SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 19, 2016 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

We don’t know her name. This woman, she washes Jesus’ feet with oil and her tears. She does this crazy thing, and we don’t know her name. She is in good company, for stories of holy, nameless women fill our Biblical narrative, and other names are chosen for them. We like to choose names for those we don’t know. Sinner. Other. Radical. Terrorist. But in this case, in all cases, the names Christ chooses for us aren’t the same as the ones we choose for one another. Beloved. Holy. Forgiven. Redeemed. Names are important, you know.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)  

The Lord has searched us and known us.  
When we sit down, and when we rise up, God knows.  
From far and near, our thoughts are known.  
Even before words meet our tongues, God knows.

Where can we hide from the Spirit?  
Where can we flee from God’s presence?  
When we ascend to the heights of joy,  
God is there.  
When we descend to the depths of pain,  
God is there.

For it was the Lord who formed us,  
who knit us together,  
who knows us, and names us still today:  

*Hymn, No. 22  

God of the Sparrow  
ROEDER

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
It’s been a hard week.  
Your children were hurt. Our hearts feel your pain.  
We wander and stumble and try to know things beyond our knowing.

And you know that in all this darkness,  
it’s easy for us to get a little lost.  
It’s easy for us to think the things we shouldn’t,  
to allow condemnation to creep in,  
to lose the boldness to say what we should,  
to let fear weigh more than our hope.

Forgive us for choosing what is easy, God.  
Help us to choose the better way, your way,  
the way that says the light shines in the darkness,  
no matter how dark the week has been.  
Forgive us, God. And remind us we are loved yet again. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.” Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.
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

Here I Am, Lord
words and music: Daniel Schutte; Tami Morrow and Carolyn Baruch, duet

Prayer for Illumination

Bria Foley (9:30 a.m.)
Clara Martin (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50 (pg. 941)

Sermon

Sinners, Pharisees and Plenty of Oil
Rev. Hallie Hottle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 201
A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

Offertory

The Lord Is My Shepherd
words: Psalm 23; music: Howard Goodall; Donna Martin, soloist; The Summer 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
For Everyone Born, A Place At the Table
FOR EVERYONE BORN

*Hymn, No. 769

*Benediction

*Response

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*Postlude

*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 20

1 Kings 17:8-12

Elijah is a forerunner and model for Jesus’ ministry, especially in the eyes of the New Testament writers. This story sounds familiar to us as Christians. One reason is it is a table scene. But there are other familiar things, ministry in a foreign land, being welcomed with water, sharing bread and drink, the poor being fed and the raising of the dead. In this scene, however, Elijah is the receiver of God’s needed provisions. Jesus is the one who provides for the needs of others and feeds the masses.

Tuesday, June 21

1 Kings 17:13-16

She is a widow and a foreigner living not only as the poorest and neediest, but also in a land of severe drought. She is the one chosen to feed Elijah in this moment. Even the most uncharacteristic of people are called to do divine work through serving others. The widow says to Elijah, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing…” Elijah assures her that the Lord meets us at the table, and all will be provided for. The gifts of the table will not dwindle or diminish.

Wednesday, June 22

1 Kings 17:17-24

Crisis ensues when the widow’s young son is struck ill. We are not sure her baby is dead, just that “there was no breath left in him.” Elijah cries out to God for the sake of this boy’s life. The urgency in the story is that death comes anyway, even after Elijah promises that God will always provide. Yes, death comes, even after we have been fed by God’s will and word. Death comes even with the hope that death will never win the day. Elijah was sent by God to be fed by this woman and to offer the living presence of God’s truth.

Thursday, June 23

Genesis 18:1-6

These two stories share something unique, in both of them cake is served. There must be a party! And at both of these parties the guests are unexpected. Stories of eating together, especially, of offering hospitality to the stranger, these are ancient stories as much as they are our story. Like Abraham we hasten to prepare, but God has made every table ready. We can identify with either the stranger or the host, but the Apostle Paul reminds us “we entertain angels unaware.”

Friday, June 24

Genesis 18:7-12

Abraham’s guests ask him about his wife Sarah and he tells them she’s in the tent. One of them speaks up and says he will return and by then Sarah will be with child. Have you ever heard it said, “If you want to make God laugh, make a plan?” At the Lord’s table God promises to find a way into the future. And even that can make the most faithful folks chuckle with such incredulous laughter like Sarah. An act of hosting, or hospitality, especially to those named stranger, other, sinner, radical… brings about hope for our future.

Saturday, June 25

Genesis 18:13-15

“Is anything too wonderful for God?” This is God’s own question to Sarah, indeed to all of us, in response to hearing Sarah’s honest laughter. God’s question moves them beyond their restricted view into the dream of God’s future possibilities. Eating in the presence of the divine our eyes are opened and we recognize God’s future for all of God’s children.
Ice Cream Social • Next 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. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Jadeen Rivard by her family.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST LITTLE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH - The rose on the communion table announces the happy news of the birth of our newest member in our family of faith: Charles Grady Creek (Callahan and Jennifer Creek, parents). If you are a member of Village Church and have a new baby, share the excitement with us. Call 913-671-2350 or 913-671-2355.

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

THE ART MINISTRY COMMITTEE would like to thank Paul Middleton for displaying his photographs in the Bridge gallery (located on the second floor overlooking the courtyard, alongside the Senior Pastor’s office). Please take a moment to stop by and enjoy his work.

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:

Today       Luke 7:36-50  Woman Anoints Jesus’ Feet, taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka
June 26     Luke 9:10-17 Feeding the 5,000, taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - There are two more months of no free school breakfasts for the children of clients at the Food Pantry. All varieties of cereal are needed at the Pantry. Cold milk and delicious cereal are a great way to start a warm summer day. Put an extra one in your cart this week and bring it to church. The Clothes Closet is looking for small kitchen items: dishes, pots and pans, utensils, glassware. Large-sized clothing is also a continuing need.
PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

SOMETIMES LIFE THROWS YOU A CURVE BALL…If you are facing a challenge, a loss, or need someone to listen, consider requesting a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister will meet confidentially with you and listen, pray, and support you. If you are interested, contact Rev. Len Carrell at 913-671-2347 or len.carrell@villagepres.org.

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 to hang out with friends for fun 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.

OMAHA MISSION TRIP – This week our Middle School students are serving in Nebraska, bringing new life to communities in need. They return around 8 p.m. this Tuesday. Please send prayers for a safe trip and safe travels.
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 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.
The Gathering Will be at 6 p.m. Next Sunday, June 26

Please join us after the Ice Cream Social for The Gathering at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 26, in the Village Church Sanctuary. The service will include the installation ceremony for Rev. Hallie Hottle as a pastor of Village Church.
SUMMER SERMON SERIES

More than a Summer Picnic

Someone once said, in Luke’s Gospel Jesus seems to be at a meal, on his way to a meal, or on his way from a meal. The table is an important place. It is a place of story telling. It is a place of community building. Sometimes the table is the place where we gain a glimpse of the promised day of God. When Jesus is at the table, grace is served; and life is good. When Jesus is at the table, there is always enough; and there is always room for others. This summer we will join Jesus at the table of his ministry. There we will find not simply a summer picnic, but a feast!

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.