340 Briar Lane, Prairie Village, 66207). We all have favorite things that save us time, make our life easier, more fun or we just simply like! Bring an appetizer to share and your drink of choice. To RSVP and receive a list of "show and tell" items to bring, email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com. Contact Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 by June 2 to reserve child care.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS AT 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 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.

PROGRAMMING BREAK – We are currently on a break from weekly programming. Our summer programming will kick off the week after Youth Week!

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.



YOUNG ADULTS @

TOPGOLF

1-3 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 28

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!

SERMON NOTES

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	The Best Of
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.