



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 30, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

We read the final words of Acts today. The story ends with less than triumph. There has been some success and there has been failure. Grace has been powerful, but there has also been heartbreak. For the leaders of the church there has been suffering. But still Paul continues on.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Coranto from Suite for Trumpet and Keyboard
by Orlando Gibbons; arr. Adrian Cruft; Wayne Bates, trumpet

Call to Worship

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Come all you people, come and praise your maker!

We are here to praise the Lord of heaven and earth!

Come all you people, come and praise your maker!

We are here to lift our hearts in praise!

Come all you people, come and praise your maker!

**We are here with our joys and with our sorrows,
trusting that God welcomes us just as we are.**

Come all you people, come and praise your maker!

**We have nothing to fear, for God is with us every step of the journey,
and promises to lead us home.**

Come now and worship the Lord!

*Hymn, No. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

*Prayer of Confession

**Hear us, O God,
you of persistent grace,
as we proclaim:**

**in you, the darkness is never too deep,
in you, hope is never too much of a risk,
and in you, joy is never too far away.**

**There are moments when our faith in you feels fragile,
but the sturdiness of your truth
is not dependent on our ability to trust it.**

You are God and we are not.

**Forgive us when we forget this,
and remind us that this is always Good News. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Halle, Halle, Halle
arr. John Bell and Graham Maule



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



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*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

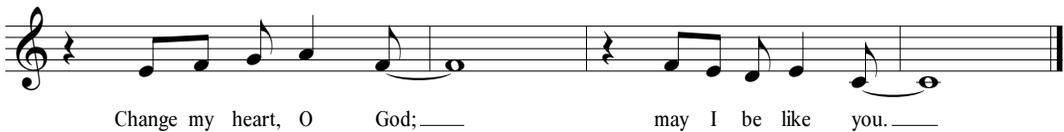
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

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

Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.); Bill Nulton (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Acts 28:23-31 (pg. 1023)

Sermon

It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God who gathers, protects, and cares for the church.

**We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints
called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force,
and that we must seek this unity and make it visible.**

**We believe that the sin of division, separation, and hatred
between people and groups has been conquered by Christ
and must be resisted by the church.**

**We believe that God wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people,
and that for as long as the world is full of injustice and enmity,
God will be, in a special way,
the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.**

To the one and only God be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn, No. 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

Offertory

Grace (9:30 a.m.)

arr. Mark Hayes; Summer Choir

Italian Ground from *Suite for Trumpet and Keyboard* (11 a.m.)
by Orlando Gibbons; arr. Adrian Cruft; Wayne Bates, trumpet

*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. 541 (st. 1-3)

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
RANDOLPH

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

*Postlude

The King's Juell from *Suite for Trumpet and Keyboard*
by Orlando Gibbons; arr. Adrian Cruft; Wayne Bates, trumpet

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

MUSIC NOTES

Today's Call to Worship incorporates the Zimbabwean processional song *Uyai mose* (Come All You People), into the liturgy. A favorite song of children, it is first sung by the choir as they enter. The congregation quickly picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of July 31, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Tom Are, Jr. 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 31

Mark 2:1-12

This paralyzed man was carried to Jesus. It is likely he was carried everywhere he went by these friends. It is an instructive word about healing—healing seldom happens in isolation. Healing of the body or the spirit requires community. At its essence, the church is just that: a community where we can find mending for our brokenness.

Tuesday, Aug. 1

Mark 2:13-17

Jesus eats with Levi. To eat together was to claim family ties; the table was the family table. Jesus will eat with anyone because in his eyes all people are children of God. When he invites us to the Lord's Table, it is his declaration that we are family with God and no one is excluded.

Wednesday, Aug. 2

Mark 2:18-22

The new wine will burst the old skins. Because the lives that we lead have yet to fulfill the call of God for us, we should expect God to do new things among us. And the new thing is not likely to fit into our lives if they stay "business as usual." It may require something new to your schedule or your routine; but the work of God is often the work of new life.

Thursday, Aug. 3

Mark 2:23-27

In every reading of this week we have noticed some opposition to Jesus' ministry. There have been questions raised, dissent expressed, soon plans will emerge to destroy him. It is something we should recognize: Jesus offends us sometimes. Think about that today. What is it in his message that challenges, maybe even offends you?

Friday, Aug. 4

Mark 3:1-6

This is more than a story about physical healing. God recognizes that, like a withered hand, there are forces in our lives that suck the life from us. Sometimes it is work or the lack thereof. Sometimes it is our own character or the demands of the day. Sometimes it is the lack of certainty about where we are going, but we can get sucked lifeless sometimes. It is to that moment and that circumstance that the gospel seeks to breathe life back into us. Of course, we still must "stretch out our hand."

Saturday, Aug. 5

Mark 3:31-35

These are my brothers and sisters. The scripture describes the church as family, as people who belong to one another because they belong to God. It is in living Christ's commandments that we act like family.

CELEBRATING OPUS 22

Pipe Organ^{Village} *Dedication*

**9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship Services
Sunday, Aug. 6**

Please join us for Organ Dedication Sunday as we walk through the church year with congregational singing accompanied by Dr. Elisa Bickers on our completed pipe organ, Richards, Fowkes & Co. Opus 22.



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-5 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. Diane Quaintance leads the class today and Dr. Rodger Nishioka will teach next Sunday, Aug. 6. 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Rooms 126-127.

TECH TALK WITH TONY – Village Church Computer Ministry team leader Tony Lui will tell you how to back up data on your mobile phone, tablet or laptop/desktop. Learn **WHAT** to consider when backing up, **WHERE** to back up (on an external storage device or in the Cloud), **HOW** to back up (manually back it up yourself or let your computer schedule it for you) and considerations to recover your information. For Apple devices, Android devices or Windows computers. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, in Room 316.

WATCH FOR THE FALL 2017 VILLAGE U CATALOG ... COMING AUG. 3! Registration for Village U 2017 fall term: Village Church members' registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14. Community registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21. You may register online, by telephone, by fax or by email. Child care will be available for most classes for a one-time \$40 fee per child for the term; reservations required in advance. Some classes will have a small fee for materials and resources; the fees will be noted in the class listing.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

JOIN US for the Environmental Action Committee's end-of-summer cookout from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 19 in Fairway Park. This delicious meal will be vegan and waste-free, with all locally-grown or organic ingredients and is free of charge. Come celebrate the planet and our church together over a tasty and sustainable meal. RSVP at bit.ly/EarthCareCookout, and email hannah.ratliff@villagepres.org with any questions. Can't wait to see you there!

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – With all the summer heat, the Clothes Closet has become very short of summer shirts for men and women. Any unused ones in your closet? The Closet also has had requests for can openers of all kinds, but mainly in the simple manual can openers. The Food Pantry's requests are for chicken or beef broth and canned tuna or chicken - and also standard size brown paper grocery sacks.

RECORD-BREAKING NUMBER OF GUESTS ATTEND CELEBRATION DOMINICANA – Approximately 210 guests attended Celebration Dominicana, an annual fundraiser for the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church (DRMP), on Friday, June 9, at the Vox Theatre. This is a critical event for the DRMP because it allows the organization to continue promoting sustainable health care for indigent people living in the barrios and bateyes (communities of Haitian sugarcane workers and their families). The DRMP provides medical and surgical care, ongoing hypertension management, disease prevention education, nutrition education and malnutrition prevention programs. If you are interested in participating in a DRMP mission trip, email or call Lora Garrison, director of international mission, at lora.garrison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390. All skills are needed.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH MEETS THIS WEEK – We hope you join us from noon–1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, for the Faith and Grief lunch. There will be a short program, table conversations, and lunch. There is no cost. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, join us in Friendship Hall. Registration is extremely helpful; go online at 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

MISSION SEWING continues to sew during the summer months. We have open spaces for sewers who would like to work from noon-3 p.m. We also need non-sewers who can stuff pillows and do some hand sewing and pressing. Contact Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515 (home) or 913-671-2329 (sewing room) any Tuesday from 8:30 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m.

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.

CHAT AND CHILL – High schoolers come hang out up in the youth offices each Monday from 10 a.m.-noon. It's relaxed, it's chill, and if you want to grab lunch afterward, that's cool, too!

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 from 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays for an evening of summer fellowship. New adventures planned each week!

An Ordination Invitation

Please join us for The Gathering tonight. Owen Gray, a former youth and pastoral intern at Village, will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament during the 5 p.m. service. All are invited to attend the service of worship in Friendship Hall.

Owen grew up a child of Village. At Village he was baptized, attended preschool and Sunday School, was confirmed, preached his first sermons, served as pastoral intern after graduating from college, married his wife, Grace, and baptized their daughter, Ruth. Village was also Owen's congregation of care while he attended Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va., from 2014 to spring 2017. "Village will always be home in a way," says Owen, "and I'm grateful that the congregation that has loved me my whole life can ordain me and send me out to do the work of the Church."



Owen has been called to serve at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis as a Lake Fellowship resident. This residency lasts two years and blends a traditional associate pastor role with specific educational elements.



The Village Cup Coffee Shop will be closed next week, July 31-Aug. 4.

We will be open on Sunday, Aug. 6.

We'll return to our regular weekday schedule on Monday, Aug. 7.



FOR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FALL VILLAGE U CLASS REGISTRATION

**Opens Aug. 14 for church members
Aug. 21 for the community**

Look for the catalog Aug. 3 on villagepres.org

2017 marks 500 years since the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517. One of the new Village U courses for this fall is an exploration of the Protestant Reformation taught by the Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee.

Among the other new fall courses: Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of children and family ministry, will teach a course for parents and caregivers with young children about the journey of Advent. Village Church member Bob Fletcher will teach a course on the art of centering prayer and contemplation. The Rev. Bud Cooper will teach a course on Older Adult Spirituality, offering ways for older adults to continue to grow in their faith.

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist, will offer several opportunities for small groups of persons to meet the new organ "up close and personal." And Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor and director of Adult Educational Ministries, will teach two new courses: one on how the Bible came into its current form and another on the Book of Revelation. The study of the Book of Revelation will occur in a new "hybrid" format where persons will gather together for the first and last class sessions and the other class sessions will be offered online. Look for the catalog by Aug. 3.

Worship for the End of Summer

- Aug. 6 Organ Dedication: Walking Through the Church Year
- Aug. 13 Family Matters : Being Subject to One Another
Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
- Aug. 20 Rev. Len Carrell preaching
- Aug. 27 Youth Sunday
- Sept. 3 Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
- Beginning Sept. 10, Rev. Tom Are will begin a new series entitled
"It Takes a Village!"
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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 ❖ 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
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.