SERVICE OF WORSHIP
June 11, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
This is a long and important story in the book of Acts. The apostle Peter has a vision. He witnesses a sheet from heaven filled with animals, which he is commanded to eat. It is a confusing vision because he has also been commanded by kosher laws not to eat these same animals. What do you do? And we read of Cornelius who is visited by an angel. That doesn't happen every day. Visions and visits from angels are pretty rare spiritual experiences, but the most unexpected moment is still to come.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude
Variation on *Nimm von uns, Herr, du Treuer Gott (The Lord’s Prayer)*, BuxWV 207 by Dieterich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Scooping us up from dust,
*you created us in love.*

Sending us Jesus as an infant,
*you came to us in love.*

Speaking to us through the Spirit,
*you call us to love.*

*Hymn, No. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies
LAUDES DOMINI

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
Forgive us when we look at our friends and family,
our neighbors,
and even the strangers on the street,
but fail to see you in their faces.
Forgive us when we hear the cries of the newly grief-stricken,
hungry children,
and homeless refugees,
but fail to hear you in their voices.
Forgive us when we feast on bread fresh out of the oven,
ice cream as refreshing as a brand new day,
and vegetables that strengthen our bodies,
but fail to taste your grace in every bite.
Forgive us when you are all around us, O God,
and we do not even notice. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response

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*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Jeff Busche (9:30 a.m.); Pam Hanson (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Acts: 10:1-16 (pg. 1001)

Call to Prayer

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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.

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:17-33, 44-48 (pg. 1002)

Sermon

The Last Person I Thought I Would Need
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

from the Iona Community

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn:
   in the waiting and uncertainty
   where fear and courage join hands,
   conflict and caring link arms,
   and the sun rises over walls and fences.

We believe in a with-us God
   who sits down in our midst
   to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
   into action,
   into vulnerability,
   into the streets of our community.

We commit ourselves to work for change
   and to put ourselves on the line,
   bearing responsibility,
   taking risks,
   living powerfully,
   and facing humiliation,
   in order to stand with those on the edges,
choose life in all its forms, 
and be used by the Spirit 
for God’s new community of hope. Amen.

*Hymn, No. 300

We Are One in the Spirit
THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Offertory

River in Judea
arr. John Leavitt; The Summer Choir (9:30 a.m.)

The Lord’s Prayer
by Albert Hay Malotte; Jee-Yeun Kim, soprano (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. 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins
NOEL

*Benediction

Congregational Meeting (9:30 a.m.)

*Benediction Response

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care; 
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare. 
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray; 
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

*Postlude

Variation on Nimm von uns, Herr, du Treuer Gott (The Lord’s Prayer), BuxWV 207 by Dieterich Buxtehude

* All who are able may stand

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The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Tom Are, Jr. 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, June 12  
Matthew 16:13-20
Who is he? Jesus is not asking a “fill in the blank” theological question. Jesus knows that our beliefs show up in our behavior. Who we believe him to be influences how we live. How would you describe him?

Tuesday, June 13  
Matthew 11:28-30
The yoke Jesus speaks of is his life. His life is not easy because he is always moving toward the cross. And yet, because it is his life, when we live it, he shares it with us.

Wednesday, June 14  
Psalm 91
It sounds like the scripture promises that nothing bad will happen to those who believe. That would be nice, but it doesn’t fit with our experience. We know that even the most faithful suffer. Trusting in God changes the perspective and power of suffering in our lives. No matter how fragile life becomes, there is a “refuge and fortress” that is trustworthy.

Thursday, June 15  
Matthew 12:1-14
The people are questioning Jesus’ practice of the faith. He didn’t seem to be following the rules. Jesus responds by showing that the word of God is always good news. If we follow our faith and it does not bring life to us and others, we are likely to be missing something.

Friday, June 16  
Micah 6:1-8
This text begins with God reminding his people how God has already blessed them. The prophet reminds them of the Exodus. Then the prophet says that God wants his people to respond. With what shall we come before the Lord? Justice, kindness, humility in the presence of God.

Saturday, June 17  
“Teach us to pray,” the disciples asked. Jesus says, "Pray for the kingdom of God." Kingdom of God or reign of God or promised day of God is the language Jesus used to describe the life God intends for the whole world. Don’t be afraid to pray big prayers. What is your biggest hope? Pray about that. And be persistent in your prayers.
We'll eat dinner together at 5:30 p.m., create music and art, and split into groups for age-appropriate learning with VBS creators and leaders Rev. Tom Are, Jr., Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Rev. Hallie Hottle. Questions? Email hallie@villageantioch.org or call 913-681-8180.
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 of Jackie Lloyd by Wes Lloyd.

VILLAGE CHurch Child & Family Development Center OPEN House and Dedication - Please join us from 3-5 p.m. today, June 11, for the Community Open House and Dedication of the new Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road in Overland Park. Enjoy guided tours, activities for the kids and refreshments. There will be a short program at 3:30 p.m. led by Rev. Tom Are, with special guest Dr. Bob Meneilly.

TAizé IS TONIGHT – Start your week on a calm and reflective note by attending Taizé tonight at 6:30 p.m. This worship service offers song, communion, and time to reflect and relax in silence. Taizé worship is held at the VCCFDC at 9900 Mission Road.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP – This summer, all children are welcomed and encouraged to sit with their families at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. During the 9:30 a.m. service, after Time with Children, children are invited to meet teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to continue on in Sunday School, or to stay and keep worshiping with their families.

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.

BROADLY GRADED SUNDAY SCHOOL – Children who have completed grades K-5th grade meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 203 (Creation Station) for a totally fun way to look at favorite Old Testament stories.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Summer Adult Sunday Morning Class

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING. CONVERSATIONS ON THE SERMON TEXT FOR ALL ADULTS – Today and continuing each Sunday through Aug. 20, all adults are invited to study and discuss the Bible text for the day’s sermon. The class welcomes persons who are new to the Bible as well as those who are more familiar with the Bible. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will teach the class today and next Sunday from 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Rooms 126 & 127.

COME CELEBRATE AN IFTAR MEAL DURING THIS MONTH OF RAMADAN – Muslims are celebrating this holy month of Ramadan by fasting during the day. At the end of the day, they gather to break the fast by sharing a meal and giving thanks to God. Share in a meal hosted here at Village Church from 8-10 p.m. Thursday evening, June 22, in Rooms 132-133. The meal will be provided by the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will be the facilitator. There is no cost for the meal. Contact Marianne Weber at Marianne.weber@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333 for reservations.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR GOOGLE ID, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT? – Computer Ministry is hosting "water cooler sessions" on the first Wednesday of the month on July 5, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6. 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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

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 or call 913-671-2359. Space is limited!
VILLAGE SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY DINNER - Join other Village Church Single Adult friends at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers in Overland Park at 6 p.m. Friday, June 30. The restaurant is located at 7111 W. 95th Street, just west of Metcalf. The reservation is under “Village Church Group.” Each person responsible for their own tab. The majority need to be there on time to be seated! RSVP by June 27 to Liz.middleton@villagepres.org or 913-671-2359. Space is limited!

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Kid friendly food is the request of the Food Pantry this month. Food that is easy for children to prepare and enjoy: tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup - anything to make a nice lunch. Standard size brown paper grocery sacks are needed. The Clothes Closet is asking for lots of summer shirts for men and women - especially medium to x-large sizes. Thanks for your donations.

CAN YOU HELP SERVE A HOT MEAL? – The Cross-Lines Community Outreach Village Kitchen team welcomes volunteers to help prep and serve lunch on a Friday every other month. Our next date to serve will be Friday, July 14. If you are interested in joining the team or want more information, contact Jim Bolton at jcb3823@gmail.com or 913-669-9428 or Addie Perry at addie.perry@gmail.com.

FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS - Front Porch Alliance is sponsoring a robotics program at Faxon School, Linwood and the Paseo, for the third year. We need volunteers to help us with one fifth grade and one sixth grade team. Training will be provided in August. The culmination of the program is a tournament in December. Contact Charlotte Hall at charlottehall5@gmail.com for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

HANDBELL BASICS WORKSHOP – Have you ever listened to one of our handbell choirs and thought, “I’d like to try that!”? Well, here’s your opportunity. A free, three-session workshop will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Thursdays, June 15-29, in the Choir Room #14. To sign up, or for more info, contact Leslie Conrad at conradleslie@aol.com or 913-341-2734.

CELEBRATE VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH – Choir members are invited to join singers from Village on Antioch on June 25 for a celebration of faith, community and our shared future. Call time is 10 a.m. Contact Ryan Main at ryan.main@villagepres.org or 913-671-2345 for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT – We’re going casual for the summer month of June! Join us at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, in Waldo at the Bier Company, 310 W. 79 St., Kansas City, Mo. You can buy food/drinks there or even bring your own bottle of wine for a $10 corking fee.

WOMEN OF WISDOM LUNCHEON – All women are most welcome to join Women of Wisdom (WOW) for lunch at noon on Wednesday, June 21, at Jack Stack Barbeque on the corner of 95th & Metcalf. We will be seated in a secluded area and select from traditional barbeque fare, entrée salads and grilled seafood. RSVP to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net or 913-432-4321 by Tuesday, June 20.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Meet us in the Youth Loft at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – Join us 4 p.m. every Sunday before the Gathering for a high school bible study. Stay and worship and then join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m.!
Meet our New Director of Information Technology

Please welcome Robb Rumold as our new director of information technology at Village Church. Robb grew up at Village. “It’s wonderful to be home again. Be it preschool, choir, Troop 91, youth group, confirmation or volunteering, Village has always been an integral component in my life,” said Robb. “I left for California in 1992 to attend University of California San Diego, eventually receiving a degree in Biochemistry. Immunology research (lupus) started while an undergraduate at the Scripps Research Institute led to further research at UCSD (oncology) and UCLA (rheumatology/asthma).

Just shy of 10 years ago, I returned home and switched gears completely to become a software engineer, architect and entrepreneur. Working with not-for-profits has always brought me the most joy, however, and obviously this particular organization is very personal to me. Up until this point, it has always been in a volunteer capacity (computer ministry/Robotics Coach to Faxon Elementary through the Front Porch Alliance) so I’m excited to see how I’ll be able to help as an employee.”

Called Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation to address the transfer of assets and liabilities of the Presbyterian Church of Stanley to Village Church. This would create a single congregation of Village Church, worshiping in two locations. The meeting will be today, June 11 at 10:30 a.m., then reconvened following The Gathering.

Are You Interested in Visiting Village on Antioch Sunday, June 25?

The Village Commitment committee is offering a bus ride from Village on Mission to Village on Antioch for the 11 a.m. worship service, Sunday, June 25. Join our new members and friends down south and explore our new site! This offer is open to the first 40 people who register. Please call Marianne at 913-671-2333 or email Marianne.weber@villagepres.org with your reservation.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE DAY – Every Tuesday this summer we will be hosting a middle school service day! Join us each week from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. as we venture into the community to help where we can.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIES N’ FOODIES – Calling all middle schoolers! Come hang out with us Wednesdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Youth Loft. Movie, lunch and fun provided each week.

HIGH SCHOOL LATE NITE – Take a break from the week and join us Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. for an evening of summer fellowship. New adventures planned each week!
Village Cup Summer Hours

The Village Cup hours of operation have changed for the summer season.
The Village Cup is now open
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 a.m.-noon
Tuesday & Thursday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please join us for our 42nd Annual Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, June 25, in Friendship Hall and the south parking lot area of Village Church on Mission.

Enjoy all the ice cream you can eat, a Kona Ice Truck with flavored, shaved ice drinks, popcorn, a petting zoo, face painting, clowns, balloon figures, inflatables, a 15-foot slide and more.

Admission is $2 a person. Invite your friends and neighbors, too! Call Connectional Ministries at 913-671-2331 for more information.
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.

### SERMON SERIES

#### Living Unafraid In a Frightening World

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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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**Click the home page link “Live Sermon and Sermon Archives.”**  
**The Sanctuary worship service is rebroadcast the following Sunday at 8 a.m. 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.**