SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 29, 2018 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

In the first chapter of John’s gospel, Jesus encounters the first two disciples and they ask him where he is staying. He invites them to “come and see,” and their journey together begins. In today’s reading, when the Samaritan woman encounters Jesus, she runs back to her town and invites others to “come and see” Jesus. To be invitational is to accept Jesus’ invitation to journey with him like the disciples and then to invite others to join in the journey like the Samaritan woman.
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude
Excerpts from Mass on the Second Tone
by André Raison

Call to Worship

Remember the promise of the Lord:

God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.
The Spirit helps us in our weakness,
intervening with sighs too deep for words.
Come sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove.
Stay right here with us and fill us with your love.
For in worship, the Spirit of God revives the whole earth.
Bless the name of the Lord!

*Hymn, No. 408

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
You invite us to follow You,
yet time and again we fear Your call.
Forgive us for fearing the wrong thing.
Instead of fearing Your call, we should fear:

Our capacity to deceive and willingness to be deceived.
Our loving of things and using of people.
Our addiction to comfort and sedation of conscience.
Our readiness to criticize and reluctance to create.
Our clamor for privilege and silence at injustice.
Our seeking security and forsaking Your invitation.

Have mercy upon us. (Silent prayer)
*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; certain as the air I breathe certain as the morning sun that rises, as certain 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

Anthem (9:30 a.m.)

Love Divine
music: Benedetto Marcello; Tami Morrow and Carolyn Baruch, soloists

Prayer for Illumination
Laura Edgington (9:30 a.m.)
Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading
John 4:27-29, 39-42 (pg. 969)

Sermon
Come and See!
Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

This Little Light of Mine
TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

1. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
   This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
   This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
   Let is shine, let is shine, let it shine.

2. Everywhere I go…

3. Jesus gave it to me…

Offertory

Hallelujah (from Gospel Mass) (9:30 a.m.)
music: Robert Ray; Summer Choir

Love Divine (11 a.m.)
music: Benedetto Marcello; Tami Morrow and Carolyn Baruch, soloists

*Response

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 301

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.

*Postlude

Excerpts from Mass on the Second Tone
by André Raison

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

MUSIC NOTES

Carolyn Baruch has been singing since 1st grade when she joined the Village Church kids' choir and had her first solo in this Sanctuary. She currently sings in the Village Choir and Chamber Choir as well as two small ensembles outside of church. Since getting her Music Therapy degree from KU, she's sung in numerous groups in the Chicago and Kansas City areas. Carolyn and her husband, Jeff, own a medical website design company and just saw their son, Bryan, graduate from high school.

Some people find their talent early in life. Tami Morrow is one of those lucky ones. She won a Bentonville, Ark. singing contest at the age of five and has been perfecting her craft ever since. Tami contributes her alto voice to the Village Choir and Village Chamber Choir, as well as Summer Singers. Although she would like to spend more time keeping up with her New Yorker subscription, she can often be found nurturing her thriving garden, whose abundance she shares with family and friends. Tami enjoys attending local fine arts performances with friends and traveling with her husband, John. A proud alumna of William Jewell College, Tami has had a dedicated career in the field of community education, first at William Jewell, and currently at Metropolitan Community College-Longview, where she is the community education coordinator.
The following daily Bible readings were written by Molly Ramsey (Village Church member who will start at Princeton Theological Seminary this fall) 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 30**  
**Psalm 145**

It’s a new morning! It’s a new day! Lamentations tells us that the Lord’s mercies are new every morning. What blessings are you grateful for this morning? What can you offer up in thanksgiving to begin this day?

**Tuesday, July 31**  
**Psalm 146**

The psalmist reminds us to always put our trust first in God. The Lord does wonderful and marvelous things. Humanity is imperfect and broken, but by placing our trust first in God, we can know where our hope comes from. We will not be without trials and tribulations, but the peace of God, which transcends understanding, will be with us.

**Wednesday, Aug. 1**  
**Psalm 147:1-6**

It is easy to forget that we are all brokenhearted. We have all been disappointed. Some scars heal more quickly than others. Some scars are hidden more easily than others. Our brokenness, our humanity and our faith connect us to one another. Today, be aware of those around you. Tend to them, strive to love them as God calls you to love them.

**Thursday, Aug. 2**  
**Psalm 147, 7-11**

It is summertime in the midwest. Some summers are cool and full of booming thunderstorms, some summers are dry and the green grass fades to brown by early July. The thunderstorms, even when rare, continue to roll in. How powerful and creative our Creator must be! What part of God’s creation causes you to stop and gaze upon it with awe?

**Friday, Aug. 3**  
**Psalm 130**

Waiting is difficult. We wait for loved ones. We wait for employment. We wait for forgiveness. We wait for reconciliation. We wait for the Lord; our souls wait. Grant us patience, God, to be your people in our times of waiting. Grant us courage, God, to move as your people in this world, even while we are waiting.

**Saturday, Aug. 4**  
**Psalm 56**

In God we trust; we are not afraid. Forgive us, O God, when fear consumes us. When “What if?” becomes less of a question and more of an assumption; when we choose to ignore your truth. Let us repeat it to ourselves when we are afraid: In God we trust. In faith we are called.
About Molly Ramsey
Author of This Week’s Church’s Book

Village Church member Molly Ramsey is an inquirer for ordained ministry under care of Heartland Presbytery. Molly serves as the ministry assistant at Village on Antioch. Her involvement there, as well as with the Village Church Young Adults, has played a crucial role in discerning a call to ministry. This fall, she will begin her junior year at Princeton Theological Seminary as a Master of Divinity student. Look for a story about Molly in the Aug. 1 "Good News."

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
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 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@villagepresh.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@villagepresh.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 – 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:

- Today     Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor for pastoral care
- Aug. 5    Rev. Jay McKell, honorably retired minister and friend of Village of Church
- Aug. 12   Ms. Claire Brettell, middler student at St. Paul School of Theology in Overland Park
- Aug. 19   Rev. Ky Weekley

THE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS: COPING, HOPING & ACTING – Dr. Chris King, retired U.S. Brigadier General, will present an assessment on the current status of global climate change mitigation, taking into account America’s current lack of participation in the landmark Paris Agreement. Dr. King represents the U.S. on an international military advisory security council and is an authority on the impact that climate change, water scarcity and other environmental issues have on national security and international stability. 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, Room 127.

TECH TALK WITH TONY – We will discuss how to use the internet in a safer manner. Learn to set a web browser on your computer, tablet or cellphone to access the internet incognito. Study how to get private and secure internet traffic to and from your websites. We will review the importance of security software for computer or mobile devices. Please come from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, to Room 316.

THE UPCOMING FALL 2018 VILLAGE U TERM will offer a wide variety of classes that include a movie about and a discussion with Holocaust survivor Big Sonia Warshawski, a timely class focusing on living as Christians led by popular columnist Bill Tammeus, a Genesis course taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka and more. Look for the online catalog Aug. 1. 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 – This is our final day of our Summer 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.

SUMMER CAMP – Heartland’s Traveling Day Camp begins tomorrow at Village on Antioch. Our two Village Church communities of 42 children come together and are being led by the Heartland staff, teamed up with staff from both of our church campuses. We are grateful for your prayers throughout.

SUMMER AND FALL IMPORTANT DATES – Family Worship Services (no Sunday school) are planned until the beginning of our new school year at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 9. Please mark your calendars for this special day to include our Sunday School Kick-off and our Parent Information and Family Welcome Party. Come to the south lawn by the preschool playground between services to learn and enjoy lemonade, s’mores, fun and fellowship.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

CASUAL GOLF OUTING - The monthly outings are a four-person scramble format. All are invited. You don’t 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 by Aug. 2. Contact Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net or Art Newcomer at 913-752-7540 or 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 or call 913-671-2359.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET – The Clothes Closet is asking for kitchen items: pots and pans, dishes, glassware, flatware. Check your cupboards - you might have some you are not using and the clients would love to use. The Food Pantry is again asking for favorites of the clients - canned beets, canned spinach and canned potatoes. Your donations make this mission a success. Thank you.

COLLECTING CRAYONS FOR THE DR – The Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) has an ongoing need of new or gently used crayons for their childhood nutrition education efforts in the D.R. Place crayon donations in the collection bin at the south side entrance to Friendship Hall. Contact Lora Garrison, director of international mission, at lora.garrison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390 with questions.

MUSIC MINISTRY

HANDBELL BASICS WORKSHOP – Have you ever listened to one of our handbell choirs and thought, “I’d like to try that?”! Here’s your opportunity! A free, three-session workshop will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 9, 16 and 23, in Room 14 at Village on Mission. Contact Leslie Conrad at conradleslie@aol.com or 913-341-2734 to sign up, or for more information.
JOIN THE VILLAGE CHOIR TOUR VII TO ANDALUCIA, SPAIN AND LISBON, PORTUGAL! – May 29-June 11, 2019. Time in Spain's southernmost region of Andalucia to visit its capital, Seville - a twin city with Kansas City! See amazing architectural wonders of Seville like the original La Giralda Tower as well as the Alhambra in Granada; the Mezquita in Cordoba; and a drive along the sun-drenched Costa del Sol, and the charming White Villages set in the hills near Cadiz. The choir will perform in three outstanding venues with spectacular organs. The tour is designed and managed by Lisa Ball Travel Design. A first information meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, in Room 14.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR THE FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH – If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, consider joining us at the Faith and Grief lunch noon-1 p.m. next Tuesday, Aug. 7, in Friendship Hall. You’ll receive comfort and resources. A box lunch is provided. Come that day or if you know you’re coming, register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

BE A VOTER – The Primary Election is Aug. 7. The General Election is Nov. 6. If you aren’t registered to vote, Oct. 16 is the deadline for registration for the General Election. Registration and nonpartisan candidate information will be available in Friendship Hall East on the following Sundays: today 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!

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 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.

HIGH SCHOOLERS IN BOUNDARY WATERS – Please pray for our high school students who are canoeing and camping in the Boundary Waters this week as they learn about simplicity, communing with God and contemplating the year ahead. The group will return on Aug. 4.

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!
Faith and Public Policy Forum
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31
Village on Antioch

Join us from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, in the Village on Antioch Sanctuary for a Faith and Public Policy Forum co-sponsored by Kansas Interfaith Action and Mainstream Coalition. Nonpartisan panels are intended to give factual information on issues of vital importance to voters of faith and conscience, in the weeks leading up to the 2018 elections. The panel will include advocates and activists who work daily on the vital issues facing voters in Kansas: the current state of Kansas finances, voter participation, criminal justice reform, the state of anti-poverty programs both in Kansas and nationally, gun violence and more.

Village Cup Summer Break

The Village Cup will be closed for summer break July 30-Aug. 3.
The Cup is open today.

The Gathering @ Grandview Park Presbyterian Church
5 p.m. Aug. 12 • 1613 Wilson Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66102

For one night we’ll move outside our walls to worship with our friends at GPPC in English and Spanish, and share a post-worship meal all together. Come, gather with us as we give witness to our God of hope who speaks every language, calls us to move with the Spirit, and unites us as the Body of Christ. See more at VPCTheGathering.org/juntos.

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 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 today 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

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
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

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at 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.*