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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 15, 2018 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

They had him right where they wanted him. Jesus had caused too much trouble for them to let him continue, so the Pharisees and Herodians set to him a question in the public square that would undoubtedly alienate a large part of the crowd and sabotage his ministry. But Jesus didn't fall into the trap; in fact, he led them, and leads us, towards freedom in his answer. So today we ask: how do we keep from getting trapped?

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# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Moonlight Sonata*

Ludwig van Beethoven; Marvie Sneegas, pianist

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

Loving God, we come to You in worship and thanksgiving.

**Open us to the possibilities**

**set before us in Jesus Christ's ministry.**

Your wisdom is greater than we can know;

**may the truth set us free.**

Your love is greater than we can imagine;

**kindle our hearts for You and our neighbor.**

Fount of wisdom and love, pour out Your Spirit upon us.

**As we worship You, show us the way, truth and life.**

\*Hymn, No. 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

\*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

**We abuse Your gifts of imagination and freedom,**

**turning them into bonds of oppression for ourselves and our neighbors.**

**We create and accept false choices**

**to spare ourselves the trouble of discerning Your will.**

**We make excuses to stay silent in the face of injustice, so we do not become victims ourselves.**

**We are trapped by our sin**

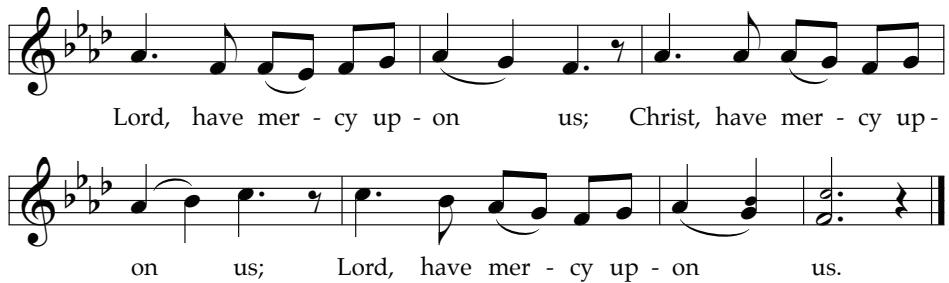
**and shackled in the godless fetters of this world.**

**Merciful God, have mercy upon us.**

**Forgive our apathy, fear, and failure of imagination.**

**In Jesus Christ, continue to show us a better way,**

**and free us to serve the world in His name.** (Silent Reflection)



\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

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

\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Baptismal Response

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Anthem (9:30 a.m.)

*Beautiful City*  
Stephen Schwartz; Len Carrell, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

Patti Howell (9:30 a.m.)  
Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22 (pg. 900)

Sermon

*Trapped?*

Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 450

*Be Thou My Vision*  
SLANE

Offertory

*Come to the Water* (9:30 a.m.)  
Arr.: Howard Helvey; Summer Choir

\*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. 623

*I've Got Peace Like a River*  
PEACE LIKE A RIVER

\*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

*Valse, Op. 64, No. 1*  
Frederic Chopin

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today we are thankful for the chance to hear the musical gifts of our very own Rev. Len Carrell. Len has a long love of the theater. Since his first role as Charlie, in a church production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," Len has been a student of the human condition and bringing stories to life. Originally from Katy, Texas, Len moved to New York City after being awarded a scholarship to attend The American Musical and Dramatic Academy. After completing his studies, he earned his Actor's Equity card and has performed both in New York and across the country.

Marvie Sneegas has been a long time Village Church and Choir member, offering her gifts frequently for Sunday morning worship and memorials. She is an accomplished accompanist and soprano soloist, having performed all over the world. We are grateful to Marvie for her musical leadership today.

# THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of July 16, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Andrew Frazier (Village Church member attending Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary) and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, listen to the song, 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 16

**Psalm 88**

Unlike other psalms of lament, the psalmist's lament here is anything but formulaic; it is raw, authentic, unrelenting, and supremely faithful. God remains hidden and silent, yet the psalmist continues to cry out, condemning God's absence. Have you felt like the psalmist? Who are today's psalmists? Do we acknowledge their suffering? Or do we, too, remain hidden and silent?

"Hear My Prayer, O Lord" – Henry Purcell

## Tuesday, July 17

**John 13:1-20**

I'm never more like Peter than when I receive a gift. Like the disciple, I usually respond with some mix of confusion, unworthiness, bargaining, refusal, and eventual, begrudging acceptance. Why is it so difficult to receive what is freely given? How can we truly serve if we do not allow others to serve us?

"Love Bade Me Welcome" from *Five Mystical Songs* – Ralph Vaughan Williams

## Wednesday, July 18

**Matthew 26:6-13**

An unnamed woman performs a deed of purest faith, love, and devotion that is completely misunderstood. Her deed continues to be misunderstood, most notoriously to justify neglect of the poor. Who in your life has acted in a way that was misunderstood, perhaps even misunderstood by you? Whose deeds need to be remembered? Whose stories do we tell?

"The Woman with the Alabaster Box" – Arvo Pärt

## Thursday, July 19

**James 2:14-18**

Sexism. Climate change. Systemic racism. Gun violence. LGBTQ+ discrimination. The stigmatization of mental illness. The list goes on. With so much injustice in the world, it is easy to feel like nothing we do matters, or that others are simply not doing enough. But we cannot discount the value of even the smallest acts of justice and love. "A little something" can add up.

"This is (Not) a Protest Song" – René Marie

## Friday, July 20

**Romans 8:26-27**

*Oremus.* Let us pray. In our hearts' deepest sighs, beyond word and thought, let us pray.

"Oremus," from *Gloria Patri* – Urmas Sisask

## Saturday, July 21

**Romans 8:38-39**

If your faith matches Paul's, thanks be to God! If you frequently experience seasons of doubt, you are not alone. If you are lost and suffering, there is a place for you. God's love encompasses all of us no – matter our faith or doubts, our joy or pain – and it will never let us go.

"A Place for You" – Melanie DeMore

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.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Marjorie 'Mardie' Kirkwood by Tom Kirkwood.

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** – Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children, at 9:30 a.m.: Caroline Lyle Becker (Jessica and Mike Becker, parents); and Noah Christopher Langford (Michelle and Andrew Langford, parents). At 11 a.m.: Finley Lucille Cook (Shannon and Joe Cook, parents); and Conway James Schepmann (Erin and Chris Schepmann, parents).

**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 worshiping 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) or 913-671-2331.

**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) or 913-671-2331 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** – 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. Upcoming classes include:

Today	Caroline Barnett, senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
July 22	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
July 29	Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor for pastoral care
Aug. 5	Rev. Jay McKell, retired minister and friend of Village of Church

**THE UPCOMING FALL 2018 VILLAGE U TERM** will offer a wide variety of classes that include a Bible Study with Rev. Tom Are, Jr., Essential Oils with Elissa Duncan, Wreath Making, Exploring Art with the Nelson-Atkins Museum, a variety of helpful computer classes and many more. Look for the catalog the first week of August. **Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20, for church members and at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, for community members.**

## 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** – Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow at Village on Mission. We are ready for the Ride of a Lifetime with God on a Rolling River Rampage! Thank you, our Village, for your prayers and support and many helping hands preparing for VBS week.

## 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 is responsible for their own tab. Space is limited. RSVP: Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359.

**CASUAL GOLF OUTING** - The monthly outings are a four-person scramble format. All are invited. You don't have to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Longview/Fred Arbanas on Tuesday, Aug. 14, with 8 a.m. Tee Time. RSVP is Aug. 2. Contact Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or [bradsteil@everestkc.net](mailto:bradsteil@everestkc.net) or Art Newcomer at 913-752-7540 or [artnewcome@aol.com](mailto:artnewcome@aol.com) to sign up.

**AGE 60S DINNER AT RED SNAPPER BISTRO - 6 P.M. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8** – Village Church is offering a fun dinner opportunity for people in their 60s (couples and singles) at Red Snapper Bistro. Red Snapper is famous for "teriyaki" and "sweet & sour" menu items. Location: 8430 Ward Parkway in Kansas City, Mo. Each person is responsible for their own tab. RSVP to [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2359.

## MISSION

**FOOD PANTRY** – We don't often think of hearty soups in the middle of summer, but the Food Pantry does because we know how nourishing it is for lunch and so easy for children home from school for the summer to prepare. Please donate several cans when you come to church each week. The Clothes Closet continues to have a need for large and x-large summer clothing, we can't keep enough in stock for the demand.

## 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

**NURSES NEEDED AT THE FOOD PANTRY** – Village nurses take blood pressure checks every Monday and Tuesday morning, and all-day Thursday, and assist with various health topics, including answering questions about medications, providing nutritional counseling and sharing loving concern. Nurses are always needed to serve at the Food Pantry. If you would like to volunteer your talent and time, please contact Carolyn Larsen at 913-888-2986.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**WOW LUNCHEON** – Hope you can join Women of Wisdom (WOW) for a noon lunch on Tuesday, July 24, at Charleston's, 8817 State Line, Kansas City, 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 at 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 22, 29 and Aug. 5.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

**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 – 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.

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

## **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!

### **About Andrew Frazier Author of this week's Church's Book**

Village Church member Andrew Frazier is a candidate for ordained ministry under care of Heartland Presbytery. He is about to begin his senior year at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary as a Master of Divinity student. A Georgia native, he received his Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Georgia. Andrew is still discerning his call, but he is interested in a ministry that authentically expresses and lives into faith through the intersection of worship, music, the creative arts, lament, doubt, and hopelessness.



### **Summer Sermon Series: Great Expectations**

What should you expect as a visitor, regular attender, new member or long-time member of Village Presbyterian Church? What does God expect of each of us as followers of Jesus Christ? What does God expect of us all as a faithful congregation?

The Strategic Framework, proposed by the Strategic Planning Team and adopted by the Session in November 2017, identified four expectations for Village Church.

Beginning on the last Sunday of July and continuing for the following three Sundays, the Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor, will preach on each of the four expectations.

- July 29 Expecting to be Invitational – Come and See!
- Aug. 5 Expecting to be Magnetic – How to Build an Ark
- Aug. 12 Expecting to be Formational – Body Building
- Aug. 19 Expecting to be Leaders – Leading as Loving

## 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.
- 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 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 connectional ministries ♦ Ellen Wootton, interim director of children and family ministry

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

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*Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."*

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is a recording of the previous week's service.*

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