



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 17, 2016 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

In his commentary on today's Bible passage from Luke's Gospel, Fred Craddock, professor of preaching and New Testament at Emory University, writes: "The everyday activity of home and marketplace, farm and fishing boat, provided Jesus with not only revelations of the true character of his listeners, but also opportunities to reveal the way of life in the reign of God. The Greek historian Plutarch once observed that it is in the small, apparently trivial act that character is most accurately reflected. And if the incarnation teaches us anything, it is that the frequent and familiar are not to be overlooked in defining life in the presence of God. Therefore, those who treat these verses lightly as just a bit of social commentary by Jesus have missed the meaning. The subject here is the kingdom of God."

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Nimrod
by Edward Elgar; Ann Lewis, piano

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

O sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing, and give praise to God's name;

Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Sing of God's blessings and mercies from the fount that is never ceasing;

We tune our hearts to sing of God's grace.

Sing of the waters of baptism;

Let us worship God who in Jesus Christ has marked us as God's own forever.

*Hymn, No. 475

Come, Thou Fount
NETTLETON

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace,

We gather as a people so grateful for your every blessing and your streams of mercy never ceasing, yet we readily acknowledge that we are prone to wander from you.

We are prone to seek our own way and to rely on ourselves more than upon you.

When invited to your kingdom table, we are prone to believe we earned our place with our goodness and our faithfulness.

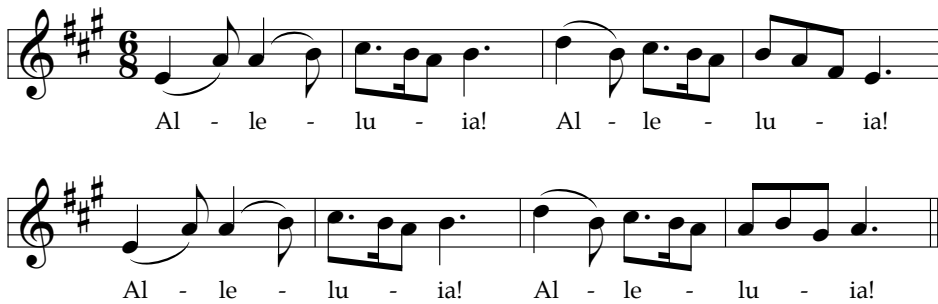
When we gather at your table, we believe in our heart of hearts that we deserve a place of honor closest to you.

Forgive us, O God. Forgive our arrogance. Forgive our false humility. Forgive us for believing even for one moment that we deserve any of your blessings and mercy.

(Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Time with the Children

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn, No. 482

Baptized in Water

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Ian O'Neal (9:30 a.m.)

Matt Schotte (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1-14 (pg. 951)

Sermon

New Table Manners

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 727 (st. 1,2,5)

Will You Let Me Be your Servant
THE SERVANT SONG

Offertory

The Gift of Love
words and music: Hal Hopson; The Summer Choir (9:30 a.m.); Jeff Howe, tenor (11 a.m.)

*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

Rev. Hallie Hottle

*Hymn, No. 203

Jesu, Jesu
CHEREPONI

*Benediction

*Response

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

*Postlude

Confidence
by Felix Mendelssohn; Ann Lewis, piano

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of July 18, 2016)

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, July 18

Philippians 1:1-11

Paul writes to the Philippian congregation and remembers their past with them. You have shared in the gospel from the first day until now. Faith is like that. There are those in our past who have strengthened us. Who is that for you? Who would speak of you as one who shares in the faith with them?

Tuesday, July 19

Philippians 1:12-18

The Philippians are worried about Paul because he is in jail. But he tells them that he is all right. The gospel is being proclaimed. Of course, he would like to be out of jail, but what is most important is that he is able to live his faith. Even in the harshest moments of our lives, living our faith gives us comfort. Life can take much from us, but never the opportunity to be faithful.

Wednesday, July 20

Philippians 1:19-30

Paul sees his options from prison. He will die there. If so, Christ is still Lord. So Paul is not afraid. If he is released, he will rejoin this congregation in ministry. That is his joy. Either way, there is nothing to fear. When you find yourself free from fear, nothing in the world can destroy you.

Thursday, July 21

Philippians 2:1-13

God is at work in you. The description of Christ in this passage is one of humility. Such humility may seem to be evidence of the absence of God, but Paul speaks to the contrary...this is the power of God at work in Christ and in us.

Friday, July 22

Philippians 2:19-31

This is a passage about friendships. These people love each other. When they can see one another, there is reason to rejoice. Who are the people who fill your heart? What are your reasons for rejoicing today?

Saturday, July 23

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Paul does not speak of the gospel as a single moment experience; he is pressing on. Every day brings new opportunities to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Paul, even in prison, knows that he is not alone, for others are pressing on as well. It is important for us all to remember that we are not alone in our Christian journey.

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.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST LITTLE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH - Join Children and Family Ministry in welcoming the following little ones born recently: June Louise Ballard (Laura and Joseph Ballard, parents) and Avery Elle Wendt (Tanya Rodecker-Wendt and Sam Wendt, parents). Roses will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday in July to celebrate these new babies. If you are a member of Village Church and have a new baby, share the excitement with us. Call 816-671-2350 or 816-671-2355.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY - Welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate their baptisms: **9:30 a.m.:** June Louise Ballard (Laura and Joseph Ballard, parents); Turner Samuel Hannawald (Lauren and Jeff Hannawald, parents); Jeffrey Ray Hannawald; Annie James O'Neill (Emily and T.J. O'Neill, parents); Hayley Alice Pepper (Megan and Clayton Pepper, parents) and Tatiana Rosaria and Antonia Rea Ventola (Sarah and P.J. Ventola, parents). **11 a.m.:** Luna Mildred Ludwig (Meagan and Greg Ludwig, parents); Nathaniel William Vonnahme (Elizabeth and Greg Vonnahme, parents) and at **The Gathering:** Aiden Oliver Hamburg (Kelsie and Travis Hamburg, parents).

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mardie Kirkwood by her family.

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.)

PRESCHOOL 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-5 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 14:1-14	Parable of the Wedding Banquet, taught by Rev. Zach Walker
July 24	Luke 14:15-24	Parable of the Great Dinner, taught by Rev. Len Carrell
July 31	Luke 16:19-31	Rich Man and Lazarus, taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka

WATCH FOR THE FALL 2016 VILLAGE U CATALOG ... COMING SOON! Village U 2016 fall term registration for Village members begins on Monday, Aug. 15. For non-members registration begins on Monday, Aug. 22. We hope you will spend some time discovering all of the opportunities for both young and older adults to grow in knowledge and faith together. The fall 2016 Village U curriculum offers a wide spectrum of classes in the areas of Art, Christian Living, Computer, Family Life, Health and Wellness, Leisure and Life Skills.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

CLIMATE & ENERGY IN KANSAS FORUM - Our committee is co-sponsoring a political forum about environmental issues across Kansas at 7 p.m. Monday, July 25, in Rooms 126/127. Entitled "State of the State: Climate & Energy in Kansas," this forum will focus on environmental issues affecting Kansans, including human health and social/environmental justice. Moderator Rev. Kirk Perucca will be joined by four panelists: Dorothy Barnett, Kristin Riott, Rep. Barbara Bollier and Rep. Stephanie Clayton.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - The Food Pantry is requesting hot weather personal care items for its clients - deodorant, bar soap, sunscreen, insect repellents (mosquitoes!), shampoo, etc. There also is a request for Bibles, for which some clients have been asking. If you have an extra one at your house that you are not using, the Pantry can find a good home for it. The Clothes Closet continues to ask for summer clothing - in this hot weather, we cannot have too much.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

VILLAGE VISITORS BRING SMILES - A smiling visitor from Village helps those who cannot make it to worship feel connected to our church. Village Visitors make one visit a month to someone who is homebound, in rehab or lonely - and the visit makes a world of difference. If you can help spread sunshine, contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2327.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MISSION SEWING - Attention: Knitters! We need to start stockpiling mittens for Family Conservatory. We have yarn for you to pick up on any Tuesday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. We still need hats, too, both baby and children's sizes. Contact Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515 for more information.

WOW LUNCH AT THE TAVERN AT MISSION FARMS - Ladies of all ages are welcome to come to the Women of Wisdom (WOW) lunch at noon on Wednesday, July 20. We will meet at The Tavern at Mission Farms, 10681 Mission Road in Leawood, a popular restaurant that features classic American cuisine served in a stylish, comfortable setting. RSVP by July 19 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608. We look forward to sharing warm fellowship with you.

SOCIAL WITNESS AND ADVOCACY

GETTING OUT THE VOTE IN KANSAS! The Village Church Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force will address questions and distribute information about the Aug. 2 Kansas primary election after the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sanctuary worship services and the 5 p.m. Gathering service today and Sundays, July 24-31, in Friendship Hall. President Franklin D. Roosevelt asserted: "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves, and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is a new ministry of Village Church for all 20s and 30s. Connect with us: Facebook. [com/VillagePresYA](https://www.facebook.com/VillagePresYA), Twitter [@VillagePresYA](https://twitter.com/VillagePresYA).

EXTENDED TABLE - Worship 5 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m., Friendship Hall - We'll gather after The Gathering for relaxed dinner and conversation about that week's topic in Friendship Hall. Sleep in, then come feed your body and your soul.

BIER AND BONHOEFFER - Every Thursday in 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!

SOFTBALL ACROSS STATE LINES! - 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30, (field location TBA). No softball skills necessary (though helpful!) to play with the first ever Village YA Softball Team as we take on Second Pres. KC's Young Adults! Email hallie.hottle@villagepres.org to sign up!

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!

Please Welcome Ryan Main as Our Interim Director of Music Ministry

Ryan Main is a composer, director and educator. He has worked with children, youth and adults. For the past seven years, he has been director of choirs at Van Horn High School and Nowlin Middle School in Independence, Mo. His choirs earn regular superior ratings and were recently honored with a performance at the American Choral Directors' Association Southwest regional conference. Under his leadership, both choir programs have grown by hundreds of students.

Ryan has also served as the director of music at two congregations.

"I am so thrilled to begin working at Village," said Ryan. "To the members of the choir, I am profoundly grateful to join you in music ministry and eager to serve you. To the staff and members of Village Presbyterian Church, thank you for the warmest of welcomes. I am proud to call Village home."

Ryan holds a Master's of Music in Music Composition and a Master's of Music in Music Education from the prestigious Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University, where he studied with Michael Hersch and Kevin Puts. He holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Composition from the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Conservatory of Music and Dance.

Ryan is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the Missouri Choral Directors Association, the National Association for Music Education and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Welcome to Village, Ryan!



THE GATHERING

SUMMER WORSHIP

5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall | June – August

Festival of Faiths Presents *Bingo on the Boulevard*

The Kansas City Festival of Faiths is pleased to announce four performances of *Bingo on the Boulevard* from July 23-30 at the Jerome Stage at the Unicorn Theatre (3838 Main). In the play, Troost Avenue—long KC’s line of demarcation— and its neighborhood people come to life at monthly bingo. Then tragedy hits. Inspired by true stories collected in local interviews, the play draws you into everyday worlds of an illegal immigrant, a pastor for social justice, a mentally ill outcast, a female impersonator and more. It is written by Donna W. Ziegenhorn, author of the popular interfaith play, *The Hindu and the Cowboy*. Tickets (\$10) are on sale at kcfringe.org or at the door.

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.

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 storytelling. 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 join Jesus at the table of his ministry. There we will find not simply a summer picnic, but a feast!

June 12	Jesus and the Zero-Star Restaurant
June 19	Sinners, Pharisees and Plenty of Oil
June 26	Lonely in Bethsaida
July 3	He Just Wanted a Simple Wedding
July 10	Sister Act: Mary and Martha
July 17	New Table Manners
July 24	I Can't Make It: You Won't Believe What Happened
July 31	All The Lonely People, Where Do They All Come From?
Aug. 7	Is It "Today" Yet?
Aug. 14	Life and Death at the Table
Aug. 21	Do You Eat Fish?
Aug. 28	Youth Sunday

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
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, 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.*