SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 25, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

As we continue our sermon series “Living Unafraid in a Frightening World” through the Acts of the Apostles, the Apostle Paul is on his third and final missionary journey. He is traveling back to Jerusalem and instead of going through Syria, ends up in Troas, a town in Asia Minor. He spends a week there and on his last night in town while he is preaching his final sermon, a tragic accident occurs. Bible scholars are intrigued about why Luke thought it was important to include this obscure story. Perhaps this story shows us yet another way to live unafraid as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant.

We gather to worship you, O God, in these days of your new covenant.
It will not be like the covenant that I made with your ancestors.

We gather to worship you, O God, in these days of your new covenant.
It will be a covenant full of abounding grace.

We gather to praise you, O God, for your abounding grace shown to us in Jesus Christ.
It will be a covenant full of resounding hope.

We gather to praise you, O God, for your resounding hope moving among us through the Holy Spirit.
Friends, as God’s new covenant people, let us worship God.

*Hymn, No. 100

My Soul Cries Out
STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

*Prayer of Confession

New Covenanting God,
We know that it is by your grace and through your mercy that you gave the world
new hope in Jesus Christ.
Yet even though we know this, we do not live this way.
We rely more on ourselves than we do on you.
We tend to doubt more than hope, and we lean in to fear more than courage.
We think that saying the right thing matters more than doing the right thing.
Forgive us for our faithlessness, O God.
Remind us that our actions speak louder than words and that whatever we do and
say must be for your glory.  (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
**Response**

*Passing of the Peace*

*Words of Welcome*

*Time with Children*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Katie Hull (9:30 a.m.); Margaret Veglahn (11 a.m.)

**Scripture Reading**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (pg. 721)

**Call to Prayer**

Change my heart, O God; make it ever 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.

Scripture Reading
Acts 20:7-12 (pg. 1013)

Sermon
A Lesson From Eutychus
Dr. Rodger Nishioka

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.693

Though I May Speak
GIFT OF LOVE
*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. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Postlude

Tuba Tune
by C. S. Lang

*All who are able may stand
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The following daily Bible readings 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 26**

Psalm 13

Of our 150 psalms, one-third of them are psalms of lament. This reminds us that we are not the first to express grief, anger, fear, and confusion to God. God can handle it; in fact, God wants to be in relationship with us — on our best days and on our worst days. And notice this: at the end of each psalm of lament, even still, there is praise to God. Are you in the habit of expressing lament in your prayers? How might this strengthen your prayer life?

**Tuesday, June 27**

Psalm 23

This is the most familiar psalm of all. We often associate it with funerals, but this psalm also has a word for the living. It is a word of steadfast care in all situations. It is a word of care for all of God’s children, including our enemies. It reassures us that God’s goodness and mercy are with us always. Who in your life needs to be reminded of this today?

**Wednesday, June 28**

Psalm 22

Having read Psalm 23 yesterday, put it in conversation with Psalm 22 today. Psalm 23 assures us of God’s everlasting presence; Psalm 22 begins with a heartbreaking question: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Jesus echoes these words toward the end of his life, but he was not the first to say them. These two psalms, taken together, affirm that in life and in death, when our hearts are broken and when our hearts are full, God is with us. When life feels like Psalm 22, remember that Psalm 23 is coming.

**Thursday, June 29**

Psalm 119

Receiving the messenger is like receiving their king. This is the proper, respectful practice among kings and rulers and their messengers delivering correspondences. To welcome someone as if welcoming the one who sent them. After a long journey of delivering messages, a cup of cold water must have been a great reward. If we are to find reward in welcoming and serving cups of cold water to God’s littlest ones. Well then, we can all do that. How is being welcoming and in service to others rewarding to you?

**Friday, June 30**

Psalm 136

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever. Today, create your own psalm using this refrain. List moments when you have trusted — or are trying to trust — that God’s steadfast love endures. It is always the right time to practice thanksgiving.

**Saturday, June 31**

Psalm 139

This is a much beloved psalm. It reminds us that there is no corner of creation that can keep us hidden from God. Not the heights of heaven nor the depths of hell; not as far as the eye can see or the eagle can fly. Not even darkness can keep God away. We have been known from the first moment of our existence. Toward the end, the psalmist prays: Search me, O God, and know my heart. What would God find in your heart today? What would you want God to find?
A Time for Thanksgiving and Welcome at Village on Antioch

Today at 11 a.m. we are holding a “Service of Thanksgiving and Welcome” at Village on Antioch. In this service, we will give thanks for the faithful ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Stanley (PCOS) and recognize the contributions to mission and ministry that congregation has made since its formation in 1979. We will also welcome PCOS members into the Village Church family. Rev. Dick Ramsey (the first called pastor of PCOS), along with Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Hallie Hottle, are leading worship together.

“The Presbyterian Church of Stanley will be dissolved effective Monday, June 26, and we will become one church, united, in two locations,” said Rev. Tom Are. “Together we are ensuring that there is a PC (USA) witness to Jesus Christ in southern Johnson County. Just like our ministry in Prairie Village, our ministry in the Stanley community will be gracious, inclusive, thoughtful, joyful and committed to mission.”

Please join us in welcoming our new brothers and sisters in Christ who are joining Village Presbyterian Church today at Village on Antioch. Tell your family, friends and neighbors about what we’re doing at Village on Antioch and invite them to come and visit.

Village Presbyterian Church is one church worshiping at two campuses: Village on Mission and Village on Antioch.

OUR VISION
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.
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 and in loving memory of Shauna Lee Scranton by Lee Scranton and family.

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 for the first 10 minutes of the worship service. During the 9:30 a.m. service, after Time with Children, elementary-age 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. Parents of preschool-age children must check their child in on the 1st floor in the Preschool wing.

PRESECHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL – Parents should 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. Rev. Jenny McDevitt teaches the class today and Rev. Len Carrell will lead the class next Sunday, July 2. 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. this 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!

AGE 60s DINNER – Dragon Inn Oriental Cuisine, 6 p.m. Friday, July 14. Village Church is offering a fun opportunity for people in their 60s (couples and singles) at Dragon Inn, 7500 W. 80th St., Overland Park. Dragon Inn, a family owned business, serves Peking and Szechuan dishes. Each person is responsible for their own tab. Reservation under “Village Church Group.” Space is limited. RSVP to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359. Menu at http://dragoninn.us/.
MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Kid-friendly lunch items are what the Food Pantry is requesting this week: canned tuna, peanut butter and jelly, hearty soups, spaghettios, etc. Standard size brown paper grocery sacks are also needed for sacking groceries at the Pantry. The Clothes Closet is requesting summer clothes in all sizes for males and females. 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

ORGAN BUILDER TALK – Join us following the 11 a.m. service next 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

CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND? – Do you like helping others? If you have just one hour or more a month to assist others, consider volunteering for the Helping Hand ministry. All skill levels are welcomed – you will self-select your own projects. There are three broad categories you can help with: household help, meals and transportation. To find out more or to sign up, contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

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!
Village Cup Summer Hours

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 a.m.-noon
Tuesday & Thursday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thoughts from Village Commitment

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
—Galatians 6:2

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, the Village Commitment committee would like to share with you how your generosity is helping us grow Village on Antioch. Village Commitment committee members will be passing out informational cards before and after worship services. Please take a card and read about everything that has been accomplished at Village on Antioch and all the upcoming plans and events!

Thank you for your generosity to the annual fund.

Please join us for our 42nd Annual Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. today, 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
June 18  Act 15  When God Shows Up At Your Meeting

**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?

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

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 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.