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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 24, 2018 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The four gospels all paint vivid scenes of Jesus' crucifixion. Once Jesus has been sentenced to death, he is led out of Jerusalem. Luke tells about weeping and wailing women who follow Jesus on his long trek to the place he will be crucified. Matthew, Luke and John identify the presence of two other criminals being crucified with Jesus. Only Luke records a conversation between the criminals and Jesus. All the gospels mention soldiers who taunt Jesus and continue to torture him. There is also mention of "leaders" who scoff at Jesus and close friends and family, some who stay near to Jesus and some who are at a distance. And all mention the crowds – the people who had gathered to watch the crucifixion.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Selections from *Partita for Flute*  
by J.S. Bach; Hannah Haefele

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

From Bethlehem to Jerusalem,  
From Washington, D.C. to Topeka,  
From Thwake to Prairie Village,  
From then to now,

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

To heal the sick,  
To mend the broken-hearted,  
To comfort the disturbed,  
To disturb the comfortable,  
To cleanse the temple,  
To free us all.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

To carry the cross,  
To lead the way,  
To shoulder the sins of the world  
And take them away.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

\*Hymn, No. 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
OPEN MY EYES

\*Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God,  
You call us to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.  
You call us to be active participants in the world.  
You call us to depend upon You for our every need.  
But we confess that we do not heed Your call.  
We hesitate to share the good news.  
We are bystanders rather than active in the world.  
We rely more on ourselves than on You.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Grant us the faith and the courage to respond to Your call.  
Wash us clean of our sin so that we may boldly proclaim  
Your love in Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer)**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters

Discover Village

Time with Children

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

God is here to - day; \_\_\_\_\_ as cer-tain as the air I  
breathe \_\_\_\_\_ as cer-tain as the morn-ing sun that ris - es, as  
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear \_\_\_\_\_ my song. \_\_\_\_\_

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**

Special Music (9:30 a.m.)

*Fantasia #2 for Solo Flute*  
by Georg Philipp Telemann; Hannah Haefele, flute

Prayer for Illumination

Kevin Hennessy (9:30 a.m.)  
Sandy Wells (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:33-43 (pg.963)

Sermon

*Best Position Player*

Rev. Matt Gaventa

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 315

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*  
NEW DIMENSIONS

Offertory

*Prayer for Today* (9:30 a.m.)  
music: Margaret Tucker; Summer Choir

*Fantasia #2 for Solo Flute* (11 a.m.)  
by Georg Philipp Telemann

\*Response

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at Thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for Thee,  
ever, only, all for Thee.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 697 (vs. 1-5)

*Take My Life*  
HENDON

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

\*Postlude

*Fanfare for a New Day*  
by J. Wayne Kerr

*\*All who are able may stand*  
© A-705103 for all hymns



## TODAY AT VILLAGE

Village Church welcomes the Rev. Matt Gaventa to the pulpit today. Rev. Gaventa is senior pastor at University Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas; and previously served as pastor to Amherst Presbyterian Church in Amherst, Va., and as chaplain to Sweet Briar College. Matt is an acclaimed writer and preacher whose work has been featured in "Working Preacher," on the "Day1 Sermon Broadcast," and in "The Christian Century," for whom he co-hosts the podcast "Technicolor Jesus." Matt holds degrees from Georgetown University, the University of Iowa and Princeton Theological Seminary. He is the 2012 recipient of the David H.C. Read Preacher/Scholar Award from Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. Matt is a member of the same pastors' study group as Rev. Tom Are. Tom says that Matt is one of the brightest and most insightful in the group. Matt lives in Austin with his wife, Sarah, and their son, Charlie.

## MUSIC NOTES

Today we welcome Hannah Haefele as our guest flutist in morning worship. Hannah is a graduate of Emporia State University (Bachelor of Music - Flute, 2017). Hannah frequently plays throughout the Kansas City area and has an active musical presence on social media. Hannah is thrilled to be sharing flute music with you today!

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of June 25, 2018)

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, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

### **Monday, June 25**

**Genesis 32:22-32**

While in Minneapolis with the middle schoolers last week we considered several stories that involve darkness in the Bible. In this story Jacob is left alone at night after sending everyone away and wrestles with God. Perhaps when we are alone we both struggle with God as well as with our own history and actions. In what ways do you struggle with God? In what ways do you want God to be real to you – and how have you expressed this to God?

### **Tuesday, June 26**

**John 3:1-21**

Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night, and apparently he is a person who doesn't "see" very well. He misses the meaning of what Jesus says, even though it seems to be quite clear. It always makes me wonder what I'm missing, even though God is trying to make it clear to me. Sometimes God is difficult to see because of our surroundings, but sometimes God is difficult to see because of our own inner blindness.

### **Wednesday, June 27**

**1 Kings 19:1-15**

These verses speak of a time when Elijah was on the run, and desperately seeking God's presence. There are times in any week when we are in need of that mighty, yet still, small voice that is God's presence. Take time today to find quiet moments (or, dare I say, minutes!) to listen to God.

### **Thursday, June 28**

**Psalms 42**

There's a worship song inspired by this Psalm, a powerful reminder of what it is to cry for God to come. Search "All Who Are Thirsty-Vineyard" on YouTube to hear the song and take note of the lyrics. When are times in your life that you have identified with the longing in this song?

### **Friday, June 29**

**Acts 16:11-15**

Paul, among many other things, was a traveler. He had a passion for going to new places and encountering new people for the sake of Christ. While we aren't all adventurous travelers like Paul, how do you encounter new and different people in your day-to-day travels? And how do you bring the Good News of love and compassion into their lives?

### **Saturday, June 30**

**Matthew 26:36-46**

This is another of the verses we discussed with the middle schoolers on the mission trip. It is a difficult story, but we can draw out some inspiration from Jesus' actions. First, he knew how important it was to take friends with him, even if they couldn't help; community is a good thing. Second, sometimes difficult moments in life can be gotten rid of, but sometimes they must be endured. There is wisdom in knowing the difference. How are you paying attention to both of these things in your life?

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
Service of Ordination & Installation

for **DR. RODGER NISHIOKA**  
**7 p.m. Tuesday, June 26**

Village on Mission Sanctuary



**Today We Celebrate the  
One Year Anniversary  
of Village on Antioch**

## 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 Lowell Thomas by Judie Thomas.

**NEW TO US?** Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, provide leadership for the transformation of our communities and serve the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshipping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park). If you would like a tour of Village on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org).

**JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH** – Village receives new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. The remaining 2018 joining dates are Aug. 12, Oct. 14 and Dec. 9. Contact [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) for information.

**WORSHIP BAGS** are available for children to enjoy during worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**SUMMER SUNDAY ADULT FAITH FORMATION** – Join us for our summer Adult faith formation class. The class meets 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Rooms 126-127. Each Sunday, we will explore the scripture that was preached in worship, and a variety of teachers will guide us. These classes welcome both conversation and participation and are designed for the novice Bible reader as well as the seasoned Bible scholar. Upcoming classes include:

Today	Rev. Ky Weekley, honorably retired minister and friend of Village Church
July 1	Rev. Jay McKell, honorably retired minister and friend of Village Church
July 8	Rev. Len Carrell, pastor for pastoral care
July 15	Dr. Rodger Nishioka
July 22	Dr. Rodger Nishioka
July 29	Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor for pastoral care

**TECH TALK WITH TONY** – We will discuss how to organize your digital data and where to store it, as well as organizing data into a hierarchy of folders then allowing or restricting others access to your data will be demonstrated. We will talk about where to store data in the Cloud (public or private) or on your computer storage. Please join us from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, in Room 316.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**TODAY** – We offer broadly-graded Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Children can go straight to Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., or attend worship with their families through the Time with Children, after which they can meet Sunday School teachers in the Narthex and be shepherded to Sunday School (9:30 service only). Children are also more than welcome to stay with their families for the entire worship service.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Consider serving our children from the comfort of your home by helping us to prepare for VBS. Please pick up a craft bag and cut-out materials, which can be found in the Narthex or in the Children and Family Ministry office, and then return materials when you are finished. Thank you.

**INFANTS-3 YR. OLDS** – Child care is available during all services in Rooms 107, 111 & 114.

**BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES** – Future baptism dates are July 15 and Sept. 16. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby as so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member's arrival. Call 913-671-2350 or email [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

**SUMMER CAMPS** – VBS at Village on Mission begins July 16. If you would like to volunteer to help, sign up at [bit.ly/VOMVBSvolunteer](http://bit.ly/VOMVBSvolunteer) or call 913-671-2350.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**VILLAGE GOLF OUTING** – Do you like a casual golf outing? Then, these outings are for you! The monthly outings are a four person scramble format and runs now thru October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at St. Andrews on Monday, July 9, with 8 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP by July 1. Contact Brad Steil, 913-469-5683, [bradsteil@everestkc.net](mailto:bradsteil@everestkc.net) or Art Newcomer, 913-752-7540, [artnewcome@aol.com](mailto:artnewcome@aol.com) to sign up.

**AGE SPECIFIC DINNER FOR 70S AND UP** – You are invited to meet at Stroud's Restaurant in Fairway for an early dinner at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Stroud's is located at 4200 Shawnee Mission Parkway, on the corner of 55th Street. Come and enjoy the fellowship of friends and a wonderful meal. Each person pays for their meal. See the menu at [stroudsrestaurant.com/fairway](http://stroudsrestaurant.com/fairway). Space is limited, so please RSVP to Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – We are in need of cereal, cereal, cereal-all varieties (note: the Pantry does have an ample supply of Cheerios)-healthy or kid-friendly, sweetened or no sugar-the clients love it all. Your generous donations benefit the clients and yourselves. The Clothes Closet is asking for large and x-large sized summer clothing and also, towels and bed linens. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH AND FAXON** – Front Porch Alliance PAL volunteers go to Faxon Elementary School one hour per week to help two children (K-6) with their math and reading. Volunteers choose age of the child and day and time. Contact Charlotte Davison at 913-648-6045 or [charlottesdavison@gmail.com](mailto:charlottesdavison@gmail.com) for more information.

**VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES** – On Friday, July 13, Village will cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in KCK. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. We also need cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, July 12. If you can help, sign up at [bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up](http://bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**SUMMER CHOIR** – Rehearsals for Summer Choir are from 8:45-9:20 a.m. in Room 14 of the lower level, and we sing in the 9:30 a.m. service each week through the end of July. We don't wear robes, and you sit out in the congregation until it's time to sing. People from all of the Village choirs love singing in the Summer Choir, and we hope you'll consider joining us, too!

**THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS-TE DEUM CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT** – Join the Te Deum Chamber Choir and organist Kurt Knecht for a celebration of choral-organ music at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, June 25, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Te Deum received a prestigious invitation to perform at the national convention for the American Guild of Organists. This one-hour preview concert is a special opportunity for our supporters to hear a sneak peak of this performance. Tickets are \$10 at [te-deum.org/concerts](http://te-deum.org/concerts).

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP** – 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, please contact Rev. Len Carrell at 913-671-2347 or [len.carrell@villagepres.org](mailto:len.carrell@villagepres.org).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**WOW LUNCHEON AT BRAVO! AT TOWN CENTER PLAZA** – Women of Wisdom looks forward to a noon lunch this Tuesday, June 26, at Bravo! in Leawood's Town Center, 5005 West 117 St., and warmly invites all women to join us. Bravo! is a popular, upscale-casual restaurant that features Italian cuisine, salads, sandwiches and soups. Contact Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or [dianelee@att.net](mailto:dianelee@att.net) by tomorrow, June 25, to insure your reservation for an enjoyable afternoon of comfortable, pleasant dining with special friends.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**YOUNG ADULT WEBSITE** – We have a new website for Young Adult Ministry. Check it out at [VillagePresYA.org](http://VillagePresYA.org), and get plugged in!

**BEER & BIBLE** – 7 p.m. Thursdays at Brew Lab, 7925 Marty St., Overland Park. Bring a Bible. Dinner is on us, drinks are on you. All young adults invited.

**LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY** – At the Royals! Let's go out to the ballgame on July 21. Tickets limited, RSVP online at [VillagePresYA.org/Saturdays](http://VillagePresYA.org/Saturdays).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for any of our weekly activities – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check [villagepresyouth.org](http://villagepresyouth.org) for more details.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (middle school and high school) – 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

**SUMMER PROGRAMS** – Take a look at what's going on and come hang out with us over the summer months.

**HS LATE TABLE** – 6:15-8 p.m. Sundays – Bring some dinner money and meet at the church; we'll head out to eat at the Village shops and have conversation. Good discussion and delicious food.

**MS MOVIE MEAL** – 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays – Join us in the Youth Loft (Room 333) to eat lunch and watch a movie. Summer interns will make lunch and the movie will be up on the projection screen. So fun!

**HS LATE NITE** – 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays – Late summer nights are always an adventure! Join us for something different each week as we meet in the Loft (Room 333) and head out from there.

**MS SERVICE DAYS** – 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays – Come help others each week. We'll meet in the Loft (Room 333) and go volunteer at various places in the community. We'll grab lunch when we are done, so be sure to bring some cash for food afterwards.

**SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN** – The middle school mission trip has returned but sign-ups are still available for high school Montreat and high school Boundary Waters adventure. You can register and pay for trips online at [villagepresyouth.org/forms](http://villagepresyouth.org/forms).

## **The 2017 Endowment Trust Annual Report is now available!**

You will find this new report online at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org), Endowment Trust or you can find copies at each entrance to the Church. You may also contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325. This report is filled with impactful stories of how our Endowment Trust makes a difference within our Church and out into our community.

## **Discover Village**

A new way for you to connect. You're invited to stop by our new Discover Village desk, between worship services, at the north Welcome Center entrance. Hosts will be available at the desk every Sunday morning to help you connect or answer questions. We look forward to meeting you!

## **A Friendly Reminder**

During the summer months, when so many of you are on vacation and busy with children's activities, inevitably the church's attendance and income slows down. So, this is a friendly reminder to please take a moment and check the balance of your annual pledge and consider making a gift now toward fulfilling your commitment. Our church's funds could use a little help to keep our mission and ministries on task.

Thank you and God bless,  
Your Village Commitment Committee

## **Rev. Sarah Wiles - Guest Preacher July 1**

Rev. Sarah Wiles is the granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Baptist preachers. She grew up in North Carolina, earned her M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and has lived in Los Angeles and Ann Arbor, Mich. Since 2011 she has been the pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Wash. She and her husband, Joseph, and twin four-year-olds have fallen in love with the wild beauty of the Pacific Northwest. She is an ardent fan of cooking, running and action movies.



## SUMMER SERMONS

June 3	Rev. Anne Apple, associate pastor for pastoral care and evangelism, Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tenn.
June 10	Rev. Hallie Hottle
June 17	Rev. Len Carrell
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Rev. Matt Gaventa</b> , senior pastor, University Presbyterian Church in Austin, Tex.
July 1	Rev. Sarah Wiles, pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington
July 8	Rev. Pen Peery, senior pastor, First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C.
July 15	Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick
July 22	Rev. Hallie Hottle
July 29	Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 5	Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 12	Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 19	Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 26	Youth Sunday
Sept. 2	Rev. Zach Walker

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist  
Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care  
Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care ❖ Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch  
Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care  
Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration ❖ Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate  
Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music ❖ Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments  
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission  
Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectational ministries ❖ Ellen Wootton, interim director of children and family ministry  
Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

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Large print bulletins are now available in the Narthex. Ask your usher to bring you one.

*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."*

*Our worship service broadcast at 8 a.m. Sundays on 1660 AM KMBZ, the Business Channel, is a recording of the previous week's service.*

*We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.*

*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.*