



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 20, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

This is the first mention of the Sabbath in Matthew's gospel. For Jesus, this day is met with test questions and baited conflicts. The Pharisees are trying to paint Jesus into a theological corner. The Pharisees question him, asking what are the lawful do's and don'ts regarding work on the Sabbath. Jesus in return asks them when are mercy and love never at the center of our work. But there is something bigger than just the right interpretation of Mosaic Law happening here. Jesus shows us that, even standing in the shadows with someone's quiet hurt, we find healing light.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

KC Men's Ensemble

Call to Worship

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

We enter the house of God knowing we are not perfect.

And God says, "Here, participation is the goal, not perfection."

We enter the house of God carrying more than we can handle.

And God says, "I am gentle and humble in heart; here you will find rest."

We enter the house of God hoping that when we lift up our voice in praise,
our spirits will also be lifted.

And God says, "When I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to myself!"

Friends, let us worship God!

*Hymn, No. 15 (st. 1-4)

All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**At times, we find it difficult to admit our personal struggles and hurts
because the world's struggles and hurts seem so much greater.**

**So help us remember what we choose to ignore:
that we are broken, and we need your healing.**

**We are broken and need your healing because our hearts have
scarred other hearts,**

**our bodies have injured other bodies, our minds have forsaken other minds,
and our faith has questioned others' faith.**

We have been afraid to live up to the promises you made for us in baptism.

We have not bothered to share our story, because we are ashamed to tell it.

We have left undone what we said we would do and not loved as you loved.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**In these healing times, give us the spirit to follow you, to feast on your Word,
and to forgive each other and ourselves. (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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem

Festival Gloria
by Craig Courtney

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 12:1-14 (pg. 888)

Sermon

Shadowlight

Rev. Len Carrell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 302

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace
O W A L Y W A L Y

Offertory

Amazing Grace
arr. Craig Courtney

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

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. 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City
CHARLESTOWN

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Sing Your Way Home
by Joseph Martin

*Postlude

Praeludium in e
by Nicolaus Bruhns

*All who are able may stand

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MUSIC NOTES

The Kansas City Men's Ensemble started 21 years ago as an outreach arm of the Kansas City Symphony Chorus. They perform each Sunday through the summer at various churches. We have about 24 members that are current or former Symphony Chorus members. Doug Allen is music director. Today, Art Lafex (baritone) is filling in as our conductor.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 20, 2017)

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. 21

Matthew 27:45-46; Mark 15:33-34; Luke 23:44-46

Three gospels record this detail about the death of Jesus. They say it was "about noon, and darkness came over the whole land." This afternoon we will see a phenomenal darkness cover our land. It is a mystery of order, space, and time. There was probably not a three-hour solar eclipse at the crucifixion of Jesus, but maybe the people who witnessed it would have described it that way. One thing is certain. God's beautiful touch will be on full display today. Let us marvel at the work of God's fingertips.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Matthew 8:1-4

At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus begins his ministry of healing. This is where the teaching hits the Galilean dirt road. Love is put into action. Jesus comes down the mountain and meets a leper in a great crowd of people. The leper is the one who asks Jesus "if you choose, make me clean." This man was confident that Jesus would heal him. Sometimes we lack confidence in our ability to provide care for others. What would happen if those who needed our care were as confident as this man? Maybe all it takes to offer a caring touch is knowing that Christ will meet us there.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Matthew 8:5-13

In this story Jesus heals the slave of a centurion with his words alone. He does so because the centurion knows that Jesus' words carry great authority. Jesus says, "In no one in Israel have I found such faith." Faithful words can give help to the helpless, hope to the hopeless, and faith to the faithless. Sharing our faith, through faithful words with people who are hurting, begins a journey back home to find that all is well again.

Thursday, Aug. 24

Matthew 8:14-17 (Isaiah 53:5)

The healing of Peter's mother and the many who came to visit Jesus is a strong prophetic metaphor. The Isaiah text that is referenced is the lament of the "suffering servant." It reads, "...he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made me whole, and by his bruises we are healed." On the cross Christ bore in his body every evil – all cancer, all disease, all mental illness, all addiction, all abuse, all dementia, all murder, all hate, all injustice, all inequality, all pain, all grief, all death.

Friday, Aug. 25

Matthew 8:23-27

Jesus calms the storm raging outside the boat and inside the boat. The wind and waves that are crashing around the boat are not nearly as dangerous as the storm of despair building inside his disciples. From every outward appearance, their lives seem to be endangered. But what appears more fragile is their ability to trust that God is with them in the storm. Jesus is sleeping, but he is with them. Trusting God during a life-threatening time can feel like God is sleeping. But trust that you are in the care of a God who calms and heals every storm.

Saturday, Aug. 26

Matthew 8:28-9:1

This story is so strange. Two men are possessed by demons and living among the tombs. They are described as fierce and disruptive, shouting at Jesus to cast out their demons into the pigs. Jesus does what they ask. The pigs then immediately perish in the sea. In the throes of grief and pain it feels like we are living in tombs battling with demons. Consumed by grief, we call out to Jesus for healing. Trust that through God's grace, we will be healed.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Dedictory
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 Irene Couch by Dee Couch, David Couch and Lisa Isom.

THE ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE reminds us to celebrate and welcome the birth of a new little one among the Village Community: Rhys Chandler Welsh was born to Susan and Austin Welsh in late June.

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

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 New Testament stories.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 3.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Summer Adult Sunday Morning Class

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING. CONVERSATIONS ON THE SERMON TEXT FOR ALL ADULTS – As this class concludes, all adults are invited to study and discuss the Bible text for the day's sermon. Rev. Jay McKell will teach the final class today. 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Rooms 126-127.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR GOOGLE ID, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT? – The Village Church Computer Ministry is hosting "water cooler sessions" on the first Wednesday of the month. The next session will be held on Sept. 6. Learn how the Google suite of products can be used to collaborate with others while doing God's work in the church and the community. 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 316.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR CHURCH MEMBERS FOR FALL VILLAGE U CLASSES -
Registration for community members begins tomorrow, Aug. 21.**

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.

9:30 a.m. Sunday Adult Classes

Village Forum: The Search for God - Evolving from Search into Theology - This three-week series continues the five week series led by John Borden in the spring. The Sept. 10 class will treat the development of our beliefs into theology, the Sept. 17 class will cover the key questions of theology and the Sept. 24 class will pull it all together into a look at various current theologies. Room 127.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Next week is Peanut Butter Sunday and the famous Peanut Butter phantom is back! The Phantom will match the total pounds of donations brought to church on Aug. 27. Please bring your plastic jars of crunchy or creamy to kick off this annual Back-to-School food drive. As always, thank you for feeding hungry children throughout the city with your generous donations.

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.

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, Kan. 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.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – NEW SERIES STARTS SOON – Grief is a journey. Growing Through Grief, a five-week class, is designed to help people discover God's graceful healing presence during this difficult time. The next series will be every Wednesday evening, Sept. 6-Oct. 4, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in Room 124. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MISSION SEWING has a few openings in the afternoon for women who would like to work from 1-3 p.m. We also need non sewers who can stuff pillows and do some hand stitching, 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. Tuesday, Aug. 22. 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 today.

YOUTH SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK – Join us at any worship service on Aug. 27 as our youth lead us in worship. It is one of the best Sundays of the year!

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.

Cheryl Couch-Thomas Accepts New Call at Heartland Center

Cheryl Couch-Thomas has served as director of Children & Family Ministry at Village Church for over five years. Cheryl has announced she is leaving Village at the end of this month to begin a new position in hospitality ministry at Heartland Center in Parkville. She has volunteered at Heartland Center for the past 25 years and has served on the Board for the past six years. In her new position, she'll work with groups coming in the conference/retreat side of Heartland Center. In the spring, she'll help get things ready for the stationary day camps in Parkville and Olathe, as well as the overnight camps.

"I've truly enjoyed meeting all the lovely families here at Village. It just thrills me to see the Holy Spirit touch kids, and I can see that when that happens," said Cheryl. "It's been such a tremendous honor to be surrounded by a community of so many gracious and wise people who are caring and loving."

"We give thanks for Cheryl's faithful and energetic leadership these past five years," said Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate. "Time and again, she has reminded us all of the precious gift of our children and our ministry to and with them, and she has helped us all see the importance of caring for and nurturing our families. Cheryl is loved and known beyond Village Church across the Heartland Presbytery and this new call seems a perfect fit for her. We wish her the very best in this new ministry. We are working to identify an interim director and then will form a search committee to call a new leader for Village Church in Children and Family Ministry."



Now & Tomorrow, Village Church

In recognition for the generous support toward our capital campaign, a donor book has been designed and built. This book is found in the north entrance reception area on the east wall of the Welcome Center. Please take a moment and look through this symbol of thanks and gratitude to our supporters of the Now & Tomorrow, Village Church campaign.



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



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

Bring your family, friends and neighbors for delicious eats from six gourmet food trucks.

Food is reasonably priced.

Enjoy live music by The Aaron Linscheid Trio.

Sponsored by the Connectional Ministries Committee

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 Shadowlight
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!"

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.