



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 14, 2016 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The story of the post-resurrection encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus is a classic epiphany, a movement from lack of recognition and awareness to full recognition and witness. When we suffer from a lack of recognition, we struggle to remember. At the Lord's Table, Jesus tells us to "Do this in remembrance of me." Aristotle, the author of *Poetics*, writes, "Recognition is, as its name indicates, a change from ignorance to knowledge, tending either to affection or to enmity; it determines in the direction of good or ill fortune the fates of the people involved." Recognition can come from visual signs, or memory, or rationale, but the most tangible kind of recognition is "that which arises from the actions alone." What is at stake for us in this story is not to just be hearers of the story, but witnesses to it. It is a call for us to realize that the guest at the table is also our host, the one who invites us to new eyes and restored recognition.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

St. Anthony Chorale

by Johannes Brahms; Wayne Bates, Matt Fillingham,
Stan Chappell, John Porter, Brass Quartet

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

God, you call us to gather.

We ask you to meet us.

Help us to move from getting here, to being here.

God, you call us to worship.

We ask you to teach us to pray.

Guide us with your presence and your living Word.

God, you call us to receive your gifts of faith, hope and love.

We pray "We believe, help our unbelief."

Invite us to new eyes and restored recognition.

*Hymn, No. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
HOLY MANNA

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

we recognize this place, these pews and many of the faces;

but we do not see the simple significance of this time.

You come near and draw us ever closer to your heart,

but we stare into dark clouds that shroud your own image within us.

You enter our discussions as we travel this road of faith together,

but we become stagnant strangers who stand firmly in our own ideas.

You warm us beside flames of Holy Scripture and tear open the bread of forgiveness,

but our response is one of blindness, certainty and false humility.

We witness to only what we choose to see.

We hope for what appears attainable.

We serve whom we want.

We love sparingly.

Forgive us, O God, because we know not what we do. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

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

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

*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 a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

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.

Anthem (9:30 a.m.)

The Storm Is Passing Over
arr. by Barbara W. Baker; The Summer Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Nicholas Mercer (9:30 a.m.)
David Parks (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35 (pg.964)

Sermon

Reservation at Sunset

Rev. Len Carrell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 252

Day of Arising
RAABE

Offertory

Simple Gifts
traditional Shaker hymn; Brass Quartet

*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. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

*Response

**Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.**

*Postlude

Presto
by Franz Joseph Haydn; Brass Quartet

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 15, 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. 15

Matthew 13:1-23

In this parable, we often perceive God to be the sower of seeds, planting all of us in the world to do God's will. And yet, some seeds find it hard to root themselves where they are planted. What do you root yourself in? What does it mean to truly root yourself somewhere?

Tuesday, Aug. 16

Romans 11:16-24

The imagery of grafting an olive shoot onto the root of an olive tree suggests that as believers, we are grafted onto the olive tree of Christ. Rooting ourselves in God provides support for our lives, and allows all of us to play a role in a loving, nurturing community. We belong to each other because we are part of God's family of faith. Give thanks today for all of the members of God's family.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

Ruth 1:1-18

Oftentimes we find stability and roots in our relationships with one another. Ruth refuses to leave her mother-in-law, Naomi, even after her husband (Naomi's son) has passed away. In choosing to remain with Naomi, Ruth embraces a new people, and a new God. What relationships keep you grounded? How have your relationships with others impacted your faith journey?

Thursday, Aug. 18

John 13:1-15

Tuesday and Wednesday's scriptures remind us that we belong to each other, but we also belong to God. God roots us in the incarnate Christ. In washing the disciples' feet, Jesus shows his love and care for the world, and lifts up service to others as a way in which to demonstrate love. How will you show Christ's love today?

Friday, Aug. 19

Ephesians 3:14-21

When we are part of God's family, and Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, we are truly rooted in love. What does a life rooted in love really look like? Make a list of the characteristics of a lifestyle that is grounded in the fullness of God. Pray that you might further root yourself in the love of the Lord, and that your life may take on the characteristics you listed.

Saturday, Aug. 20

John 15:1-5

Pruning, or cutting off branches that bear no fruit, is an important part of the growth of a plant. Similarly, we must undergo pruning in order to bear good fruit, and continue growing into the people God calls us to be. What are areas of your life that need pruning? Where do you hope growth will occur?



Registration for Village U Fall 2016 Classes Opens Tomorrow, 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 tomorrow, 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.

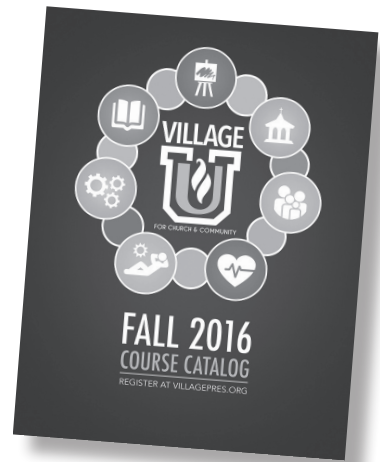
“Where Have All the Young Adults Gone?” in November co-taught by the Rev. Hallie Hottle and Dr. Rodger Nishioka, explores who young adults are and why so few of them are finding meaning in the Church today.

“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.

TAIZÉ SERVICE IS 7 P.M. TONIGHT - The last Taizé service of the summer is at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. This peaceful, reflective worship is a wonderful way to prepare for the upcoming week.

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.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL LABOR DAY SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 - There will be no Church School for the elementary grades or preschool ages on Sunday, Sept. 4. This allows our volunteer staff to have a day to worship with their families. Nursery and toddler care will be provided.

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 24:13-35 Recognizing Jesus at a meal on the way to Emmaus, 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. **Village U 2016 fall term registration for Village Church members begins tomorrow, Aug. 15. For community members, registration begins on Monday, Aug. 22.**

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. Cost: \$5 per class. Margaret Tlappek, instructor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays year round beginning Sept. 1. Room 333.

WILLIAM FAULKNER: A LIGHT IN AUGUST - We continue our exploration of William Faulkner and will be using the following: *A Light in August*, William Faulkner, ISBN-10: 0679732268 ISBN-13: 978-0679732266. For the first class, please read the first three chapters. Kelly Fast & Michael Sanem, instructors. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 1-Oct. 6. Room 232.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION - If you are interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, the Great Books Group will welcome you on the first Tuesday of each month. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. Room 127.

THE FALL ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES RESUME ON SEPT. 11:

9:30 a.m.

CLOUD OF WITNESSES - The class welcomes Rev. Dwight Tawney who is teaching *Old Stories in a New Light*. During the past two decades, archeological excavations in Israel and Jordan have focused fresh light on some familiar biblical stories. Join us as we peer through an archeologist's lens to gain new insights on some of these biblically-significant discoveries. Sept. 11-Oct. 23 in Room 15.

FAITH JOURNEY - This fall the class is studying the book, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson. This is a true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a call for us to fix our broken system of justice. Facilitated by Kathy Ray in Room 230.

GROWING TOGETHER - The class will watch the newly-released *The Gospel of Luke*. This movie is word-for-word from the bible. We will look at Jesus through the eyes of Paul's ministry. Throughout the year, we will bring the Gospel of Luke alive from both a historical perspective and as a living application to our lives today. The Growing Together class is made up of parents and young adults who want a deeper connection to our faith. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre in Room 132.

VILLAGE FORUM - The Peoples' Book - Unlike other books of the Bible through which we hear God speaking to us, in the Psalms we are the ones who do the speaking while God is the one who listens. Rev. Jay McKell will facilitate this five-week class with occasional assistance from Old Testament teacher and former Visiting Scholar Walter Brueggemann. Sept. 11- Oct. 9 in Room 126.

10:45 a.m.

The **Inquirers** class will launch its fall semester study schedule reading and discussing the late Marcus Borg's thought-provoking and inspirational book, *Convictions*. Join the book review and discussion of Borg's memories, conversions, and convictions. Be a part of the effort to study and celebrate "what matters most" to those who seek to better understand and follow Jesus. Led by Don Wilson in Room 124.

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. 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 - School is almost underway and the Food Pantry is asking for all varieties of cereal to fill the shelves with a great selection for our clients. It's been a while, but we now have a need for plastic shopping bags (with handles) and brown paper grocery sacks. Recycle them in the boxes at church. The Clothes Closet is asking for accessories: purses, belts, hats, umbrellas and socks in good condition. Thank you.

BACKSNACKS - Harvesters' BackSnack program 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 2016-17 school year, please call Amy Turpin at 913-908-1138 (amyjturpin@gmail.com) or Jane Emley at 913-302-7544 (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 today and Sunday Aug. 21. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION TREATMENT THIS THURSDAY - You are invited to learn more about a new family mental health facility at this week's meeting. Join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18 in Room 126 to hear about inpatient and outpatient mental health and addiction treatment to adults and their families.

SEPT. 26 COULD KICK OFF YOUR NEW CAREER -The Job Search Counseling Center class is coming soon! Looking for a new job in today's market has changed a lot; come and learn the best approach to securing that new position. Class is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, in Room 316. If you are interested in attending, contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CLASSIC CITIZENS CELEBRATION - The Pastoral Care & Counseling Department sponsors the annual Classic Citizens Celebration every fall. Volunteers have fun while helping to make this memorable event happen. The celebration will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, in Friendship Hall. If you would like to help for this one event, or want more information, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW FALL EVENT - Join us from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, for Crepes and Conversation in Friendship Hall. Women of all ages are welcome to enjoy fellowship and wonderful crepes. This is a great time to learn about the many activities of PW. RSVP by Sept. 7 to Jennifer Sawyer at jrsawyer1947@gmail.com or 913-642-6370. Child care is available with advance reservations. Contact Pam at pam.southerland@villagepres.org or 913-671-2352 for your reservation.

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.

SUMMER YARD GAME OLYMPICS - 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19. 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.

PROGRAM BREAK - All of our summer programming has come to a close and we will be on a small break until Cheer and GPS kick off on Sept. 11 and 14!

YOUTH SUNDAY - Join us during worship on Aug. 28 to celebrate our Youth, during Youth Sunday services!

2015 Village Church Endowment Trust Annual Report Now Online!

The Village Church Endowment Trust Board of Directors presents the 2015 Annual Report online! See what wonderful work is being done through our Endowment Trust. Go to our website villagepres.org and click on the Endowment Trust tab to view.

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.

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

And he would answer and say to them, 'The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise.'

– Luke 3:11

New Hours for the Village Cup Starting Sept. 6

We're expanding our hours in the Village Cup Coffee Shop starting Tuesday, Sept. 6. Please spread the word about our new business hours:

Sunday	8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Monday	8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m.-noon
Saturday	Closed



We will offer cold lunches Monday through Thursday, with the addition of hot soup (October through April) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We look forward to seeing you in the Cup.

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	Reservation at Sunset
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.*