SERVICE OF WORSHIP
June 12, 2016 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
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GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Meditation on HOLY MANNA

Robert J. Powell

Call to Worship (from Psalm 36)

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep oceans; your salvation is for all of creation.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delight.

With you is all life;
in your light we see light.

*Hymn, No. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
This past week has been like so many before it:
we thought we would be better than we were.

We wanted to pray more, trust more, offer more.

We meant to be gentle, with each other and with the world.

We intended to let grace have the last word.

We have disappointed ourselves again, O God, and we are afraid we have disappointed you, too.

There is such distance between who we are and who we want to be.

Make space for us at your table.

Welcome us as we are, but do not leave us this way. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response

*Celtic Alleluia*

*Passing of the Peace*

Words of Welcome

Time with the Children (9:30 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!
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
Doug Jones, tenor; Ron Witzke, baritone

Prayer for Illumination
Wes Battey (9:30 a.m.); Ian O’Neal (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading
Luke 5:27-32 (pg. 938)

Sermon
Jesus and the Zero-Star Restaurant
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*Hymn, No. 435
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy
IN BABILONE

Offertory
Flight Song (9:30 a.m.)
music: Kim André Arnesen; words: Euan Tait; The Summer Choir; Ken Foley, guest conductor

All we are, we have found in song:
you have drawn this song from us.
Songs of lives unfolding
fly overhead, cry overhead:
longing, rising from the song within.

Moving like the rise and fall of wings,
hands that shape our calling voice
on the edge of answers
you’ve heard our cry, you’ve known our cry:
music’s fierce compassion flows from you.

The night is restless with the sounds we hear,
is broken, shaken by the cries of pain:
for this is music’s inner voice,
saying, yes, we hear you,
all you who cry aloud,
and we will fly, answering you:
so our lives sing, sing,
wild we will fly,
wild in spirit we will fly.

Like a feather falling from the wing,
fragile as a human voice,
afraid, uncertain,
alive to love, we sing as love,
afraid, uncertain,
yet our flight begins as song.

*Songs by the Drama Camp Children (11 a.m.)*
Jenny Hull, director
*Response

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, No. 767

Together We Serve
SAN ANSELMO

*Benediction

*Response

*Postlude

Toccata on LLANFAIR

Robert J. Powell

*All who are able may stand

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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, June 13
Luke 10:25-37
The question he asks Jesus is this: What qualifies my neighbor to be treated as a neighbor? Jesus’ parable reveals that being a neighbor is not determined by someone else’s qualifications; being a neighbor is determined by what is within our hearts. The call is to live as a Christian with everyone.

Tuesday, June 14
Matthew 13:1-9
Matthew makes one change in this parable from Mark’s version (Mark 4:1-9). Mark says the good seed produces “thirty, sixty, hundred fold.” Matthew reverses that: “hundred, sixty, thirty.” Perhaps Matthew wants to make sure we pay attention to the grace of God even in the smallest of things. Seeing grace of God in our lives is sometimes a matter of paying attention to the small things.

Wednesday, June 15
Psalm 130
This psalmist is in need. The psalmist has fallen short of his or her own understanding of how life is to be lived. The psalmist cannot make whole what has been broken. But the psalmist sings of hope because God is gracious. Perhaps you have your own need, that which cannot be made whole. Such brokenness is a part of every life. Perhaps singing of God’s grace, giving thanks for God’s grace can be a part of your healing as well.

Thursday, June 16
Psalm 131
This psalm begins with a prayer for peace of mind. The world is falling apart and the prayer is simply for a little sanctuary from the chaos. But then the psalmist remembers the love of God that transforms our dreams and the psalmist gives voice to hope for a new day. What do you hope for?

Friday, June 17
Luke 12:13-21
The parable speaks of the power of greed. Read it again and notice how many times the words “I” and “my” are used. The fool in this parable is isolated, alone. When we have no capacity to see others around us, our relationship to our stuff will consume us.

Saturday, June 18
Matthew 13:31-35
When the Gospel lives in us, it matters to the world around us. Like yeast in the flour, individually and as a church community, we seek to breathe good news into the world.
Ice Cream Social • Sunday, June 26

Please join us on Sunday, June 26, for our 41st Annual Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. in Friendship Hall and the south parking lot. This event includes a petting zoo and Kona Ice Truck (flavored, shaved ice drinks) as well as our old favorites: popcorn, clowns, balloon figures, inflatables, a 15-foot slide, food, fun and, of course, all the ice cream you can eat! Admission is $2 per person. Sponsored by Connectional Ministries.

Come for the Ice Cream Social and stick around for the installation service for Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of Young Adult Ministry, at 6 p.m. in the Village Sanctuary.
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 Rodney E. Wilson by his family.

TAIZE SERVICE TONIGHT AT A NEW TIME - This evening’s Taizé worship service is at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. This summer Taizé will be held at a new time – 7 p.m. – but still on the second Sunday of the month and still in the Chapel. Come and experience a different kind of worship!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP - At our 9:30 a.m. services, all children are invited to sit with their families for the start of worship. We’ll have a “Time for Children,” both to engage our kids in worship, and also to remind us all that Jesus made special time for his youngest followers; and we should too. After the Time for Children, they are invited to meet teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to continue on in Sunday School, or to stay and keep worshipping with their families. (Or see other options below.)

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 ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL - Children who have completed K-5th grades meet 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 SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY - More than a Summer Picnic: Food for the Journey of Faith
Come join us as we explore the sermon text for the day based around meals in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Adults of all ages are welcome. 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Room 132.

Upcoming classes include:

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MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - The Food Pantry knows that a warm summer morning and cereal with cold milk go together to start off the day! Keep those cereals coming in during the month of June. All varieties of cereal are welcome. Pick up a box or two and bring them to church with you on Sunday. The Clothes Closet is looking for small kitchen items, such as pots and pans, dishes, glasses, etc.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

VILLAGE NURSES HAVE NEW SUMMER HOURS - The nurses are happy to help you this summer; they are available at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning in the Bride’s Room. Come have your blood pressure checked or ask a health question!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM LUNCHEON - Women of Wisdom (WOW) warmly invites all ladies to our first summer lunch at noon Tuesday, June 14. We’ll meet at BRAVO! Cucina Italiana, 5005 West 117th, on the north side of Town Center Plaza. One of WOW’s favorites, BRAVO! serves highest quality Italian classics in an inviting Roman atmosphere. RSVP by tomorrow, June 13, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608. Please join us for good food, fellowship and lively conversation.
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

BIER AND BONHOEFFER - Every Thursday in June and July, we'll meet at 7 p.m. at KC Bier Company at 310 W. 79th Street in Kansas City, Mo. We'll read Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* and consider what “community” means today. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor who resisted the Nazis and encouraged Christian thinking in a secularized society. He was ultimately executed for his failed assassination plot of Hitler, but left behind writing that has remained relevant, perhaps especially today. It’s $5 for the book!

EXTENDED TABLE: WORSHIP AND DINNER - The Gathering Worship Service, 5 p.m.; Young Adult Dinner, 6 p.m. every Sunday from June–August in Friendship Hall. The Gathering, our alternative worship service with indie folk music, will be at 5 p.m. every Sunday evening June–August. We'll gather afterwards for a relaxed dinner and conversation about that week's topic. Sleep in, and come feed your body and your soul.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

AROUND THE WORLD IN 9 MEALS - 6-7:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings in the Youth Loft. 6th-12th graders. We will be spending nine Sunday dinners exploring cuisine from different parts of the world!

LATE NITE - 8-10 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the Youth Loft. 9th-12th graders. Just like last summer, Late Nite is an evening for High Schoolers hangout with friends and fellowship.

MISSION DAYS - 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Youth Loft. Graduated 6th–8th graders. What better way to use the middle of your week than to help others through local missions.

VIEW & CHEW - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursdays in Room 304. Graduated 6th-8th graders. We'll be eating lunch, watching a movie and spending time in fellowship!

(Re)ACTION - 2-4:30 p.m. Thursdays, meet in the Youth Loft. 9th-12th graders. High Schoolers, here is your chance to explore Kansas City! Each week we will check out a new and fun spot around the city.

Welcome Village Summer Interns

Our Youth Ministry interns arrived last week. All five grew up at Village Church: (left to right) Annie Foster, Tessa Polaschek, Collin Jones, Jamie McDonald and Kayla Koenig. Tessa is also working as a summer intern in Children & Family Ministry, along with Grace Pickell. Grace (pictured right) also grew up at Village Church. It’s great to have these homegrown young people here to assist us with our full slate of summer activities and youth trips.
All are welcome to three evenings singing the masterpieces of the choral canon. Spread the word and invite guest singers from other choirs and churches. Summer Sings will be in the Village Church Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

- **Thursday, June 16, Mozart: Requiem**
  - Arnold Epley, guest conductor
- **Thursday, June 23, Bach: St. John Passion (highlights)**
  - Mark Ball, conductor
- **Thursday, June 30, Beethoven: Mass in C**
  - Will Breytspraak, guest conductor

Visit the music events page on villagepres.org for details on how to get rehearsal scores.

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**Farewell Reception**

for **Mark Ball**

Following the 11 a.m.
Worship Service
Sunday, July 10, in Friendship Hall
Remarks at 12:30 p.m.

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**An Invitation to SING!**

Everyone who likes to sing is invited to participate in Summer Choir. The music is fairly easy and fun, and the only rehearsal is at 8:45 a.m. preceding the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Rehearsal is in Room 14 in the lower level of the Sanctuary building.
Thank You Volunteers!

If life was a Twitter page, #kindness, #benevolence and #compassion would be trending because of you. Thanks for volunteering.

The Village Commitment Committee recognizes and thanks all our volunteers here at Village Church. Look for committee members as you leave today; they want to say thank you in person!

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

2 Corinthians 9:6 - But this I say, He which sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.
—Edmund Burke
SUMMER SERMON SERIES

More than a Summer Picnic

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| June 12 | Jesus and the Zero-Star Restaurant |
| June 19 | Sinners, Pharisees and Plenty of Oil |
| June 26 | We Simply Don’t Have Enough |
| July 3  | He Just Wanted a Simple Wedding |
| July 10 | Sister Act: Mary and Martha |
| July 17 | I Believe You Are In My Pew! |
| July 24 | I Can’t Make It: You Won’t Believe What Happened |
| July 31 | All The Lonely People, Where Do They All Come From? |
| Aug. 7  | Is It “Today” Yet? |
| Aug. 14 | Life and Death at the Table |
| Aug. 21 | Do You Eat Fish? |
| Aug. 28 | Youth Sunday |

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

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 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast the following Sunday morning 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.