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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 13, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Families matter. Whether it is our family of origin or the families that we form through the covenant of marriage or families that we adopt and collect or families into which we are adopted, families matter. They matter because in wonderful ways and difficult ways, families shape and form our identity. The new community of believers in Ephesus is struggling with how families get along with one another so the writer offers instructions for husbands and wives and parents and children. Those instructions, offered nearly 2,000 years ago, still have remarkable relevance for us today.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Récit de Nazard*  
by Louis-Nicholas Clérambault

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**From generation to generation, we gather to worship God.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to God's name.

**We come as members of one family to worship the God of the universe.**

All peoples across the earth gather to worship the one God who is worthy of praise.

**We join with people in every time and place to worship God on this, the Lord's day.**

For God is gracious and loving and meets us here.

**We gather to sing God's praise!**

\*Hymn, No. 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
DIX

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of all creation,**

**When you formed the first family, Adam and Eve, you blessed them  
and called them good.**

**Yet they disobeyed you and were cast out of the garden.**

**And then their sons hated one another so much that Cain killed his brother Abel.**

**And later Jacob tricked his brother Esau out of his birthright.**

**And then Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery.**

**Time and again, O God, we hurt those who are closest to us:**

**our parents, our partners, our children, our brothers and sisters.**

**And in hurting them, we hurt you.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Help us to live as the blessed and good family you created us to be. (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

Why Village Matters

Music Ministry

## 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

Kevin Hennessy (9:30 a.m.); Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:21-6:4 (pg. 1066)

Sermon

*Family Matters: Being Subject to One Another*

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## 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. 310

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*  
ST. THOMAS

Offertory

*Ubi caritas* (9:30 a.m.)  
by Maurice Duruflé; Summer Choir

*How Beautiful* (11 a.m.)  
by Twila Paris; Tami Morrow and Carolyn Baruch

\*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. 547 (st. 1,2)

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*  
AR HYD Y NOS

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

\*Postlude

*Caprice sur les Grands Jeux*  
by Louis-Nicholas Clérambault

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 13, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by intern Hannah Ratliff 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. 14**

### **Psalm 82**

This Psalm laments the frustration of waiting for God's word for us. Sometimes, even when we want most to hear God's voice, it is hard for us to understand or even to hear at all. Even since the time of the Psalmist, we have been begging God for justice for the weak and the orphaned, and yet we sometimes feel we cannot hear what God is saying. The Psalmist asks God to come and make right the world's wrongs. What in your life are you waiting to hear from God about? Take comfort that the Psalmist, too, knows the difficulty of waiting for God's word.

### **Tuesday Aug. 15**

### **Psalm 146**

Here, the Psalmist reminds us that our faith and trust belong only in God, who has loved and protected us throughout our history. The Psalmist exalts the glory of God, and reminds us who God is: God is the protector of Jacob and all God's people, the creator of our beautiful and majestic creation, the defender of the poor and the oppressed, and the healer of all who need God's help. When we are frustrated by our temporary, fleeting world, the Psalmist reminds us to turn to God with praise, remembering that we are always enveloped in God's love.

### **Wednesday Aug. 16**

### **Psalm 33**

The Psalmist again reminds us of God's awesome power. Calling for God's praise, the Psalmist tells us that God watches closely over us, God's family, and holds us in hope and love. The Psalmist tells us, again, about the Lord's pursuit of justice, love, and righteousness, and reminds us that God uses God's incredible power to create a peaceful and just world. When we feel frightened and afraid of the events in our lives, communities, and the world, the Psalmist reminds us that our unfathomably powerful God is working to heal the world around us. What are you praying for God to make right in the community around you?

### **Thursday Aug. 17**

### **Psalm 16**

This Psalm shows the delight of the Psalmist in God's love. In a joyous, celebratory Psalm, we see the comfort and happiness that being with God brings. The Psalmist relies on God to direct their actions, which makes their heart glad, and makes their soul rejoice. Though following God does not erase all the hardships and sorrows of life, it makes them bearable when we know that God sits with us through our darkest hour, and sharing in our happiness with God makes our bright days even more brilliant. What are you celebrating with God today? What brings you joy? Give thanks to God for these things.

### **Friday Aug. 18**

### **Psalm 148**

The Psalmist calls for all of creation to praise God, their creator, and in doing so, reminds us of the unfathomable beauty of the world which we live in. Sometimes the wonder of creation, the magnitude of it, escapes us in our day-to-day life, and the Psalmist wants to remind us of what an incredible place in which we live, and what an incredible place God made it. Look around you — out a window, or out in the fresh air — and remember that God made all that you see: the trees, the grass, the crawling insects and flying birds. Give thanks for all these things, and remember that God created all things beautiful, including you.

### **Saturday Aug. 19**

### **Psalm 98**

This Psalm reminds us that God is always victorious, and to take comfort in God's might and power. Calling for celebration of God's victory over the earth, the Psalmist says to "make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;" and to take heart in the knowledge that God's victory means mercy, justice, and grace. When we feel overwhelmed by our own challenges, it is a comfort to remember that God's love wins every battle, even if we cannot yet see the end. What are you praying for God's victory over? Think of those in our community, country, and world, who are fighting battles, and pray that God might end them with incredible mercy and love.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

*Dedicatory*  
**Pipe Organ**  
*Recitals*

**Performed by Dr. Elisa Bickers**  
**3 p.m. Aug. 20 & 7 p.m. Aug. 23**



**PEANUT  
BUTTER  
SUNDAY**

**AUG. 27**

**BRING JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER TO  
CHURCH FOR THE FOOD PANTRY**



## 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 Robert and Mary Stark by their family and in loving memory of Sally Polk Howard by David Howard.

**TAIZÉ IS TONIGHT** – It's a busy time with summer ending, school starting and all the activities going on. Come and find a moment to rest in the presence of God at the Taizé worship service this evening. Experience worship with silence, stillness, prayer, communion and song at 6:30 p.m. at the VCCFDC at 9900 Mission Road.

**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. Jay McKell will teach today and Aug. 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. tomorrow, 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.

### Upcoming classes include:

**ERNEST HEMINGWAY** – After spending a year with William Faulkner, we are going to turn our attention this semester to three works from his literary antithesis (and sometimes rival) Ernest Hemingway. As always, it's helpful to read from the same edition. We will be using the following: *The Sun Also Rises* ISBN-10: 0743297334 ISBN-13: 978-0743297332; *A Farewell to Arms* ISBN-10: 1476764522 ISBN-13: 978-1476764528; *For Whom the Bell Tolls* ISBN-10: 0684803356 ISBN-13: 978-0684803357. For the first class, please read *The Sun Also Rises*. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 7-Oct. 19, in Room 232.

**ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN** – Two of our wisest spiritual giants, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, "have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Come join us as we discuss their book, *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, and the place of joy in our own faith journeys. To purchase a book (\$21), contact Marianne Weber. 913-671-2333 or marianne.@villagepres.org. Taught by Rev. Diane Quaintance. 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 8-Dec. 29, Room 132.

**BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH YOUR BUDDIES** – Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture. To make a reservation for breakfast, please contact marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. Taught by Rev. Tom Are, Jr. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 3, in Room 228.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

**JOIN US** for the Environmental Action Committee's end-of-summer cookout from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. this Saturday, 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](http://bit.ly/EarthCareCookout), and email [hannah.ratliff@villagepres.org](mailto:hannah.ratliff@villagepres.org) with any questions.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – The Food Pantry's need for this week are for canned vegetables - spinach, beets, yams, etc. While you're shopping for those items, pick up a couple of jars of peanut butter for Peanut Butter Sunday in two weeks, Aug. 27. The Clothes Closet needs women's summer clothing - skirts, tops, pants and dresses. Again, there's a big demand for can openers. Manual can openers are the preferred kind.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. this Tuesday, Aug. 15, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit [esavealifenow.org](http://esavealifenow.org) and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall between 9 a.m. and noon today. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or [acolston1113@gmail.com](mailto:acolston1113@gmail.com).

**VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES** - Friday, Sept. 8, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Ks. We need two to three people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and six to seven volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please drop off cookie donations at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org).

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**FAMILIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH MEETS THURSDAY** – David Hanson will talk about the many educational and vocational services that are available at Johnson County Mental Health Services. The meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, in Room 126. All are welcome.

## SACRISTY COMMITTEE

**NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 20**, communion will be served at both services. Gluten free wafers and napkins (in which to hold them) will be available before you enter the Sanctuary – on the Narthex credenza at the back of the Sanctuary -- at the two front entrances on either side of the Sanctuary – and in the balcony. The ushers greeting at the doors will point out the location of the gluten free wafers. Please hold your wafer until we all partake of the sacraments during the service.

## 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](mailto: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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO **VILLAGE CHURCH** ON MISSION

\* 5-7 P.M. \*  
SUNDAY,  
SEPT. 10

Fall  
**FOOD TRUCK**

**Festival**

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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: 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, Jr. will begin a new sermon series that day: "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 Breytspreek, 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 Serridge, 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

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*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at [villagepres.org](http://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.*