



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 5, 2018 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The story of Noah and the ark is one of the most well-known Bible stories. Because humankind is so evil and corrupt, God decides to start over by flooding the whole earth. God tells Noah to build an ark that will keep his family and all the creatures of the earth safe. God's directions to Noah are very specific. To be magnetic is to pay attention to what is happening around us and to plan accordingly. Being a magnetic church means we are thoughtful and intentional about all that we say and do so that people are eager to join with us in Christ's mission.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Praeludium in F, BuxWV 145
by Dieterich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Rev. Becky Chamberlain

We come to this holy place,

to worship God together.

We come seeking a word from God,

a word of assurance from the God who calls us.

We come longing for a glimpse of God,

and a glimpse of the world the way God sees it.

Through our eating together at God's welcome table,

we feast as one together.

As we eat and drink with Jesus,

the whole world will find a welcome.

*Hymn, No. 770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table
WELCOME TABLE

*Prayer of Confession

Your Holy Spirit is a wind of change,

but we recast it as a gentle breeze.

Your call is to the deepest sadness and suffering of the world,

but we confine it to the comfortable places.

Your will is to free us from the sins that bind us all,

but we hold fast to sin rather than follow Your will.

Forgive us, God of mercy. As we come to Your table of grace, fill our hearts

with songs of faith and give us voices to boldly sing them. (Silent prayer)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*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

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Lueckert (9:30 a.m.)

Patricia Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Genesis 6:11-22 (pg.5)

Sermon

How to Build an Ark

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 26

Earth and All Stars
 EARTH AND ALL STARS

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing
 arr. Richard Walters; Kate and Will Breytspraak, 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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body. You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 536

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen
SURGE ECCLESIA

*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

La Marche
by George Frederick Handel

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



ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning's prelude is a concise example of North German Baroque rhetorical composition. Many composers wrote pieces of music that were intended to be almost conversational in nature, containing within them sections of fiery declamation, introspective pleading, and everything in between. And not every note was meant to be taken too seriously; for example, this piece includes a fugue whose theme sounds like "coochie-coochie-coochie-coo!" (You'll know it when you hear it.) It's the varied nature of these compositions that makes them magnetic, just as all of the parts of our lives are intended to draw attention toward our creator.

Today we welcome soprano **Kate Breytspraak** to worship. A native of Wilmington, Delaware, Kate holds degrees in vocal performance from the University of Delaware and Westminster Choir College (Princeton, NJ). Kate is manager of artist relations with the Kansas City Symphony.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 6, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Kiki Sykes 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. 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, Aug. 6

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus' understanding of neighborliness does not depend on age, gender, religion, or circumstance. Even on the Sabbath, a day understood by Jesus' community to be set aside for rest and worship, Jesus sees a woman in need and he responds. Jesus extends compassion every day of the week. He reminds us that caring for our neighbors is an act of worship we must perform. What acts of healing are you being called to participate in today? What barriers are in your way, and how might you, like Jesus, ensure God's love be extended to all?

Tuesday, Aug. 7

John 6:1-15

In the Gospel stories, time and time again Jesus turns the mundane into a miracle. Here, Jesus takes the essential act of eating and transforms it into a holy encounter, providing enough nourishment for all the people in his midst. In performing this miracle, Jesus reminds us that breaking bread and eating with strangers is sacred. Ensuring everyone has a sufficient share of food is an act of justice and an experience of the Divine. Who will you share your food with today, and how can the miraculous nature of God be revealed in that ordinary encounter?

Wednesday, Aug. 8

Matthew 18:1-5,10-14

Jesus reminds us that it is not the powerful and privileged and accomplished who can teach us about the kingdom of heaven, but rather, it is the little children. Jesus destabilizes our preconceived notions of who, or what, is sacred and encourages us to encounter God in the meek, the undervalued, and the unseen. In welcoming the children, in searching for the one lost sheep, we experience the relentless love of God. We enter the kingdom. When have you felt like the one lost sheep or the unseen child, and who came to your aid? How can you do the same today?

Thursday, Aug. 9

Matthew 19:16-30

Sometimes Jesus' words are hard to hear. "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Jesus embodies an ethics of neighborliness that is counter-cultural today. He calls us to reimagine where we place our time, finances, and energy in order to promote equity and healing for all. While Jesus' decree may sound a bit extreme, the root of his teaching seems quite clear: practice generosity. What small acts of generosity and compassion can you extend today? How can we use our resources with more intentionality, ever striving to live more simply and sustainably as Jesus taught us how to do?

Friday, Aug. 10

Mark 15:37-41

In Jesus' final hours, he experienced abandonment, violence, mockery, and rejection. Yet as he breathed his last breath, he was not entirely alone. The Gospel text tells us a group of women remained with him, witnessing his painful death and remaining by his side until the end. While they could not stop the violence, they could promise to be with Jesus every step of the way. These women followed Jesus' model and demonstrated what fierce faithfulness to community looks like lived out. Their witness urges us to ask—who are we willing to stand beside until the end?

Saturday, Aug. 11

John 20:19-23

We see in the Gospel stories that even Jesus' disciples, like us, failed to always take good care of Jesus—doubting his teachings, denying his friendship, and fleeing from him in his final hours. Yet in the Gospels, we also see Jesus breaking down the barriers we build in fear, responding to our doubt with a persistent commitment to forgiveness and love. We see Jesus modeling radical, resilient communion. For when the risen Jesus encounters his disciples again, despite their varying states of belief and unbelief, Jesus looks at them and says "shalom." May you look to your neighbors, whomever they may be, today and say shalom.

About Kiki Sykes

Author of This Week's Church's Book



Village Church member Kiki Sykes is currently completing her first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at United Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. She will begin her second year as a masters student at Harvard Divinity School in the fall. Since graduating from St. Olaf College, Kiki has devoted her time to working with survivors of domestic violence and their children. She is discerning a call towards chaplaincy, and she is passionate about trauma-informed ministry, especially with families. Kiki is an avid bike commuter, quote collector and coffee-shop connoisseur.

A large pumpkin with a stylized 'U' logo carved into it, surrounded by smaller pumpkins and gourds. The background is a dark wood texture.

**Register for
Fall Village U Classes**

STARTING

Aug. 20 for church members

Aug. 27 for the community

See the catalog at
[villagepres.org/
village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes)

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FOR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

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@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 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. Jay McKell, honorably retired minister and friend of Village of Church
- Aug. 12 Claire Brettell, middler student at St. Paul School of Theology in Overland Park
- Aug. 19 Rev. Ky Weekley, honorably retired minister and friend of Village of Church

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. tomorrow, 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.

FALL 2018 VILLAGE U CATALOG NOW ONLINE – Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20, for church members and at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, for community members. We hope you will spend some time discovering all that is available and join us!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

TODAY – Welcome to Worship with your Family Sunday! We hope you enjoy the time together, Time with Children and the Children's worship bags.

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 CAMPS – The Children and Family Ministry 2018 Summer Camp season is now complete. Thank you ALL for your prayers, presence and participation to make it the success that it was!

IMPORTANT DATES – Sunday School teacher training is 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26. All teachers, please plan to attend, and anyone who may be interested in joining our ministry, please come! Sept. 9 has two important events we hope you will attend. Please come to the first day of our NEW Sunday School program from 9:30-10:30 a.m.; and the Parent Information and Family Welcome Party to be held on the south lawn preschool playground area, between services. Come learn and enjoy lemonade, s'mores and fellowship!

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

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 at 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 – The clients of the Food Pantry have been so pleased with your donations of canned spinach, canned beets and canned potatoes during July that the Pantry is going to continue requesting those items (please no glass) during August. The Clothes Closet knows that summer isn't over yet, so they continue to ask for summer clothes in all sizes. They are also asking for kitchen items: pots and pans, flatware, glassware and dishes.

BLOOD DRIVE – Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. and noon today and Aug. 12.

THANK YOU FROM THE DRMP – The DRMP extends a big thank you to the generous sponsors and supporters of their annual fundraiser, Celebration Dominicana held this past June. The event generated over \$40,000 and allows the DRMP to continue improving the health and well being of underserved populations in the D.R. by working with local partners to promote sustainable health efforts. Mark your calendar for next year's Celebration Dominicana on Friday, Sept. 6, 2019!

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.

VILLAGE CHOIR TOUR VII TO ANDALUCIA, SPAIN AND LISBON, PORTUGAL – Learn more about this trip scheduled for May 29-June 11, 2019. An information meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, in Room 14. We'll spend time in Spain's southernmost region of Andalusia to visit its capital, Seville. See 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 Costa del Sol, and the White Villages set in the hills near Cadiz. The choir will perform in three venues. The tour is designed and managed by Lisa Ball Travel Design.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

LINDA ROSER SPEAKS THIS TUESDAY – Join us from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, in Friendship Hall at the Faith and Grief Lunch when guest speaker Linda Roser shares her story. After the sudden death of her husband and father of their three young sons, Linda "experienced the presence of God in the midst of grief." 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.

BIG SONIA IS COMING! – Join us for a two-night event on Sept. 5 and 6. The film, “Big Sonia,” will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5. Sonia Warshawski, “Big Sonia,” and her daughter, Regina Kort, will speak at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6. Both events will be held in the Sanctuary. Mrs. Warshawski is one of the last remaining Holocaust survivors in Kansas City; the movie shares her story and then Sonia will share her thoughts about her life in the concentration camps and her passionate message to never, never forget.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MISSION SEWING – Fall is nearly here; and Mission Sewing needs more sewers, particularly afternoons from 1-3 p.m. Pillow stuffers, hand sewers and pressers are also needed. If this appeals to you, stop by Room 115 any Tuesday and check us out. For more information, please call Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515.

SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

BE A VOTER – Please remember to vote in the Primary Election this Tuesday, 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 today.

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: Luke’s Gospel. All 20s and 30s invited.

COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY – This Wednesday, Aug. 8, 5:30 p.m. (family dinner), 6-7 p.m. Bible Study (child care provided). Every second Wednesday come connect with other young adult parents while kiddos are cared for in the nursery. RSVP at VillagePresYA.org/couples.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY: ROASTERIE & BOULEVARD – 9:15 a.m. Aug. 25 at the Roasterie, 1204 W. 27th Street, Kansas City, Mo. We’ll start with a tour of the Roasterie, and end with a tour of Boulevard Brewing. Child care available with RSVP by Aug. 17. Sign up online at 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 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.

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!

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



Text to Give...

You can give a gift to Village Church's annual fund by using your smart phone. All you need to do is text your gift amount to 913-270-3436. Your gift will go directly toward your annual commitment or if you have no outstanding pledge, the gift supports the Village Church annual fund. Check out the Text to Give info in the pew card slot in front of you and see how easy it is to make a gift to your annual fund commitment!



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.
