ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

A rich man, a hungry man, the flames of Hades and an unbridgeable chasm. If this is a summer picnic, it sounds like one we’d prefer to avoid. In life, two men are separated by a table; in death, the tables are turned. It’s an uncomfortable story, but uncomfortable stories tend to carry important truth. The challenge is to see this parable not as a threat, but as an opportunity. This story, like every Gospel story, offers us hope and promise.
Prelude  
*Rejoice, the Lord is King*  
music: arr. David Ritter; Matt Schaich, violin; Laurel Schaich, piano

Call to Worship (*adapted from an Irish prayer*)  
Rev. Hallie Hottle

As we gather today,  
may the strength of God shepherd us.  

*May the power of God uphold us,*  
*the wisdom of God guide us.*  
*May the eye of God direct our vision,*  
*the ear of God inspire our listening,*  
*the word of God influence our speaking.*

May the hand of God protect us,  
the way of God be revealed to us,  
the angels of God save us.  

*Christ beside us, Christ before us,*  
*Christ behind us, Christ beneath us.*  
*Christ on our right, Christ on our left,*  
*Christ when we lie down, Christ when we sit and stand.*

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of us,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of us.  

*Christ in every eye that sees us,*  
*Christ in every ear that hears us.*

May it be so.  
Amen and amen.

*Hymn, No. 450  
*Be Thou My Vision  
SLANE

*Prayer of Confession

*Ever-present God, come close to us and help us.*

*We see, but not clearly.*  
*We listen, but not fully.*  
*We act, but not carefully.*
We put ourselves before others
and we are held captive by fear.

In these ways we are lost.
Please, O God, let your forgiveness find us
and your grace guide us. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace

*Response

\[\text{\textbf{Alleluia! Alleluia!}}\]

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Time with the Children (9:30 a.m.)
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

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 Parrott (9:30 a.m.)
Jacob Martin (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31 (pg. 954)

Sermon

Hunger, Hades and Hope

Rev. Jenny McDevitt
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 773                 Heaven Shall Not Wait
HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

Offertory
Laudate Dominum, from Vesperae solennes de confessore (K. 339)
music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Rachel Priest, soprano;
Laurel Schaich, violin; The Summer Choir

*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

*Hymn, No. 307
God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

*Response
Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now and then forever more.

*Postlude
Allegro from Sonate in F, KV 332
by W. A. Mozart; Elisa Bickers, Piano

*All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns
THE CHURCH’S BOOK  (Week of August 1, 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, Aug. 1**  
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15

This well-known passage in Ecclesiastes points to the circular nature of time, and the way that time operates outside of typical chronology. Each of us experiences different seasons in our life at different times. What season are you in right now? No matter where you are, know that seasons are never permanent, and recognize that others around you are facing a variety of seasons that differ from yours.

**Tuesday, Aug. 2**  
Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

God created us to be in relationship with one another. Companionship, found in friendships, family relationships, and partnership, is necessary for meaningful existence. Community is created through our bonds with one another. Make a list of the important relationships in your life. How can you work to strengthen these relationships this week?

**Wednesday, Aug. 3**  
Ecclesiastes 5: 1-10

How often do you consider your own reverence to God? This passage suggests that being reverent can be quite simple, if one is aware of his or her speech and conduct. In all things, integrity is found when one follows through on commitments. Sometimes, reverence simply requires silence. Today, spend a few minutes in silence, and practice listening. What do you hear?

**Thursday, Aug. 4**  
Ecclesiastes 9: 7-12

Life, despite its tragedies and shortcomings, is worth living. The ephemeral nature of life means that we must embrace it to the fullest in all that we do- eat, drink and be merry! Be joyful, and celebrate the life you have been given. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for vitality.

**Friday, Aug. 5**  
Ecclesiastes 11: 1-6

In the face of life’s uncertainty, give abundantly and be charitable. Hospitality is contagious, and charity is an investment in joy. This passage reminds the reader of the mystery of creation, and calls all to respond to the mystery by giving joyfully giving to others. How will you share joy today?

**Saturday, Aug. 6**  
Ecclesiastes 11: 7-10

Hold on to every light-filled hour, and bask in the warmth of a joy-filled life. No matter where you are in your life’s journey, no matter what season you find yourself in, find reasons for joy. Spend time today in reflection, and especially dwell in joyful memories, giving thanks and praise to God.
A Sneak Preview of Village U Fall 2016 Classes

Excitement is building for the fall as we prepare to launch our latest offerings of Village U adult classes. Among the new first-time classes are:

“Gabriel’s Revelation” in September taught by the Rev. Dwight Tawney, about an ancient tablet authored by the archangel Gabriel who appears in the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Luke. The tablet also features descriptions of the suffering Messiah.

“Finding the Face of God in Art: Hamilton and Rent” in December taught by the Rev. Len Carrell, which will explore these two iconic Broadway shows and how they each speak to Christian theological themes and understandings.

“Where Have All the Young Adults Gone?” in November co-taught by the Rev. Hallie Hottle and Dr. Rodger Nishioka, explores who young adults are and why so few of them are finding meaning in the Church today.

“Real Ethics for the Workplace” in October taught by Charles “Chick” Keller, a business executive at Sprint and professor of management at KU. Keller will help persons know how to make the right decision in the midst of tough situations at the office.

“Wisdom for Living the Good Life from the Pirkei Avot” in October taught by Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn. Rabbi Cukierkorn will help us see how wisdom teachings compiled by Rabbis from the Jewish Mishnaic tradition influenced the teachings of Jesus and speak to our lives today as followers of Christ.

Join us for an exciting fall as these courses and many others help to shape our journeys as faithful followers of God. All are welcome. All Village U courses are free, although some courses include a small fee for supplies and/or transportation.

Classes are now listed on the Village U web page http://www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.html

Registration opens Aug. 15 for church members and Aug. 22 for the community.
**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** - At our 9:30 a.m. service, 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 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.

**TRAVELING DAY CAMP** was last week at Southminster Presbyterian Church. We had 68 children age K-6th grade from Village Church, Southminster and the community participate. Traveling Day Camp is brought to Village Church every summer by our friends in ministry at Heartland Camp. It has been at Southminster the past two summers due to construction at the Meneilly Center at 99th Street where we usually host Traveling Day Camp. Fully trained college students bring us a week long unique blend of art and congregational ministries. Heartland staff bring art supplies, game equipment, activities and lots of fun and energy.

**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 & 127.

Upcoming classes include:

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**FALL 2016 VILLAGE U CATALOG NOW AVAILABLE!** The fall 2016 Village U curriculum offers a wide spectrum of classes in the areas of Art, Christian Living, Family Life, Health & Wellness, Leisure, Life Skills and Literature. See what’s being offered on the Village U web page at villagepres.org. Click the Connect tab, then Adult, then Village U Community Classes. A handful of printed catalogs are available in Adult Educational Ministry. Registration for Village members begins on Monday, Aug. 15. Registration for community member begins Monday, Aug. 22.

**MISSION**

**THE FOOD PANTRY** - The Food Pantry is starting to think about “Back to School” and is requesting CEREAL for those back-to-school breakfasts. Check out the sales and bring cereal with you on your visit to church. The Clothes Closet is asking for purses, hats, umbrellas and socks that are in good condition. Thank you for all your donations.
PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

VILLAGE NURSES MEET TOMORROW! – The Village nurses will gather at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, in Room 126. Christy Russell, nurse practitioner at KU in the cardiology department (and Village Church member), will be speaking.

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH THIS TUESDAY – Members and those in the community who have lost a loved one are invited to come this Tuesday, Aug. 2, from noon-1 p.m. in Friendship Hall to the Faith and Grief lunch. You’ll receive comfort and resources. A box lunch will be provided. Register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. If you have questions, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP STARTS SEPT. 6 – If you are going through or have experienced a divorce, you are encouraged to come to the next Divorce Support Group series. The group will begin meeting from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 25, in Room 206. Dr. Dave Ehman, a licensed psychologist, will be the facilitator. Child care is available by advance request; for child care, contact Pam Southerland by Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 913-671-2352 or pam.southerland@villagepres.org. To register for this support group, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – NEW SERIES STARTS SOON - Growing Through Grief, a five-week class, is designed to help people discover God's graceful healing presence during a difficult time. If you have lost a loved one or know of someone who is grieving, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register. The new session will be from 5-6:15 p.m. every Wednesday, Sept. 14-Oct. 12, in Room 124.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MISSION SEWING - Attention: Knitters! We need to start stockpiling mittens for Family Conservancy. 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.

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 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, Twitter @VillagePresYA.

BIER AND BONHOEFFER - Every Thursday in August, 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!

AUGUST SERVICE DAY - Come do good work with good people at the Cherith Brook Catholic Worker House from 9 a.m.- noon Saturday, Aug. 13! There’s a chicken coop that needs tended to, an orchard that needs groomed, food to be prepared, and houses to clean! This is a local site that helps with emergency housing and food needs of our neighbors in northeast Kansas City, all while living together in intentional community. Children are welcome on this adventure! Address: 3308 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO.
YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - meets 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!

BOUNDARY WATERS – Our group of high school youth left early this morning to spend the next week camping and canoeing in beautiful Minnesota. They will be returning on Aug. 6. Please continue to send prayers for safe and fun adventures!

Village Cup Weekday Summer Vacation

Please note that the Village Cup Coffee Shop will be closed Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5. We will be open Sunday mornings. Thank you!
THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Only when you give from the heart does it make the giving whole.

– Stephen Richards

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 story telling. 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 will 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  Hunger, Hades and Hope
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.