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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 18, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Peter baptized Cornelius. That was the story we read last Sunday. Peter's decision raised a question for the entire church: If Gentiles are included, then how do we define the church in a new day? The only way to decide that was to have a meeting. God always attends our meetings, but sometimes it is obvious.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Processional on "Hyfrydol"*  
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace; Erik Hulse, trumpet

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord:

**birds of the air and creatures of the sea;  
plants and insects and you and me.**

Praise God in the sanctuary.

**Praise God in the classrooms and in the board rooms.  
Praise God with careful preparation and complete spontaneity.**

Praise God with song and celebration.

**Praise God with laughter and tears.**

In all times and in all places,  
with joy and thanksgiving,  
with hope and expectation,

**let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

\*Hymn, No.305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*  
DARWALL'S 148TH

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
We want to praise you, and often do.  
But other times we get in our own way:  
    our words feel inadequate,  
    our attention feels divided,  
    our fears crowd out our gratitude.  
There are days when we doubt ourselves and doubt you.  
We want to trust that everything will be okay;  
    we just don't know how.  
When our faithfulness is too fragile,  
    help us to lean on yours. (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

Time with Children

## 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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Fred Logan (9:30 a.m.); Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Acts 15:1-21 (pg. 1007)

Sermon

*When God Shows Up At Your Meeting*

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 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. 316

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*  
TWENTY-FOURTH

Offertory

*O God, Beyond All Praising*  
by Richard Proulx; The Summer Choir (9:30 a.m.)

*Prayer of St. Gregory, Op.62b*  
by Alan Hovhaness; Erik Hulse, trumpet (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. 301 (st. 1-4)

*Let Us Build a House*  
TWO OAKS

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.**

\*Postlude

*Prélude*  
by Denis Bédard

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of June 19, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker 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 19**

**Acts 16:25-34**

Just one chapter after our verses from worship yesterday we read this account of Paul and Silas in jail. They are suddenly set free, but rather than leaving they choose to stay in order to care for those who imprisoned them. Are there times in your life when you have had an opportunity to care for someone who would be considered your enemy?

### **Tuesday, June 20**

**Psalms 86:1-10**

This is a Psalm of celebration, encouragement and thanksgiving to God. Think about some events in your life in the past few weeks that you are thankful for. Spend time in prayer this week offering that thanks to God.

### **Wednesday, June 21**

**Romans 6:1-11**

These words from Paul speak to new life and transformation, speaking passionately about the death of our old selves as we live more fully into the reality of Christ's sacrifice. What changes have you made in your life that move you closer to Jesus? What are some ways you have given something up, or that you feel your old self has "died" and been born anew in Christ?

### **Thursday, June 22**

**Matthew 10:29-39**

Jesus often speaks both about God's deep and abiding love for each of us, and also of the importance of treating God's Word with love and respect above all other things. This can, at times, create conflict in our lives, as is noted in these verses. How do you try to balance your love of God with the conflict that it can also create – particularly with family? How are we to be loving, even in these moments?

### **Friday, June 23**

**Job 38:1-11**

This is the end of the Book of Job as God responds to Job out of a whirlwind. Scholars note that it does not in fact respond to Job's questions, but instead emphasizes who God is. That kind of answer feels very much like real life at times. Sometimes in response to our complaints and confusion, all we get is a reminder of who God is. Our challenge is to continue to trust the God who laid the foundations of the earth and set the bounds for the sea. It can make us feel small in comparison, but perhaps there is something healthy in recognizing the scope of God's magnitude.

### **Saturday, June 24**

**Acts 19:1-7**

This is a strange story about the work of the Spirit and brings up questions of what it means to "receive the Holy Spirit." What are your perceptions of the Holy Spirit? How do you think the Spirit works in this world and in people? Do you think it is possible to believe, yet not know the Spirit? What practices do you have in your life that might bring you more in tune with God's Spirit?

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The 9:30 a.m. offertory piece, *O God Beyond All Praising*, is based on the tune 'Thaxted', originally composed by Gustav Holst for Jupiter, from the orchestral work *The Planets*. Holst, an English composer, wrote the sweeping melody in 1914 while living in Thaxted, a town in Essex. The tune was first set to the text *I Vow to Thee, My Country*, by Holst in 1921, and has appeared in hymnals since.

The 11 a.m. offertory piece, *Prayer of St. Gregory*, was composed by an Armenian-American composer. St. Gregory the Illuminator brought Christianity to Armenia in the early fourth century. He was imprisoned for 12 years by his enemies; this piece for organ and trumpet expresses his prayer during that lonely time, calling out both quietly and loudly in desperation.

More Info:  
[VillagePres.org/Antioch](http://VillagePres.org/Antioch)

A Multigenerational VBS at  
*Village on Antioch*  
July 10 - 13

**REFORM**

RE-FORM: BEING THE CHURCH IN EVERY AGE

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](mailto: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 ROSES ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** remind us to celebrate and welcome the birth of the following little ones among the Village Community: William Sears Stenger (Annie and Sean Stenger, parents) and Gunnar Jacob Fox (Kelly and Preston Fox, parents).

**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.

## 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 worshipping 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 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 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 teaches the class today and Rev. Jenny McDevitt will lead the discussion next Sunday. 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Rooms 126 & 127.

**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

**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 St., 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** is asking for donations of kid-friendly food for children's lunches: tuna, peanut butter and jelly, hearty soups, etc. They are also asking for 1-2 lb. bags of rice and beans, always in demand by the clients. The Clothes Closet needs summer clothes - clean, gently used, in all sizes, male and female. Check your closets and drawers and bring your hand-me-downs for the clients. Thank you.

**VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES** – Friday, July 14, Village will cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need two to three people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and six to seven volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations, and they can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, July 13. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

**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

**CELEBRATE VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH** – Choir members are invited to join singers at 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.

**ORGAN BUILDER TALK** – Join us following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, July 2, to learn about Village's new pipe organ. Organ builder John Brown and organist Elisa Bickers will demonstrate the organ, tell how it works and answer questions.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**THE POWER OF PRAYER IS AMAZING** – If you know of someone who could use prayers, we are happy to add him/her to the weekly prayer list. The prayer list is published every Friday. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org. A person remains on the prayer list for one month unless a different amount of time is requested.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**WOMEN OF WISDOM LUNCHEON** – All women are most welcome to join Women of Wisdom (WOW) for lunch at noon this 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 this 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.!

**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!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

A service of *Thanksgiving  
& Welcome*



VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH  
PRESBYTERIAN (USA)

11 a.m. Sunday, June 25

We will give thanks for the faithful ministry of Presbyterian Church of Stanley, celebrate its history and recognize the contributions to mission and ministry that congregation has made since its formation in 1979. We will also welcome the members of that congregation who choose to join the Village Church family. We invite you to visit, worship and participate in Village on Antioch next Sunday morning and join with us in welcoming our new brothers and sisters in Christ. Village on Antioch is located at 14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park.

**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, next Sunday, June 25. Join our new members and friends down south and explore our new site! Please be at Village Church at 10 a.m.; the bus will leave at 10:15 a.m. This offer is open to the first 50 people who register. Call Marianne at 913-671-2333 or email [Marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:Marianne.weber@villagepres.org) with your reservation.

## Village Cup Summer Hours

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. next 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.

## 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
May 21	Acts 9:1-19	Being Converted to Christ Every Day
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
<b>June 18</b>	<b>Act 15</b>	<b>When God Shows Up At Your Meeting</b>
June 25	Acts 20:7-12	A Lesson From Eutychus
July 2	Acts 15:36-41	Barnabas: Son of Encouragement
July 9	Acts 17:16-34	An Unknown God
July 16	Acts 26:12-18	Have I Told You This Story Before?
July 23		Rev. Chris Henry
July 30	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 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.*