SERVICE OF WORSHIP
June 26, 2016 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
Feeding the 5,000 is one of those stories that all four gospel writers tell. Jesus is teaching in a lonely place. The crowds are hungry. The disciples wish the crowds to be sent away so that they can find food. But Jesus commands his disciples to feed them. They only have five loaves and two fish, but it is enough to feed all—with leftovers. Surprisingly, Luke tells us that this lonely place is not in the desert, but it is found right in the middle of a city.
All who hunger, gather around.

There is bread here, for empty bellies.
There is compassion here, for broken hearts.
There is grace here, for shattered lives.
There is family here, for lonely souls.
There is hope here, for all who need it.
All who hunger, gather around and lift your hearts to God.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Hymn, No. 45

*I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes
DUNDEE

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
Forgive us, for we are slow of sight.
We see scarcity in scraps of bread and a couple of fish;
you see a feast for thousands.
We see a threat in someone who is different than we are;
you see a beloved child.
We see hopelessness in the world around us;
you see a brand new day and another chance to do what is right.
Forgive us, for we are slow of sight,
and we so easily lose our way. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response

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*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

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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.

Musical Offering

Prayer for Illumination Christian Vaz (9:30 a.m.)
Jacob Martin (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading Luke 9:10-17 (pg. 943)

Sermon Lonely in Bethsaida Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Offertory Kyrie (from Mass in C)
music: Ludwig van Beethoven; The Summer Choir
translation: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

*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 lives are offered to your will.

*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn, No. 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom
MERLE’S TUNE

*Benediction

*Response

*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 27**
Exodus 12:1-8
This story is the first Passover meal. The Lord tells His people of Israel that this is the beginning of something new. This is a meal for the whole congregation, and it is a meal to be shared. Households that are too small are to join with their neighbors. At God’s table we are called as a household of God to care for the smaller households of God.

**Tuesday, June 28**
Exodus 16:1-15
Not sure if it was the grumbling of their feet, or the grumbling of their stomachs, but the Israelites were not happy in the desert with Moses and Aaron, or with God. Their complaint was appropriate. “Why could we have not stayed in Egypt? At least there we had pots of food!” This story of food is of manna raining down from heaven. When the Israelites saw it they asked, “What is it?” God’s grace is revealed in a meal. What are the ways God has provided for your substance and sustenance in surprising and eye-opening ways?

**Wednesday, June 29**
Exodus 16:16-35
Moses tells them to gather up the manna. Each portion will be enough for each person in each tent. Moses gives the instruction on supply and demand. Everyone will receive the amount they need. There is no need to hoard it, as each morning will bring a new supply. And the day before the Sabbath, two portions will be gathered, enough for all on a day of rest. The Lord also commands they save a portion for generations to come. On the Sabbath God provides a foretaste, not only for two days, but also for future generations.

**Thursday, June 30**
Genesis 25:27-34
One biblical scene centered on food is the story of Esau and Jacob and their father Isaac. In their story food plays a role in a transaction of deception; first, with Jacob’s wiliness in obtaining his brother’s birthright, and later in fooling his aging father into giving him Esau’s blessing. Meals together can be times of memories, laughter and joy. Other times meals together can be cautionary, awkward and uncomfortable. The Lord’s Table is a table of reconciliation and forgiveness, of conflict and care, of our best and worst of days. The story of these two brothers illustrates both conflict and forgiveness.

**Friday, July 1**
Genesis 27
With his brother’s best clothes on, and the hides of the animals his mother just butchered draped upon his arms, Jacob approaches his father with a savory dish in hand. This story has a bowl of stew at the center of it; a mixed pot, for sure. A story where Jacob is not at his best, using God’s name to deceive his father. It is a reminder of the brokenness of our own ambition and the family it can divide. Esau asks his father while weeping, “Have you only one blessing, father? Bless me, me also, father!”

**Saturday, July 2**
Genesis 33
At the end of their story there seems to be a moment of redemption and forgiveness. You can make your own decision. It is a scene that reminds us of the return of the Prodigal. Esau runs to embrace his brother Jacob, falling on his neck and kissing him. Jacob pleads to his brother for a lifetime of forgiveness. Jacob says to Esau, “Seeing your face is like seeing the face of God.” Can you sometimes see the face of God through an act of forgiveness?
Ice Cream Social • TODAY!

Please join us today 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.
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 Lowell Thomas by Judie Thomas and also Barclay Cunningham and Don Johnston by Betty Cunningham.

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.)

PRE-SCHOOL 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 Rooms 126 and 127.

Upcoming classes include:

- Today, Luke 9:10-17: Feeding the 5,000, taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka
- July 10, Luke 10:38-42: Jesus Eating at Martha’s home, taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka

WATCH FOR THE FALL 2016 VILLAGE U CATALOG … COMING SOON! The fall 2016 Village U curriculum encompasses a myriad of adult learning opportunities. Village Church is a learning community with a long commitment to providing opportunities for adults – young and older—to grow in knowledge and faith together. A wide spectrum of classes in the areas of Art, Christian Living, Computer, Family Life, Health and Wellness, Leisure and Life Skills will be offered. We hope you will spend some time discovering all that is available. Village U 2016 fall term registration for Village Church members begins on Monday, Aug. 15. For community members, registration begins on Monday, Aug. 22.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - Let’s start the month of July with fireworks! The Food Pantry is requesting that each of you bring one or two boxes of cereal to fill up the Pantry’s shelves with enough cereal to last until the clients’ children are once again receiving free school breakfasts. That will put some sparkle in the children’s eyes. The Clothes Closet is asking for household items: bed, bath and kitchen linens and small kitchen items - dishes, pots and pans, glasses, etc.
VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - Friday, July 8, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. 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 7. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

PRAYER LIST - The power of prayer is amazing. If you know of someone who could use prayers, we are happy to add that person to the prayer list. 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 length of time is requested.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is a new ministry of Village Church for all 20s and 30s. Connect with us: Facebook.com/VillagePresYA, Twitter @VillagePresYA.

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!

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. 9-12th 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.
All are welcome to sing 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 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.

**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.
Today The Gathering meets at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the service of installation for Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor for Young Adult Ministry at Village Church.

Village Cup Seeking Teen Barista

Village is looking for responsible youth to be Teen Baristas in the Village Cup coffee shop. This is a paid position. The ideal candidate will be able to:

- Work when scheduled, including Sundays and evenings.
- Greet customers with a smile.
- Make all drinks and pastries according to established procedures and recipes.
- Operate the cash register, including credit card and gift card processing, and make change.
- Work well under pressure and close supervision.
- Be able to work long hours on their feet, and lift 20 pounds.
- Take initiative to stock and clean the area as needed.

Please complete a job application found on our website villagepres.org. Click the “STAY INFORMED” tab and then “Employment Opportunities.” Submit it to Emily Berns, director of Food Service, at emily.berns@villagepres.org.

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Deuteronomy 16:17 - Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which he has given you.

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.

—Edward Everett Hale
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!

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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.