



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 6, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

In September of 2014 we stated our dream for this day. We announced our plans to renovate this Sanctuary and to construct a new pipe organ to aid ourselves and future generations of the Village family in the worship of God. The full fruition of that dream is realized. So, today we celebrate. Today we give thanks. Today we dedicate this beautiful and unique instrument to the maintenance of divine worship.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Piece d'Orgue, BWV 572
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

God has remembered his steadfast love for all his children.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song.

We will sing when our hearts spill over with joy.

And we will sing when our hearts are broken.

We will sing of our trust in God;

and we will sing of God's love for all.

We will sing because God is our God and we shall not be afraid.

*Hymn, No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
ST. DENIO

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

A Word For the Day

It's Always Advent

Psalms 13:1-2, 5-6

Hymn, No. 88 (st. 1,7)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
VENI EMMANUEL

Love Comes Down

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn, No. 119 (st. 1)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN

Time with Children

Dr. Elisa Bickers

He Calls Disciples

Mark 1:16-20

Hymn, No. 726 (st. 1,5)

Will You Come and Follow Me
KELVINGROVE

The Kingdom of God	Matthew 5:1-12
Hymn, No. 630 (st. 1,4)	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i> CRUSADERS' HYMN
Holy Week	Mark 10:32-34
Organ Voluntary	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i> arr. Pamela Decker
Resurrection	Matthew 28:5-7
*Hymn, No. 232	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i> EASTER HYMN
Pentecost	Acts 2:14-18
Hymn, No. 321 (st. 1,2)	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i> AURELIA

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Baptism	Matthew 28:16-20
Hymn, No. 482 (st. 1)	<i>Baptized in Water</i> BUNESSAN
The Table of Gifts	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Offertory	<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i> by Harold W. Friedell; Summer Choir

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Litany of Dedication

God of grace and God of glory,
our help in ages past and our hope for years to come,
with gratitude and hope we dedicate this organ for the maintenance of divine worship.
**As your children in every generation have lifted songs of praise to you,
we, too, sing our faith and at times sing our way to faith.**

May the color of each rank and the voice of each stop in this instrument bear witness to your majesty, grace, and love for all creation.

**As one family of faith, we will sing of you,
for the salvation of humankind,
for the love of all your children,
as a protest to evil and injustice,
as a testimony to the hope we hold in God's promised day.**

Here we have done our best to create a space of beauty and reverence, but your presence alone can make this a holy place.

**If you will meet us here, our lives will be filled with grace,
and we pray that the worship in this sanctuary will please you for generations to come. In the name of Christ, your son and our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

Witness to the Resurrection

John 14:2-3

Hymn, No. 326 (st. 1,3)

For All the Saints
SINE NOMINE

Mission

Matthew 25:37-40

Hymn, No. 757 (st. 1)

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
KINGSFOLD

Hope

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Hymn, No. 821 (st. 1,4)

My Life Flows On
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

God's Promised Day

Revelation 21:3-5

*Hymn, No. 366 (st. 1,4)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Response

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

*Postlude

Mit Freuden Zart
arr. Paul Laubengayer

*All who are able may stand

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning's prelude, *Piece d'Orgue*, is a three-part work that perfectly "paints" the many emotions felt during our Now & Tomorrow, Village Church campaign. The first section is sprightly and cheerful; the middle section carries long, satisfying chords played on full organ; and the final section is dramatic and a bit off-kilter before finally leading to a most triumphant conclusion. Just as this piece is completely unique among Bach's many works, our project here at Village has resulted in so many wonderful things that are unique to our community.

Pamela Decker's *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* is a chromatic, crunchy arrangement of this well-known Good Friday hymn. The events of Holy Week were nothing short of violent, cruel and heart breaking, and her choices of harmonies describe them so accurately.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 7, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt 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, Aug. 7

Exodus 15

This chapter contains the first two songs in the Bible: the song of Moses and the song of Miriam. Both of them sing in praise and thanksgiving, telling the story of God's leading the Israelites through the Red Sea. In addition to singing, Miriam and the other women dance with tambourines in hand. Clearly, these songs tell a story of joy. What is bringing you joy today? Whether you sing it or speak it, offer words of gratitude to God.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Psalms 69

Not every song is one of joy. This song, rather, is one of despair. "Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck." Whoever sings this song knows all too well that life can be completely overwhelming. And yet the singer trusts that God hears these notes rising up to heaven. "Rescue me," the song begs. Where in your life do you need God to intervene? Talk honestly to God, and then pray the words of this Psalm: "Rescue me, draw near to me, redeem me, set me free."

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Luke 1:39-55

After learning she is pregnant (with the Son of God, no less!), Mary herself sings. Her song is traditionally known as the Magnificat, and she sings a song filled with joy and expectation. She sings of all that her son will do ... but she sings as if all those things are already accomplished: "He has brought down the powerful and lifted up the lowly." Mary's song is one of trust that God will keep God's promises, and that those promises are always on the side of justice. Consider one act of justice you can commit to this week, big or small, and commit yourself to following through.

Thursday, Aug. 10

Judges 5

Of all the judges we encounter in this book, Deborah is the only woman. She, too, sings with gratitude for all that God has done. Yet her song reminds us that it is not enough to sing to ourselves; a song is most at home when it soars among many. The story of God's work in the world is not something to keep to ourselves; it is a story meant for all. Who might you share a word of Good News with this week?

Friday, Aug. 11

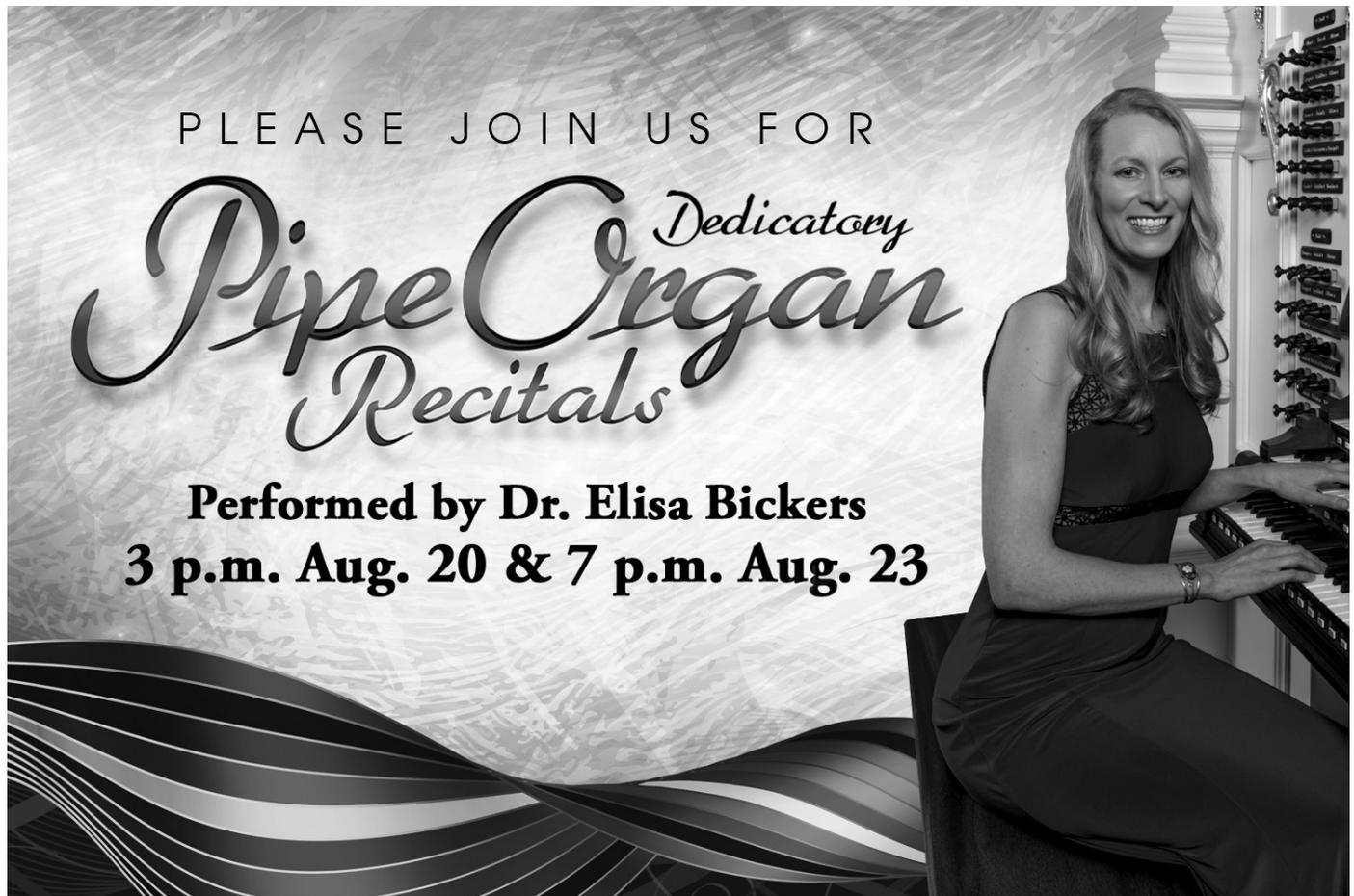
Colossians 6:1-17

These words remind us how we are to live as children of God. And while these words are not a song in and of themselves, they still remind us of the importance of song. We are reminded to speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Imagine what our relationships might look like if we started each in the style of Biblical song. Think of how our relationships, in our lives and in the world, might be helped or healed if our conversations began with praise and thanksgiving.

Saturday, Aug. 12

Revelation 15

The Bible's last song comes to us in this chapter. Among an amazing vision and a declaration that the wrath of God is ended, the song of Moses (see Exodus 15 again!) is repeated. "Just and true are your ways... You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you." All nations. With this last song, might we be reminded that all of us, people of all places and persuasions, people of all rationales and religions, are united by something (and Someone) stronger than all of our differences?



Dr. Bickers will play an organ dedication opening concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, and an additional concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. Child care will be available for both concerts.

"Aug. 20 is when we're going to invite our architects, contractors and organ builders and everybody from the committees for the Sanctuary and Pipe Organ to come and be recognized," says Dr. Bickers. "This is a celebration and a day of gratitude for them, too. They have been doing this for over eight years. It's a labor of love, and I think we have all enjoyed it. Ultimately this is a day for the entire Village family to celebrate what we have made possible together.

My opening concert is for every one of us who has been waiting for this. I want to share pieces that are rip-your-heart-out beautiful, as well as jump-up-in-the-air exciting and everything in between. So we've got pieces that span about 600 years.

I have carefully chosen pieces that I think show off the great variety that the instrument offers. She has her roots in 17th century Dutch pipe organs. So I've got some wonderful Renaissance and Baroque pieces that will really show off that perspective.

There are two particular pieces planned to honor our former Village organists. One will be in memory of Helen Hogan and one in honor of Laverne Friday, because they were such amazing contributors to the music and organ here at this Church."

Visit villagepres.org for the full schedule of events celebrating Opus 22.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Greg Colston by Ann, Jessica and Kevin.

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.

MOPS GROUP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – Beginning this fall, our MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 206 at Village on Mission. Register at villagepres.org under Upcoming Events. For more information, call Cheryl at 913-671-2355.

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. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will teach the class today and Rev. Jay McKell will teach on Aug. 13 and 20. 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Rooms 126-127.

THE FALL 2017 VILLAGE U CATALOG IS NOW AVAILABLE! 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 – Peanut Butter Sunday is Aug. 27. The "Peanut Butter Phantom" is back and once again wants to match the total number of pounds of peanut butter donated by all the church! You'll have three weeks to hit the peanut butter sales, stock up and donate to this annual Back-to-School drive. The Clothes Closet needs summer shirts for both men and women, and kitchen items: pots, pans and dishes.

BLOOD DRIVE – Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 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 next Sunday, Aug. 13. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

BACKSNACKS – Harvesters created the BackSnack program, which provides bags of assorted food items to low-income children for the weekends. During the school year, Village volunteers pack and deliver food weekly to 100 children at Overland Park Elementary and Nieman Elementary. If you are interested in helping provide meals to our partner schools during the 2017-18 school year, call Amy Turpin at 913-908-1138 or amyjturpin@gmail.com or Jane Emley at 913-302-7544 or kuandfm@sbcglobal.net.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

REST – It's a busy world. Even Jesus found rest to be an essential part of life. Come and experience rest in the presence of God at the Taizé worship service. There will be silence, stillness, prayer, communion and song next Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13. Taizé is held at the VCCFDC at 9900 Mission Road.

VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AT JCMH – All are invited to hear David Hanson talk about the many educational and vocational services that are available at Johnson County Mental Health Services at the next Families for Mental Health meeting. The group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, in Room 126.

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 nights at KC Bier Co. (if bad weather, meet upstairs at Village Church). This summer marks one year since the inception of this young adult community. For the month of August we're going to look to Bonhoeffer as we examine what community is, who we are, and who God is calling us to be, together. Pizza provided! All 20s and 30s welcome.

BORDER TRIP INFO. MEETING - 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20. Come to learn more about our trip to the U.S./ Mexico border, happening Nov. 10-13. RSVP to Rev. Hallie by emailing hallie.hottle@villagepres.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Meet us in the Youth Loft at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School.

YOUTH PROGRAMS ON BREAK – Youth events take a little break as we end summer, do some planning, and prepare for Fall Kickoff. Weekly events will return on Sept. 10.

Rest

Taizé Worship

Aug. 13, 6:30 pm, Meneilly Center for Mission
9900 Mission Road in Overland Park

It's a busy world. Give yourself a break.
Even Jesus found rest to be an essential part of life.
Come experience rest in the presence of God.

Silence * Stillness * Prayer * Communion * Song

Each month we reflect on a different theme. All are invited. We'll save you a seat.



PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY

AUG. 27

BRING JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER TO
CHURCH FOR THE FOOD PANTRY



FOR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FALL VILLAGE U CLASS REGISTRATION

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

CATALOG NOW AVAILABLE

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. The catalog is available now.

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, we will return to our regular worship schedule of services at 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Rev. Tom Are will begin a new sermon series that day: "It Takes a Village!"

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 and 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.

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.