



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 2, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

"Barnabas" means "Son of Encouragement." Barnabas would not give up on Mark. Some say Mark is the author of the Gospel of Mark. What would have happened if no one had encouraged him? We all need someone like Barnabas in our lives.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

'Tis the Gift to be Simple
arr. Daphnia Portier

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

If you come with fears and doubts, there is a place for you here.

**Here we welcome questions and uncertainties,
leaning on one another's faith.**

If you come with wounds and pain, there is a place for you here.

**Here we offer gentleness and comfort,
listening to one another's stories.**

If you come with joy and thanksgiving, there is a place for you here.

**Here we celebrate and sing,
rejoicing in the God who works all things for good.**

However you come, whoever you are, there is a place for you here.

**Here we praise the God of all time and all creatures,
trusting in the one who offers us life and gifts us with grace.**

*Hymn, No. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

When we are lost in fear and pain, we get our questions confused.

We ask *why* is this happening?

We ask *how* are we supposed to find hope?

We ask *where* will we finally fit in?

We ask in *what* direction can we cast blame?

We ask *when* will justice roll down?

Forgive us, God, when we forget to ask *who*:

Who can we trust?

Who is the repairer of the breach?

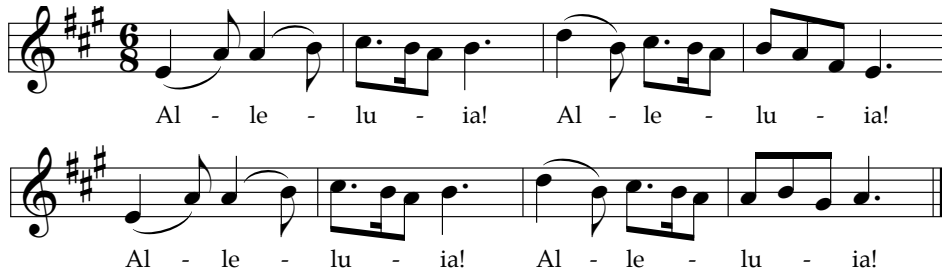
Who promises to be with us always?

Who can bring life to every form of death?

Who is doing a new thing, even now? (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



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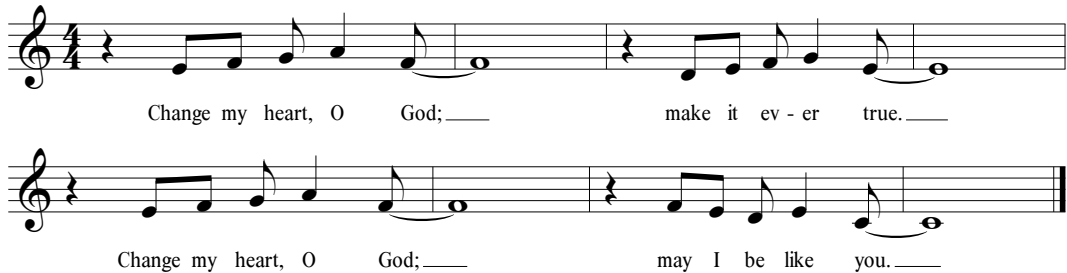
*Passing of the Peace

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

Hoyl Lockett (9:30 a.m.); Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Acts 15:36-41 (pg. 1008)

Sermon

Barnabas: Son of Encouragement

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. 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!
FESTAL SONG

Offertory

Praise the Lord
by G.F. Handel; The Summer Choir (9:30 a.m.)
The Gift of Love
by Hal Hopson; Jenna Soltys, soprano (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. 340 (st. 1,2)

This Is My Song
FINLANDIA

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

*Postlude

America, the Beautiful
arr. Burt Karlsen

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

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of July 3, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Len Carrell 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, July 3

Genesis 22:1-14

This text is troubling. The "binding of Isaac," as this story is known, could be the single greatest moral dilemma in the Bible. Abraham is asked to show his obedience to God by preparing himself to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Abraham hasn't always trusted God. Their relationship has had its ups and downs. Abraham's trust seems conflicted. Whereas Isaac trust seems overly confident. Isaac's faith, not only in God, but also in his own father's belief that God would provide, is startling. Is it our faith that is being tested, or are our certainties being tested by faith?

Tuesday, July 4

Psalms 16

Today we honor the founding fathers (and mothers) of our nation for their insistence on independence and their fight for a sovereign democracy. This psalm demonstrates God's sovereignty over all nations. God as protector, keeper and instructor, indeed our "chosen portion." God who keeps our hearts glad, our souls rejoicing and our rest secure. God who keeps us from falling in the pit. God who keeps us in "goodly heritage." God who keeps showing us the path of life.

Wednesday, July 5

2 Timothy 4:1-8

At the end, the apostle Paul faces persecution and death with grace and mercy and the truth of the gospel. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Paul uses a metaphor of an ancient Greek athlete to show how his mission and teachings have stayed the course. But his fight, his race, his faith is struggling to survive. Paul's faith seems to hold onto light even as the darkness engulfs him. His appeal to his friends at this time is "Do your best to come before winter."

Thursday, July 6

Matthew 10:40-42

Receiving the messenger is like receiving the king. This is the proper, respectful practice among kings and rulers and their messengers delivering correspondence. To welcome someone as if welcoming the one who sent them. After a long journey of delivering messages, I bet a cup of cold water was a great reward for these letter bearers. If serving cups of cold water to God's littlest ones can be rewarding. How is being in service to others rewarding to you?

Friday, July 7

Mark 1:35

Jesus liked to wake up in the dark of morning to be alone and pray. We do not hear all of his prayers, or why he prays in deserted places. But we do know that his ministry of casting out unclean spirits and healing people who know him as "the Holy One of God" can't be easy. The divine one, the one who works miracles, now appears human and fragile to us, needing prayer to restore his faith and strengthen his heart.

Saturday, July 8

1 Corinthians 3:4-9

Apollos and Paul were not rivals, but were two distinct characters and personalities in the overall mission of spreading the gospel. Apollos was known to be a gifted orator with a strong understanding of the story of Jesus. Paul acknowledged they each had different functions. He said, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." Their different gifts were used for the common purpose of God, and so are yours. As in Corinth, it will take a little of what each of us have to offer our Village Church, in order for God to give it growth.

SERMON NOTES

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.

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.**

PRESCHOOL 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. Len Carrell teaches the class today and Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead the classes on July 9, 16 and 23. 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Rooms 126 & 127.

TECH TALK WITH TONY – Join Tony Liu, director of the Village Church Computer Ministry, as he leads a demonstration and discussion of the ways Google Sheets can be used to create, edit, store and share spreadsheets. The demonstration will include how Google Sheets can be used on any device (computer, tablet or smartphone). All skill levels, from novice spreadsheet users to those with extensive experience using Microsoft Excel, are welcome. This session will be 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, in Room 316.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

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 – Summer sun and heat increase the demand for personal care items at the Food Pantry: sunscreen, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, etc. The food items requested this week are 1-2 lb. bags of all kinds of rice and beans. The Clothes Closet needs all kinds of summer clothes - clean and gently used in all sizes. Hats and sunglasses are also needed.

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.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

LAND OF THE FREE AND HOME OF THE BRAVE – We are incredibly grateful to all who serve in the military. If you currently serve in the military or have family members or friends who do, we'd be honored to add your/his/her name to our prayer list. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org with the person's name, rank, where he/she is based and any other information you would like to share.

JOIN US NEXT MONTH FOR THE FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH – Due to the 4th of July holiday, the Faith and Grief lunch this month is cancelled. We look forward to seeing you at noon, Tuesday, Aug. 1, in Friendship Hall. Registration is online at www.faithandgrief.org. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCH AT AIXOIS – Women of Wisdom (WOW) has scheduled a noon lunch on Wednesday, July 19, at Aixois, a casual French restaurant at 251 East 55th St. in Kansas City, Mo, a few blocks north of the Brookside area. Parking is easy on either the street or in a church parking lot directly across the street. As always, all women are most welcome to join us for our last lunch of the summer season. RSVP by Tuesday, July 18, to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net or 913-432-4321, and indicate at that time if you need transportation. We really hope that you can join us!

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!

More Info:
VillagePres.org/Antioch

A Multigenerational VBS at
Village on Antioch

July 10 - 13



RE-FORM: BEING THE CHURCH IN EVERY AGE

Please join us for July 10-13 at Village on Antioch for an original Vacation Bible School for all ages, children all the way through adults. Bring friends and family or come alone. Come for one night or all four nights.

"VBS starts at 5:30 p.m. each evening with a meal that we are going to share and then we'll spend some time laughing and enjoying each other's presence," said Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of adult education ministries. "We know that we are better at understanding who Jesus is and what it means to follow Jesus when we are all ages together."

We're going to study some. We'll break up into smaller groups of children, youth and adults. Rev. Hallie Hottle will be leading the children's ministry. And Rev. Tom Are and Dr. Rodger Nishioka will be leading the adult segment. Ryan Main will be leading music. We'll be done by 7:45 p.m. every evening.

It's free. Please register at villageantioch.org/vbs



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – The Food Service Department at Village Church is looking for volunteers. We have many openings available in the main kitchen and Village Cup.

TEAM KITCHEN IN THE MAIN KITCHEN – Work once a month (or more!) on Wednesday afternoons or evenings, or for special events only. Most shifts are two to four hours long, depending on the event. Volunteers prepare the salad bar, cut vegetables, cut and plate desserts, put food in pans. Fill hot and cold buffets with food, wash pots, put away food and equipment. You get to eat free every time you work! The busy season is September through mid-May, but we also have a few summer events that will require help. We welcome volunteers of all ages! Cooking skills are not necessary. Come have fun with us in the Village Kitchen! Please contact Chef Emily at emily.berns@villagepres.org or 913-671-2348.

VILLAGE CUP COFFEE SHOP – Beginning in late September, we would appreciate assistance Mondays through Fridays, morning through early afternoon. Shifts would be two to four hours in length, depending on the day and the volunteer's availability. Great for preschool moms while the kids are in class! The Cup volunteers will greet customers, take orders, make all types of drinks, restock supplies and wipe tables and counters. You get a free beverage when you work! Contact Dena Keehne, Village Cup coordinator at dena.keehne@villagepres.org or 913-671-2330.

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.*