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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 8, 2018 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Jesus was a preacher and a prophet and a healer and a teacher. In today's sermon text, Jesus is teaching. First, he is teaching the Jewish religious leaders about who he is and what it means to be with him. Then, when his disciples complain about the difficulty of what Jesus said to the religious leaders, Jesus teaches them so that they would better understand what it means to be his disciples. The same is true for us. As hard as these words might be, the Holy Spirit is using Jesus' teaching so that we might better understand what it means to live as followers of Jesus Christ.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Chorale from Sonata No. 1*  
by Benjamin Cornelius-Bates

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Sisters and brothers, we meet today to worship God.

**We meet today to adore the Lord our God.**

Through the struggles of our lives, we respond to God's call to worship.

**And we come in worship to love our God supremely.**

As we seek to love God and each other,

**Our souls are hungry for You, O God.**

So feed us, O God, with the bread of heaven.

**That Your holy manna will be showered around.**

\*Hymn, No. 396

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*  
HOLY MANNA

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,**

**In Jesus Christ, You broke down the barriers of sin that separate us  
from our neighbors, ourselves, and You.**

**Yet we confess that we continue to build those barriers  
when we deny Your presence in our busy days,  
when we feel justified in our anger and resentment toward others,  
when we judge others before looking at ourselves,  
when we do not follow Your call because we are afraid,  
when we complain that Your teaching is too hard.**

**Forgive us, O God, and grant us wisdom and courage  
for the living of these days. (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

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**

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.)

Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 6:56-69 (pg.973)

Sermon

*To Whom Can We Go?*

Rev. Pen Peery

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 837

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SHOWALTER

Offertory

*Creation Will Be at Peace* (9:30 a.m.)

music: Anna Laura Page; Summer Choir

*Ruhig bewegt* from *Sonata II* (11 a.m.)

by Paul Hindemith

\*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. 749

*Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

\*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

*Holy Manna*  
by Wilber Held

*\*All who are able may stand*  
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## OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY

Village Church welcomes the Rev. Pen Peery to the pulpit today. Rev. Peery is in his sixth year serving as the senior pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Charlotte, NC. He is a native of Charlotte and a sixth-generation Presbyterian minister. In addition to being the son of two Presbyterian ministers, Pen's wife, Lindsey, is also a minister. Pen's claim to fame here at Village is that he is the brother of the Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin and brother-in-law to the Rev. Jarrett McLaughlin, both of whom served here as associate pastors. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary. He is currently studying for his Doctor of Ministry degree. He has served congregations in Richmond, VA, and Shreveport, LA. Pen and Lindsey have four children. He is a member of the NEXT Church strategy team with Rev. Tom Are and the board of trustees of Columbia Theological Seminary with Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka.

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of July 9, 2018)

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

### **Monday, July 9**

**Philippians 1:3-11**

Paul prays for his friends in Philippi. He prays for their joy in sharing the gospel and affirms that God is doing good work among them. From the floor of his prison, he prays giving thanks to them for holding him in their hearts. He prays for their love to overflow in their cup. This is a letter of friendship.

### **Tuesday, July 10**

**Philippians 1:27-30**

Paul reminds his friends and us to live life "worthy of the gospel of Christ" that is to live in community. He says there will be struggles living faithfully in community but to "stand firm" and to strive "side by side" in one spirit. This is "God's doing" because God has given us belief as the one body of Christ.

### **Wednesday, July 11**

**Philippians 2:1-5**

Paul's lesson to be of the same mind does not mean to think the same way. On the contrary, it means learning humility as an act of rejoicing in another's joys, interests, compassions, sympathies, and love as more than our own. It means learning how to live with a mind centered on Christ, and the life of Christ as one who emptied himself and served all of God's children.

### **Thursday, July 12**

**Philippians 2:12-13**

The best kind of learning is when we're all learning together. When Paul instructs us to "work out our own salvation," he is not addressing us individually. He is addressing the entire community. He is teaching that God is at work in each of us, all at the same time. So, how can we see God's work in each other? How is God working in every life around us? How do we discern together what God is calling us to be?

### **Friday, July 13**

**Philippians 3:12-16**

Paul's words are a good reminder that what is ahead of us is where hope is leading us. It is a confident anticipation of things to come. The goals we strive for, the promises we hope for, is the journey before us. Our trusting that grace will lead us, is trusting that God will somehow be revealed to us in our dreams. So, let us press on until we make God's dreams our own, because Christ has made us His own.

### **Saturday, July 14**

**Philippians 4:8-9**

Paul's final word is that whatever we do, whatever is true, just or pleasing, keep doing these things. Keep on learning from our faith, because by doing those things we keep God close. If we are able to think about the joy we have learned in sharing the gospel, in seeing God at work in community, in holding each other in prayer and compassion, then we will know Christ's peace in the world and within us.

Join Us For  
**SUMMER SING**

Fauré's "Requiem" and Parry's "I Was Glad"

7 P.M. THURSDAY, AUG. 2

Village on  
Mission Sanctuary

Scores provided

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## TODAY AT VILLAGE

**WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!** Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

**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:

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| Today   | Rev. Len Carrell, pastor for pastoral care                                       |
| July 15 | Ms. Caroline Barnett, senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary |
| July 22 | Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor                                |
| 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.

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

**BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES** – Future baptism dates are Sept. 16 and Nov. 18. 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** – It has been a summer full of joy and delight, and more is yet to come! We send a heartfelt "Thank You" to Village Church for coming together to make our Vacation Bible School possible for 200 children. As we begin July 16, please keep us in your prayers. If you would still like to join a leader team, you may sign up at [bit.ly/VOMVBSvolunteer](http://bit.ly/VOMVBSvolunteer) or call 913-671-2350.



## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**AGE 40S/50S DINNER AT MANNY'S** – 6 p.m. Thursday, July 26. Village Church is offering a fun dinner opportunity for people in their 40s & 50s (couples and singles) at Manny's Mexican Restaurant. Manny's is family owned and located at 207 Southwest Blvd in Kansas City, Mo. Enjoy a taste of Mexico! Each person responsible for their own tab. Space is limited. RSVP: Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – During July, while the children are home for lunch, the Food Pantry is asking for hearty soups. Hearty soups are kid friendly for the children to prepare and very nourishing to eat. The Pantry is hoping to fill the shelves again with your donations. Please pick up several cans on your weekly grocery shopping trips. The Clothes Closet is continuing to ask for towels and washcloths, sheets and pillowcases - they fly off the shelf as soon as they arrive. Thank you for your generosity.

**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 for more information.

**VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES** – This 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!

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**CARE NOTES ARE AVAILABLE** – A wide selection of Care Notes is provided at the main resource shelf rack and at other locations throughout the church. A sampling of what is available to you includes "Giving Your Worries to God", "What to Say to Someone Who is Grieving" and "Praying as a Family". Check them out and help yourself!

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**WOW LUNCHEON** – We hope you can join Women of Wisdom (WOW) at noon, Tuesday, July 24, at Charleston's, 8817 State Line, KC, MO, at the south end of Ward Parkway Shopping Center. An upscale casual restaurant featuring traditional American classics, Charleston's opened just nine months ago. Access is easy via State Line and turning east on 89th St. where there is ample parking. RSVP by Monday, July 23, to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or [dianelee@att.net](mailto:dianelee@att.net).

## SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

**BE A VOTER** – July 17 is the deadline for voter registration in Kansas. Registration and nonpartisan candidate information will be available outside Friendship Hall on the following Sundays: today, July 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**BEER & BIBLE** – 7 p.m. Thursdays at KC Bier Co. in Waldo, 310 W. 79th St., KCMO. Bring a Bible! Pizza is on us, drinks are on you. This month: Loving the Stranger in Scripture. All 20s and 30s invited.

**COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY** – 5:30 p.m. this Wednesday, July 11, (family dinner), 6-7 p.m. Bible Study (childcare provided). Every second Wednesday come connect with other young adult parents while kiddos are cared for in the nursery. RSVP at [VillagePresYA.org/couples](http://VillagePresYA.org/couples).

**LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY AT THE ROYALS!** Let's go out to the ballgame on July 21. A handful of tickets remain. 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 – There's no Late Table this week while we are in Montreat! Late Table will return on July 15.

**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 – There's no Late Nite this week while we are in Montreat! Late Nite will return on July 17.

**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.

**ONE MORE SUMMER TRIP!** – Sign-ups are still available for the high school Boundary Waters adventure. You can register and pay for trips online at [villagepresyouth.org/forms](http://villagepresyouth.org/forms).

**HIGH SCHOOLERS IN MONTREAT** – This week some of our high schoolers are in North Carolina at the Montreat High School Conference. Please pray for safe travels and for this time to be both meaningful and life changing!

### 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!

## **Awe Moment**

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

—Luke 6:38



## **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.

## **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

## 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
June 24	Rev. Matt Gaventa, senior pastor, University Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas
July 1	Rev. Sarah Wiles, pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Wash.
<b>July 8</b>	<b>Rev. Pen Peery</b> , senior pastor, First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C.
July 15	Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick
July 22	Rev. Hallie Hottle
July 29	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 5	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 12	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 19	Rev. 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 ❖ Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor  
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.*