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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 19, 2018 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

In his reflection on 1 Corinthians 13, St. John Chrysostom (ca. 347-407), Archbishop of Constantinople, writes: "If we truly practiced the love that the Apostle Paul describes here, there would be neither slave nor free, neither ruler nor ruled, neither rich nor poor, neither small nor great. There would only be one people ruled by Christ's love and the world would be transformed for the glory of God." In this final Sunday of Great Expectations, we explore what it means to be called by God as leaders. Some of us are called to be upfront leaders. Some are called to be behind-the-scenes leaders. And others are called to be caregiving leaders. Whatever type of leader you are, our motivation is to love with the kind of love described in 1 Corinthians 13.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*If Ye Love Me*  
by Thomas Tallis; KC Men's Chorus

Introit

*My Rock*  
arr. Joe Potter

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

Let us open our ears, people of God,  
**for God is speaking a word among us.**  
Let us open our minds, people of God,  
**for the Spirit is moving in this place.**  
Let us open our hearts, people of God,  
**and worship the one who makes us whole.**  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
**my God and King!**

\*Hymn, No. 636

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*  
AUGUSTINE

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of grace,**  
**Your good news is for all people.**  
**Forgive us when we try to limit it to people like ourselves.**  
**Your grace is for all people.**  
**Forgive us when we doubt it, fearing that we might be unworthy of Your grace.**  
**Your love is for all people.**  
**Forgive us when we hoard it, unable to believe in Your abundance.**  
**Move us to see the world as You see it,**  
**bursting at the seams with good news, grace, and love.** (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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Call to Prayer

God is here to - day; \_\_\_\_\_ as cer-tain as the air I  
 breathe \_\_\_\_\_ as cer-tain as the morn-ing sun that ris - es, as  
 cer - tain when I sing you'll hear — my song. \_\_\_\_\_

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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

*Eternal Father, Strong To Save*  
arr. Tom Scott; KC Men's Chorus

Prayer for Illumination

Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)  
Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13 (pg. 1047)

Sermon

*Leading as Loving*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 693

*Though I May Speak*  
GIFT OF LOVE

Offertory

*The Prayer of the Children*  
by Kurt Bestor

Can you hear the prayer of the children?  
On bended knee, in the shadow of an unknown room  
Empty eyes with no more tears to cry  
Turning heavenward toward the light  
Crying Jesus, help me  
To see the morning light-of one more day  
But if I should die before I wake,  
I pray my soul to take  
Can you feel the hearts of the children?  
Aching for home, for something of their very own  
Reaching hands, with nothing to hold on to,  
But hope for a better day a better day  
Crying Jesus, help me  
To feel the love again in my own land  
But if unknown roads lead away from home,  
Give me loving arms, away from harm

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Can you hear the voice of the children?  
Softly pleading for silence in a shattered world?  
Angry guns preach a gospel full of hate,  
Blood of the innocent on their hands  
Crying Jesus, help me  
To feel the sun again upon my face,  
For when darkness clears I know you're near,  
Bringing peace again  
Dali cujete sve djecje molitive?  
(Croatian translation:  
'Can you hear all the children's prayers?')  
Can you hear the prayer of the children?

\*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

\*Hymn, No. 747

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*  
ENVIADO

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*The Peace of the Lord*  
by N. Grant Pfeifer; KC Men's Chorus

\*Postlude

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
by Egil Hovland

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

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## MUSIC NOTES

Today we warmly welcome the Kansas City Men's Chorus and their music director, Doug Allen, to worship! They started 22 years ago as an outreach arm of the Kansas City Symphony Chorus, and perform each Sunday through the summer at various churches. The Men's Chorus has 24 members that are current or former Symphony Chorus members.

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## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 20, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Len Carrell 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. 20**

**1 Kings 3:3-14**

Solomon is becoming king, as his father David before him. He is young and inexperienced and unsure how to lead. We are told that Solomon loved the Lord, as his father did. He walks in the ways of the Lord as his father did and depends on the steadfast love of God as his father did. God asks him "What should I give you?" Solomon asks for an understanding mind and the wisdom to discern between just and unjust, right and wrong, good and evil. How can any of us feel equipped to lead God's good people? Wisdom is knowing when we don't know.

### **Tuesday, Aug. 21**

**Psalms 111**

The psalmist is not only grateful for the wisdom of God's wonderful works but for being able to praise God and give thanks in the company of the congregation. The congregation is the people of Israel, and this psalm tells their story. From being fed food from heaven in the desert to being made into a covenant people, and then being redeemed from exile. The story of God's people begins and ends with ever-enduring praises of God. Wisdom of God's wonderful works is the beginning of all wisdom.

### **Wednesday, Aug. 22**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be careful to live as wise people, not unwise. According to this passage, the difference between wisdom and foolishness is about taking time, seeking God, and making music, being wise enough to make the most of this time instead of living only for today, seeking a deeper understanding of God which draws us into deeper faithfulness, and being filled by the melody making Spirit of our Lord instead of just being filled with excess. Wisdom is seen in how we choose to live, act and treat people.

### **Thursday, Aug. 23**

**John 6:51-58**

For John, Jesus is God's Word become flesh and living with us. So, for us to take in the wisdom of God's Word in John's context, we feast on the Body of Christ. Even in the imagery of ancient Israel, God is revealed in food and drink, manna from heaven, and water flowing abundantly from rocks. These are wisdom traditions passed down in language as old as a land flowing with milk and honey. Wisdom is feasting on the Word and getting a little bit of heaven in us.

### **Friday, Aug. 24**

**Proverbs 3:13-20**

The word "wisdom" is in the feminine. Solomon uses the Hebrew word, chokmah, which literally means to make the right choices at the right time. But Solomon is asking God for something more intimate — to be joined with God and filled with the hidden knowledge of God. It is a relationship as intimate as two people in love. Wisdom is more precious than jewels. It is the tree of life. It is the source and the treasure. In that same wisdom, God made heaven and earth. Wisdom is creation, and creation is the proper use of wisdom.

### **Saturday, Aug. 25**

**James 3:13-18**

There are two kinds of wisdom, one of this earth, and one that is spiritual. In these days, it is important to make this distinction. Wisdom is not a product of our own personal knowledge and understanding. It is done in community, in humility and shows up in our life together. Wisdom is not envious or bitter, selfish ambition, or truth denying for these will sow disorder. Wisdom from heaven is pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, impartial and sincere. Wisdom is full of mercy and good fruit. Wisdom is love.

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**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)

**VILLAGE U**  
FOR CHURCH & COMMUNITY



**BIG SONIA**

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR.  
GRANDMA.  
DIVA.

MOVIE SHOWING  
7 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

TALK WITH SONIA  
5 P.M.  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

Free Admission. A free will offering will benefit the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education

Photo: Gloria Baker Feinstein

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## 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 worshipping 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](mailto: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 Oct. 14 and Dec. 9. Contact [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto: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** – The class meets 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Rooms 126-127. Today is our final class, taught by Rev. Ky Weekley.

**FALL 2018 VILLAGE U CATALOG NOW ONLINE** – Registration begins at 9 a.m. tomorrow, 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!

**9:30 a.m. ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES will resume on Sept. 9:**

**FAITH JOURNEY** will begin a study of "Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel" by Kate Bowler. Millions of American Christians measure spiritual progress in terms of their financial status and physical well-being. We will look at the history of the prosperity gospel along with the scripture that this group uses as support for their beliefs to examine how our beliefs on this topic and the interpretation of the scriptures compare. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

**FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH** class offers challenging discussion of a wide range of topics based on presentations by visiting teachers or video-discussion format. Class members enjoy participating in discussion and exploration of new ideas while welcoming a diversity of perspectives. Room 15.

**GROWING TOGETHER** invites adults in their 40's and 50's who are interested in growing together in context of their families. The members of the Growing Together class welcome anyone who is looking for opportunities to grow using Christ's principles as we apply Jesus to our lives today. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

**VILLAGE FORUM** begins the fall with the video, God and Imperial Power, Jesus and Economic Justice. In this video series from Faith and Reason, John Dominic Crossan and Joerg Rieger expand our awareness of the historic collusion between Christianity and the empires of the west, from Jesus' non-violent program of resistance to Roman Imperialism under Augustus, to the imperialistic "partnerships" of the 21st Century. Class discussion of this series will be led by Gus Breyspraak and others. Sept. 9-Oct. 14 in Room 126.

**THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE** has created MP3 files of the sermons of Dr. Bob Meneilly which are available for your listening pleasure. You may find them at [https://soundcloud.com/villagepres\\_heritage](https://soundcloud.com/villagepres_heritage).

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## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**REMINDER: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.** Child care will be available for children ages newborn-3 years. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day (Sept. 9).

**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](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

**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. 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

**CASUAL GOLF OUTING** - The monthly outings are a four-person scramble and run now thru October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Ironhorse on Tuesday, Sept. 11, with 8 a.m. tee time. RSVP by Sept. 3. To sign up, contact: Brad Steil, 913-469-5683, [bradsteil@everestkc.net](mailto:bradsteil@everestkc.net) or Art Newcomer, 913-752-7540, [artnewcome@aol.com](mailto:artnewcome@aol.com).

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Beets, spinach and potatoes are the favorite canned vegetables of the Food Pantry's clients, and so the Pantry continues to ask you to supply the shelves with them and the clients thank you. The Clothes Closet, besides summer clothing, is asking for kitchen items: glassware, pots and pans, dishes, utensils, etc. Your support makes this mission the success that it is.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**CATHERINE MANCINA-SMITH, Ph.D. TALKS ABOUT AUTISM** – All are welcome at 5 p.m. this Thursday, Aug. 23, in Room 132. Dr. Smith is a licensed psychologist and clinical assistant professor at the Center for Child Health and Development at KU Medical Center. She has worked with children with autism and developmental disabilities for more than 15 years. This event is sponsored by Stephen Ministry.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**CREPES AND CONVERSATION** – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 12 in Friendship Hall. Join us at this free event to welcome fall and introduce all the activities that involve PW. We will meet for breakfast then continue to the Shawnee Mission East Renovation Sensation Homes tour. Please RSVP by Aug. 31. RSVP to Carrie Craig, 913-706-5757, or [a.carrie.craig@gmail.com](mailto:a.carrie.craig@gmail.com) or Kathy Ray, 913-645-2863, or [kathydray@gmail.com](mailto:kathydray@gmail.com). Child care is available with a registration by Sept. 4 to Marjean Lindquist at [marjean@villagepres.org](mailto:marjean@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2322.

**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.

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## SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

**THE JOHNSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT** needs volunteers to conduct a survey as part of their tri-annual Community Health Assessment to identify factors that affect the health of residents and the community. It will be done on Saturday, Sept. 8, in preselected neighborhoods. Volunteers will be trained at 8 a.m.; will go out in pairs to conduct the survey until about 4 or 5 p.m. To volunteer: [surveymonkey.com/r/CHAVolunteer2018](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHAVolunteer2018). Contact [barbara.mitchell@jocogov.org](mailto:barbara.mitchell@jocogov.org) for more info.

## 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.

**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. Sign up online at [VillagePresYA.org/saturdays](http://VillagePresYA.org/saturdays).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**PROGRAM BREAK** – All programs are on break as school gets started and we wish our interns farewell. Kickoff for programs is Sept. 9 – view the schedule and calendar on the youth website ([villagepresyouth.org](http://villagepresyouth.org)).

### Have you remembered Village Church in your estate plan?

Let me know and become a member of the Meneilly Society.  
Molly Sirridge at [molly.sirridge@villagepres.org](mailto:molly.sirridge@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325.



### 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!

### A Friendly Reminder

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



PEANUT BUTTER  
*Sunday*

Please bring jars to church  
for the Village Food Pantry

Sept. 9



DINNERS RESUME

*Wednesday, Sept. 12*

RSVP

*by Monday,  
Sept. 10*

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# 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.

Today, the Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor, preaches the last sermon in the series.

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**

Aug. 26 Expecting to be the Church – Shaped by Experience – Youth Sunday

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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 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

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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](http://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.*

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