



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 7, 2016 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

I'm glad we know about Zacchaeus — not because he was short or even because he climbed the tree (although that is fun to imagine). Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus to his dinner table. Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house." But before Jesus arrives, Zacchaeus had been preparing for this day. Not preparing in the sense that he was setting the table or cooking the food. No, Zacchaeus was a man of generosity and justice. I'm glad we know about Zacchaeus because he spent most of his life living toward salvation. It's a good way to spend the day. Maybe Zacchaeus can inspire us along the way.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Für Die Organiste
by Ludwig van Beethoven

Call to Worship

Dr. Rodger Nishioka (9:30 a.m.)
Rev. Zach Walker (11 a.m.)

God of the past,
who whispered in prophets' ears,
who rescued us from captivity
and led us out of the wilderness:
we are here to thank you.

God of the future,
who promises us a new day,
who will tear down what is broken
and open wide the gates of heaven:
we are here because we trust you.

God of this day,
who is present with us now,
who sets the table
and invites us to join the feast:
we are here to praise you.

*Hymn, No. 505

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
THE FEAST IS READY

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us.
You teach us to love extravagantly and forgive graciously,
but we add up rights and wrongs.
You teach us to share what we have and play well with others,
but we clench our fists and keep to ourselves.
You teach us to look for the light and believe in a new day,
but we are overwhelmed by the darkness.

**We did not set out to live like this, but here we are,
made up of conflicted intentions, hungry hearts, and weary souls.
Thankfully you, O God, are made up of
second chances, boundless imagination, and defiant joy.
Make us better than we have proven ourselves to be.
Breathe life into us once again. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the response 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with some rests. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first, also featuring the same musical notation and lyrics.

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Time with the Children (9:30 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem (11 a.m.) *There Is a Higher Throne*
words and music: Keith and Kristyn Getty; Tami Morrow and Carolyn Baruch, altos

Prayer for Illumination Brian Liu (9:30 a.m.)
Donna Martin (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading Luke 19:1-10 (pg. 956)

Sermon *Is It "Today" Yet?* Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 506 *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*
COPELAND

Offertory *Earth Song*
words and music: Frank Ticheli; The Summer Choir (9:30 a.m.); Octet (11 a.m.)

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
AZMON

*Benediction

*Response

**Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.**

*Postlude

Allegro from Sonate in F, KV 332
by W. A. Mozart

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 8, 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. 8

Psalm 13

Of our 150 psalms, one-third of them are psalms of lament. This reminds us that we are not the first to express grief, anger, fear, and confusion to God. God can handle it; in fact, God wants to be in relationship with us — on our best days and on our worst days. And notice this: at the end of each psalm of lament, even still, there is praise to God. Are you in the habit of expressing lament in your prayers? How might this strengthen your prayer life?

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Psalm 23

This is the most familiar psalm of all. We often associate it with funerals, but this psalm also has a word for the living. It is a word of steadfast care in all situations. It is a word of care for all of God's children, including our enemies. It reassures us that God's goodness and mercy are with us always. Who in your life needs to be reminded of this today?

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Psalm 22

Having read Psalm 22 yesterday, put it in conversation with Psalm 23 today. Psalm 23 assures us of God's everlasting presence; Psalm 22 begins with a heartbreaking question: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus echoes these words toward the end of his life, but he was not the first to say this. These two psalms, taken together, affirm that in life and in death, when our hearts are broken and when our hearts are full, God is with us. When life feels like Psalm 22, remember that Psalm 23 is coming.

Thursday, Aug. 11

Psalm 119

This is the longest psalm of all — and it details the delight of the law. How often do we give thanks for rules and commandments? However, this psalm reminds us that God gives us guidance in all things, and offers us structure when the world is shaking. When else in your life have you been grateful for the law — of any sort? How does God's law reflect God's love?

Friday, Aug. 12

Psalm 136

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God's steadfast love endures forever. Today, create your own psalm using this refrain. List moments when you have trusted — or are trying to trust — that God's steadfast love endures. It is always the right time to practice thanksgiving.

Saturday, Aug. 13

Psalm 139

This is a much beloved psalm. It reminds us that there is no corner of creation that can keep us hidden from God — not the heights of heaven nor the depths of hell; not as far as the eye can see or the eagle can fly. Not even darkness can keep God away. We have been known from the first moment of our existence. Toward the end, the psalmist prays: "Search me, O God, and know my heart." What would God find in your heart today? What would you want God to find?



Registration for Village U Fall 2016 Classes Opens Monday, Aug. 15

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

You can download a PDF of the catalog as well. A handful of copies are available in Adult Educational Ministries.

Registration opens Monday, Aug. 15, for church members and Monday, Aug. 22, for the community.

- Child care will be available for most classes for a **one-time \$40 fee per child for the fall term**; reservations will be required in advance.
- Some classes will have a small fee for materials and resources; the fees are noted in the class listing.
- You will be able to register online, by telephone, by fax or by email.

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.

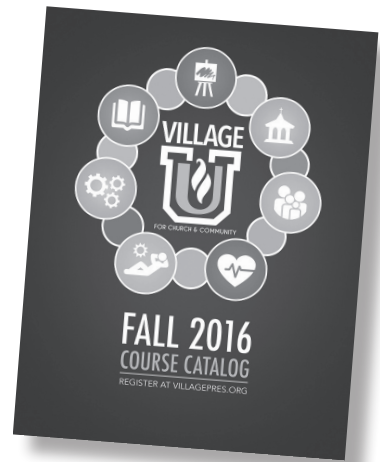
“Where Have All the Young Adults Gone?” in November co-taught by the Rev. Hallie Hottle and Dr. Rodger Nishioka, explores who young adults are and why so few of them are finding meaning in the Church today.

“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.

We hope you will join us this fall and take advantage of these wonderful classes at Village Church!



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.

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

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.

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 Friendship Hall West (Room 228).

Upcoming classes include:

Today	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus and Zaccheaus, taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 14	Luke 22:14-22	Jesus and Disciples' Last Supper, taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 21	Luke 24:36-43	Resurrected Jesus with Disciples, taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka

FALL 2016 VILLAGE U CATALOG NOW AVAILABLE both online and throughout the church!

We hope you will spend some time discovering all of the opportunities for both young and older adults to grow in knowledge and faith together. The fall 2016 Village U curriculum offers a wide spectrum of classes in the areas of Art, Christian Living, Computer, Family Life, Health and Wellness, Leisure and Life Skills. **Village U 2016 fall term registration for Village Church members begins on Monday, Aug. 15. For community members, registration begins on Monday, Aug. 22.**

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

VILLAGE CONNECT CONVERSATION GROUPS - **Village Connect** is a way to strengthen faith through conversations, while making and deepening friendships. Village Church provides trained leaders and a DVD video study developed by Pastor Tom Are for these small groups. The new study for 2016-17 is based on the Gospel of Mark. Our curriculum serves as a springboard for conversations, while relationship building remains a priority. Groups are launched annually in the fall, and subsequent groups may form as needed. Types of groups include: couples, men, women and mixed (men & women). Each individual group decides frequency, location and time for meetings. Village Connect is open to both the congregation and community, so invite your friends and family. To join a Village Connect group, contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - The Food Pantry's wish for August is to fill the shelves with all kinds of cereal - and we don't mind storing what doesn't fit on the shelves! The Clothes Closet is asking for accessories: purses, belts, hats, umbrellas and socks in good condition. Your donations are always so appreciated.

BACKSNACK – One in five children in Harvesters Food Bank's service area are at risk of hunger on weekends. To help address that risk, Harvesters created the BackSnack program, which provides bags of assorted food items to low-income children for the weekends. Village Church has been involved as a BackSnack partner, and during the school year our volunteers pack and deliver food weekly to 100 children at Overland Park Elementary and Nieman Elementary. If you are interested in helping to pack and distribute meals to our partner schools during the 2016-17 school year, please call Amy Turpin at 913-908-1138 or amyjturpin@gmail.com; Jane Emley at 913-302-7544 or kuandfm@sbcglobal.net.

BLOOD DRIVE - Village will host a blood drive on Tuesday, Aug. 23 , from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 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. - noon on Sundays, Aug. 14 and 21. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

TAIZÉ SERVICE IS NEXT SUNDAY - The last Taizé service of the summer will be held at 7 p.m. next Sunday, Aug. 14, in the Chapel. Renew your spirit; and experience a worship that is peaceful, filled with prayer, song and moments of silence for personal reflection. We will also share communion.

LEARN MORE ABOUT COTTONWOOD SPRINGS - You are invited to learn more about the new Cottonwood Springs Hospital at the next Families for Mental Health Meeting. This newly-constructed facility offers inpatient and outpatient mental health and addiction treatment to adults and their families. CEO Jason Poalson will be our presenter. Join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, in Room 126.

SOCIAL WITNESS AND ADVOCACY

WALK IN SOLIDARITY WITH ADVOCATES FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS & RECONCILIATION (AIRRKC) - The Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force of Village Church will be walking one mile with AIRRKC carrying banners and signs to make a plea for immigration reform. The Aug. 11 walk will be from the Catholic Diocese – 20 West 9th Street, KCMO to Holy Rosary Church – 911 East Missouri, KCMO and begins at 5:30 p.m. Please join us. To carpool, meet at 4:20 p.m. at the south door of the Church. Contact Jim Galliher at 816-536-0400 for more information.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is a new ministry of Village Church for all 20s and 30s. Connect with us: [Facebook.com/VillagePresYA](https://www.facebook.com/VillagePresYA), Twitter @VillagePresYA.

EXTENDED TABLE - Worship 5 p.m, Dinner 6 p.m, Friendship Hall - We'll gather after The Gathering for relaxed dinner and conversation about that week's topic in Friendship Hall. Sleep in, then come feed your body and your soul.

AUGUST SERVICE DAY - Come do good work with good people at the Cherith Brook Catholic Worker House from 9 a.m.- noon this 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.

SUMMER YARD GAME OLYMPICS - 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26. Do you have a rarely celebrated ability to play croquet like no other? Do you throw a mean bocce ball? Here's your time to shine! Come and compete in non-competitive sports, enjoy BBQ with friends and celebrate the end of our first summer season together. Children welcome. Bring your favorite beverages to share! Address: 2009 W. 103rd St., Leawood, KS.

BIER AND BONHOEFFER - Every Thursday in August, we'll meet at 7 p.m. at KC Bier Company. We'll read Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* and consider what "community" means today. Address: 310 W. 79th Street in 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!

VILLAGE PIPE ORGAN UPDATE

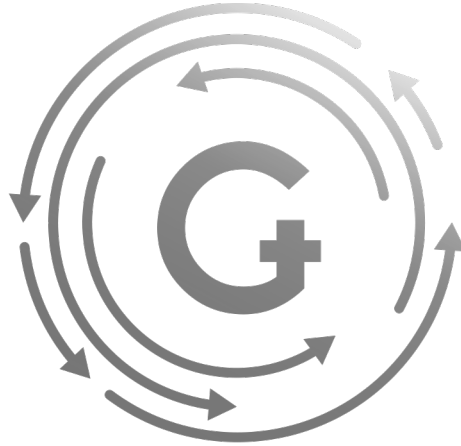
A team of pipe organ builders from Richards, Fowkes & Company will arrive at Village Church the week of Aug. 28 to install the 12 largest organ pipes and the organ's wind system. The rest of the organ will arrive the weeks of Sept. 18 and Sept. 25. In the all-staff meeting earlier this week, Dr. Elisa Bickers shared details of what she affectionately referred to as Operation I.A.T. (It's About Time). Please stay tuned as we may need your help carrying in the 3,700 pipes uniquely crafted for this spectacular instrument.



For significant periods, the Sanctuary will again be "under construction" as this large instrument is installed. Once installed, it will take as many as nine months to tune and voice.

The organ builders are having an Open House at their warehouse in Ooltewah, Tennessee on Sunday, Aug. 21, to show off Opus 22, our Village pipe organ. Dr. Bickers will be attending that Open House and will have the opportunity to play it before the packing begins for transport to Prairie Village.

Earlier this summer, Dr. Bickers was named a fellow in the American Guild of Organists. We are so fortunate to have one of the finest organists in the country. Soon, we will have one of the finest organs. As a result, our worship will be richly blessed. Village will be a place God's children will want to sing as we worship the living God.



THE GATHERING

AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO WORSHIP

WE TRIED 5 P.M. SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER, AND YOU LIKED IT!

Due to the overwhelming response to having The Gathering at 5 p.m. on Sundays this summer, the decision has been made to make 5 p.m. Sundays The Gathering's permanent start time.

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.*