



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 21, 2016 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Jesus knew that eating is about more than nutrition; it is about relationships. The Kingdom of God is also about relationships—faithful, just, gracious, right relationships. So, it should be no surprise that after his resurrection, one of the first things he does with his followers is eat.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

My Rock

music and words: Claude Hensley and Don Baker;
arr: Joe Potter; Kansas City Men's Ensemble; Joe Potter, bass

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

Empty tombs and open tables:

this is what God gives us.

Warm fires and familiar faces:

this is how God comforts us.

Broken hearts and hungry bellies:

this is where God sends us.

Reconciled relationships and thriving creation:

this is what God dreams for us.

*Hymn, No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, resurrect us, for our spirits are weak.

**When the way is unclear and our hearts are uncertain,
we forget what we have learned and fall back into old habits.**

**When the way is difficult and our hearts are timid,
we search for excuses and second-guess you.**

**Secretly, God, underneath all of this, we are almost always afraid:
that we are not good enough
or faithful enough
or clever enough.**

**We forget that discipleship is more about you
than it is about us.**

**We know you want better from us and for us,
and we do, too.**

**Give us your wisdom and your courage.
Above all, give us your grace.** (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

Why Village Matters

Front Porch Alliance

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.)

Festival Gloria

music: Craig Courtney; Kansas City Men's Ensemble;
Mark Snopak, violin; Carrie Scott, cello

Prayer for Illumination

Wes Battey (9:30 a.m.)

Robby Parrott (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36-43 (pg. 964)

Sermon

Do You Eat Fish?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See
OPEN MY EYES

Offertory

There Will I Be
music: Craig Courtney; Kansas City Men's Ensemble;
Mark Snopak, violin; Carrie Scott, cello

*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.817

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight
DUNLAP'S CREEK

*Benediction

*Response

**We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

*Postlude

This Little Light of Mine
traditional spiritual; Arra: John Leavitt; Kansas City Men's Ensemble;
Mark Mies, Bass; Doug Allen, Baritone; Cliff Hubbard, Tenor

Kansas City Men's Ensemble

Doug Allen - Director
Art Lafex
Alan Taliercio
Bill Russell
Bob Maffitt
Cliff Hubbard
Dave Reid
Don Milligan

Emerson Hartzler
Gene Wilson
George Smith
James Lyen
Jere Kimmel
Joe Potter
Larry Sneegas
Leon Barnes

Lyle Linder
Mark Mies
Paul Buechter
Phil Dunham
Rick Stephenson
Robert Ritter
Scott Kincaid

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 22, 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. 22

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. 23

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. 24

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. 25

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. 26

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. 27

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 Now Open

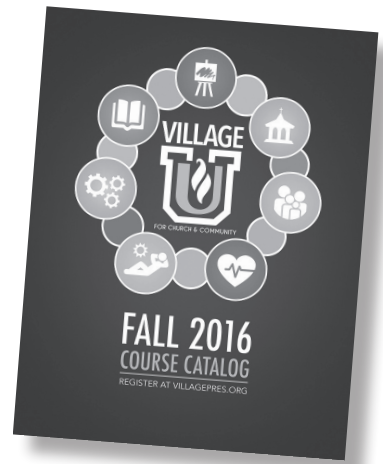
Classes are listed on the Village U web page at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.html.

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

Registration is now open for church members and opens tomorrow 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.

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



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.

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.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST LITTLE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH - The rose on the communion table announces the happy news of the birth of our newest member in our family of faith: Avery Elle Wendt (Tanya Rodecker-Wendt and Sam Wendt, parents). If you are a member of Village Church and have a new baby, share the excitement with us. Call 913-671-2350 or 913-671-2355. A rose will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday of this month in honor of these precious children of God.

THE KANSAS CITY MEN'S ENSEMBLE was formed about 20 years ago to provide sacred music to local churches during the Summer months. Comprised of approximately 24 singers mostly recruited from the Kansas City Symphony Chorus, they are led by Doug Allen. **Marvie Sneegas** is accompanying the Kansas City Men's Ensemble and leading hymns during today's services.

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

FINAL SUMMER SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY - More than a Summer Picnic: Food for the Journey of Faith - Come join us as we conclude our summer adult Bible study series today. Adults of all ages are welcome. 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Friendship Hall West (Room 228). Text: Luke 24:36-43 Resurrected Jesus with Disciples, taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. Cost: \$5 per class. Margaret Tlapek, 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.

GABRIEL'S REVELATION - In 2008, scholars reported on a new archaeological discovery near the Dead Sea — a three-foot high stone tablet inscribed with 87 lines of Hebrew text, composed just before the time of Jesus. This class will explore the controversy that one scholar has claimed “might shake our basic view of Christianity.” Rev. Dwight Tawney, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 7-28. Room 127.

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN - BECOMING WISE: AN INQUIRY INTO THE MYSTERY AND ART OF LIVING by Krista Tippett - Krista has interviewed the most extraordinary voices examining the great questions of meaning for our time. In *Becoming Wise*, Tippett distills the insights she has gleaned from this luminous conversation ... and the enduring question of what it means to be human. Rev. Diane Quaintance, instructor. 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 9-Dec. 16, Room 132.

VERY BASIC COMPUTER CLASS-DAYTIME & EVENING - The Very Basic Computer class allows students with limited computer experience to become comfortable with Microsoft Word, the internet and email. These classes are free. Class limit: 12. Dee Couch, instructor. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 4 and 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 5, in Room 316.

TASTE OF MOPS - Are you a M.O.P. (mother of a preschooler including newborns through kindergarten)? We are hosting “Taste of MOPS” for you to have an opportunity to get to know what MOPS is all about and to get excited about the start of the group in the fall. Bethany Ramsey, instructor. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Room 126.

FALL ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES RESUME SEPT. 11.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS STARTING SOON - Wednesday church dinners will resume at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7. These dinners are offered so people of all ages can come together and share a meal before attending a class, choir practice, etc. Chef Emily prepares a full, hot buffet with salad bar for \$7, salad bar & dessert for \$6. And children age 3-10, \$3. Children under 3 are free. Reservations are required by noon every Monday. Just call Liz at 913-671-2359, email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners.html.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - School has started for some of our clients' children, so the Clothes Closet is asking for school clothing - boy's and girl's, all sizes, clean and gently used. The Food Pantry, with school starting, is thinking about children's breakfasts, and is requesting all varieties of cereal to help each child's school day start out with a full tummy. Your clothing and food donations help these children look and feel good in school. 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 (amyturpin@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. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL SEPT. 8 – Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, in the Village Chapel for a 30-minute recital featuring Kristee Haney, mezzo-soprano, accompanied by Natalia Rivera on piano. The performance is free and open to the community. An active oratorio soloist, Ms. Haney will be performing Debussy, Brahms, Strauss, Santoliquido and even some Judy Collins. The performance is free and open to the community.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP STARTS SEPT. 6 – If you are going through or have experienced a divorce, consider coming to the next Divorce Support Group series. The group will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. every Tuesday, Sept. 6 through Oct. 25 in Room 206. Dr. Dave Ehman, a licensed psychologist, will be the facilitator. Child care is available by advance request; if you would like child care, please let Pam Southerland know by Tuesday, Aug. 30, 913-671-2352 or pam.southerland@villagepres.org. To register for this support group, contact Linda Alley, 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – NEW SERIES STARTS SEPT. 14 - Growing Through Grief, a five-week class, is designed to help people discover God's graceful healing presence during a difficult time. If you have lost a loved one or know of someone who is grieving, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register. The new session will be from 5-6:15 p.m. every Wednesday, Sept. 14 – Oct. 12, in Room 124.

SEPT. 26 COULD KICK OFF YOUR NEW CAREER –The Career 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.

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.

PW PAGE TURNERS - Page Turners will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, in Room 127. The book for discussion is by Jane Smiley, titled *Some Luck*. This is a fascinating, engaging story of an Iowa farm family through the challenges of the decades beginning at the end of WWI - drought, recession, rearing several children - into the early 1950's. As always, all are welcome; discussions are lively and prove interesting even for those who may not have read the book. Full participation is encouraged but just listening is fully acceptable, too. Come and enjoy.

JOIN THE VILLAGE MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you have a musical gift to share? The music ministry at Village provides opportunities for musicians of all experience and comfort levels to grow through music in worship. Reach out to us by phone, e-mail or in person. We would love to have you join us! Contact Ryan Main at 913-671-2345 or ryan.main@villagepres.org for more information, or visit villagepres.org.

AMAZING GRACES FALL KICK-OFF EVENT - Mark your calendar for the 2016 AG Fall Kick-off event from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Sherry Forsee home (4943 Central). Limited to 70. Tickets are \$10 and on sale in Friendship Hall Sunday mornings, Sept. 4 and 11, or contact Kathy Collins at kathy.collins@hrblock.com or 913-706-3511. Look for more information in the *Good News*.

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.

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.

SERVE: HOMELESS CONNECT KC, TUESDAY SEPT. 13 - Homeless Connect KC is a one day event that brings community partners into one building so those experiencing homelessness can access the resources they need most. As volunteers we'll walk one to one with our homeless neighbors to help them navigate the day. There is no other volunteer opportunity like this, that allows us to not just serve, but connect with those we're serving. Ask your workplace for a day off to serve your city! See more at projecthomelessconnectkc.com, and sign up by emailing Rev. Hallie, hallie.hottle@villagepres.org.

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 next Sunday, Aug. 28, to celebrate our Youth, during Youth Sunday services!

THE GATHERING

AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO WORSHIP

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 in Friendship Hall.

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.*