



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 27, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Each year our youth lead us in worship as they share their summer experiences and how God has been at work in them. This year we look toward the sermon series that will start after Labor Day, "It Takes a Village;" students are reflecting on their experiences of community and the ways in which God works through those that surround us. Community is not without its challenges, but the Biblical story points to us being better when we are together. How might the challenge and reward of community be instructive to us as we reflect on our own life experiences?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Fantasia on KINGSFOLD
by Aaron David Miller

Introit

I Will Magnify the Lord
by Becky Pearce, Cindy Minor, Jimmy Pearce, Tim Minor
Colin Webb, trumpet; Katie Parks, french horn

Call to Worship

Lucy Minor and Ella Hans (9:30 a.m.)
Sydney Newton and Sophie Henschel (11 a.m.)

We gather together to praise God who cares for all.

And so our desire is to give thanks with our whole hearts.

We gather together to praise God who does not abandon God's creation.

And so our desire is to steward this world and all God's creation.

We gather together to praise God who cares for the lowly.

And so our desire is to love and care for all people.

We gather together to dwell in God's Word, to build up one another, and give thanks.

And so our desire is to pray, to seek grace and mercy, and to sing!

*Hymn, No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
KINGSFOLD

*Prayer of Confession

William Muller (9:30 a.m.)
Olivia Perry (11 a.m.)

Merciful God,

We confess that so often we do not care for each other the way You call us to.

We pass by our brothers and sisters when they need us most.

We speak unkind words.

We view our differences as inferiorities.

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to embrace our differences,

to build each other up,

and to invite the stranger in as we would our own family.

Empower us to build a community that reflects Your goodness,

Your grace, and Your love. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

Nick Orr (9:30 a.m.)
Chase Conderman (11 a.m.)

*Response



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
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*Passing of the Peace

Jenna Soltys

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Why Village Matters

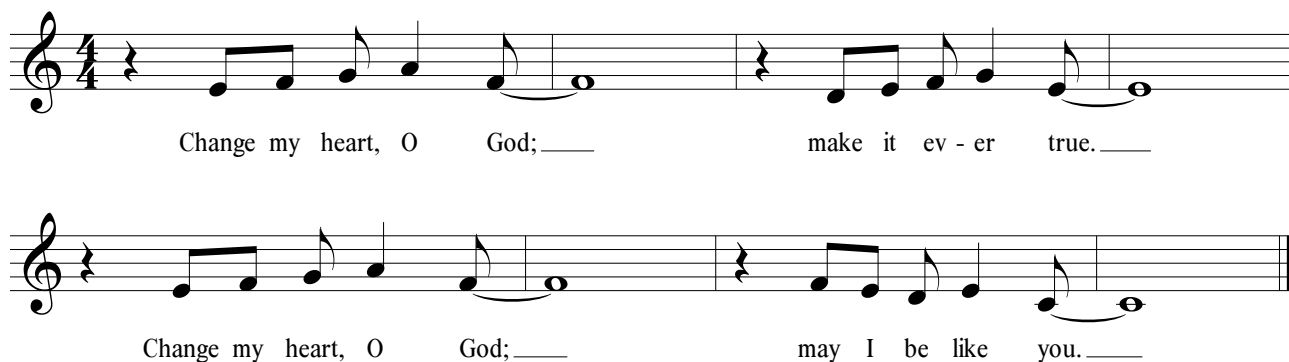
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Robbie Veglahn and Graham Nunnelee

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

Maggie Schutt and Emma Barickman (9:30 a.m.)

Abby Schipfer and Sam Vaughan (11 a.m.)

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

Higher Ground
music: Carol Strommen; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

Katie Parks (9:30 a.m.)
Cece Fletcher (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17 (pg. 1074)

Sermon

Better Together

Grace Strongman
Henry Kartsonis
Anna Dierks

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

Offertory

When the Saints
music: Sarah Groves; arr. Kevin Dolan; Hannah Haefele, flute;
Amy Jantz, clarinet; Jenny Hull, cello; Village Voices

*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

Kennedy Krumm (9:30 a.m.)
Ben Blickhan (11 a.m.)

*Hymn, No. 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God
SIYAHAMBA

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 27, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Dr. Rodger Nishioka 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. 28

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Bible scholars call Jeremiah "the reluctant boy prophet." When God calls him, Jeremiah protests because of his age and because he believes he is not eloquent. The tone of God's response is one of annoyance. God is not pleased with Jeremiah's self-doubts. The call of Jeremiah reminds us that when God calls, God also equips us to accomplish those tasks that God sets before us. However daunting God's call may seem to you, trust that with God's help, you will accomplish it.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

1 Samuel 3-4:1

This is a story of how God uses an older adult, Eli, and a young boy, Samuel, to accomplish God's plans for all of Israel. Samuel is being called by God but does not know it. He needs Eli to help him realize that God is calling. God tells Samuel what is about to happen and the consequences are grave for Eli. But Eli insists that Samuel tell him. We need one another to know what God is calling us to do in these days. We need one another, all generations, to discern God's words of comfort and challenge.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

2 Kings 5:1-19

Much of what is written and preached about from this story focuses on the Aramean commander Naaman and his healing and conversion through the prophet Elisha. But what is often missed is that the story hinges on one person: an unnamed Hebrew slave girl. Having been taken from her homeland, she still chooses to help the commander be healed and through her, he and his whole household come to know God. What generosity and what faith! Young people often do that. They see hope and possibility where others do not or cannot.

Thursday, Aug. 31

Luke 2:41-52

This is the only story we have in the gospels about Jesus as a young person. At first, it seems that Jesus gets lost but is that really the case? Instead of going home with his parents, he makes his way to the temple to learn more about God and when his exasperated parents finally find him, Jesus wonders why it did not occur to them that he would be in the temple, his "father's house." Young people have a way of showing us new and unexpected ways to be faithful to God just as the boy Jesus did for his parents.

Friday, Sept. 1

Acts 2:17-21

On the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit created the church, Peter explained what was happening by quoting from Joel 2:28-32. He names young people in particular as having two responsibilities: to be the church's prophets and visionaries. Prophets speak God's truth. Visionaries help us see the world as God sees it. Young people do that for us. We need them among us so that we may hear God's truth and see the world as God does.

Saturday, Sept. 2

1 Timothy 4:12-16

The Apostle Paul has appointed Timothy, a young man, to be the leader of the church at Ephesus. Apparently, it is not going well. Some of the older church members resent someone so young being their leader. Paul encourages Timothy to "not neglect the gift that is in you." Older persons bring a gift of wisdom gained through experience but many young people bring the gift of seeing a future unhindered by the past. Pray that God would open our hearts to receive the gifts God has given to young people so that instead of resenting the leadership of young people, we would welcome and celebrate it!

INVITING YOU TO SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS

We hope you'll join us this fall! Rehearsals begin right after Labor Day.
Here is our schedule of "first rehearsals" – hope to see you there!

Wednesday, Sept. 6

The More Love Chorale (our Once-a Month Choir)

6:30-7:30 p.m., Room 15

Contact Will Breytspraak – william.breytspraak@villagepres.org

Village Ringers (our advanced five-octave hand bell choir)

5:30-6:45 p.m., Room 14

Contact Elisa Bickers – elisa.bickers@villagepres.org

Village Brass

7-8:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Contact Matthew Shepard – matthew@villagepres.org

Thursday, Sept. 7

Morning Bells (our intermediate hand bell choir)

10-11 a.m., Room 14

Contact Will Breytspraak – william.breytspraak@villagepres.org

Alegria Choir (our young adult choir)

6:45-7:15 p.m. (snacks at 6:30 p.m.), Room 14

Contact Elisa Bickers – elisa.bickers@villagepres.org

Village Choir

7-8:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Contact Will Breytspraak – william.breytspraak@villagepres.org

Chamber Choir

8:40-9:40 p.m., Room 14

Contact Matthew Shepard – matthew@villagepres.org

Sunday, Sept. 10

Morning Stars (separate K-2nd & 3-6th grade choirs)

10:30-11 a.m. (a part of the 9:30-11 a.m. Kids' Kingdom program)

Contact Jenny Hull – jenny.hull@villagepres.org

Village Voices Youth Choir

5-6:30 p.m., Room 14

Contact Matthew Shepard – matthew@villagepres.org

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 Mardel, David and Jack Lillard by Dave Lillard.

THE FOOD PANTRY – Today is PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY! If you forgot your jars of peanut butter, you can drop them off at church on your next visit or at the Food Pantry. The Pantry is in need of a volunteer helper to ride with a trained truck driver to pick up donations from grocery stores on two Fridays a month from 7:30-11 a.m. The volunteer must be able to lift up to 50 pounds. Contact Susan Webb at 913-671-2314.

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 NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 3.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR GOOGLE ID, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT? – 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 FALL VILLAGE U CLASSES

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. 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. We will discuss their book, *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. 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. We reconvene Tuesday morning, Sept. 23 in Friendship Hall. Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m., with Bible Study and conversation beginning at 7:50 and concluding at 8:30. This fall we will read through some of the most interesting stories in the Book of Genesis. Join us! To make a reservation for breakfast, please contact marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES RESUME SEPT. 10: 9:30 a.m.

Faith Journey – The class will study the book, *The Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear*, by Michael Kinnamon. We live in a world driven by fear. But should we allow fear to play such a large role in our lives? According to the religions of the world, the answer is no. Led by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

Foundations of Faith – When Egypt Was in Israel's Land – Biblical tradition holds that ancient Israel was unique and distinct from these other peoples and nations. Can this assertion still be maintained? This class, led by Rev. Dwight Tawney, will explore the impact that Egypt exercised on the religion and culture of the emerging community of Israel. Room 15.

Growing Together class is for adults in their 40's and 50's who are interested in growing together in context of their families. Most participants either have kids at home or are empty nesters. Growing Together welcomes anyone who is looking for opportunities to grow using Christ's principles as we apply Jesus to our lives today. Room 124.

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. Room 127.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME SEPT. 6 – Our menu for Sept. 6 is BBQ pulled pork with Carolina mustard sauce GF, BBQ pulled chicken GF, baked beans GF, macaroni & cheese V, vegetable and dessert. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar and dessert is \$7. Salad bar and dessert is \$6. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and children age 3 and under are no charge. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon Monday, Sept. 4. New this fall is “standing reservations” will only be available on a pre-pay basis. You may purchase as many meals as you would like for specific dates. People who are pre-paid will go through an “express” line for easier access into Friendship Hall. Those who pre-pay for September-December (14 meals @ \$98) will receive a discounted price of \$90.

MISSION

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITALS RESUME SEPT. 14 – Join us at 12:15 p.m. the second Thursday of every month for a free, 30-minute recital in the Village on Mission Chapel or Sanctuary. Dr. Lara West will play the Village pipe organ at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14. Dr. West is on the music faculty at Benedictine College. She also serves as music director at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lawrence, Kan.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

JOIN US FOR THE FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH SEPT. 5 – The next Faith and Grief lunch is at noon Tuesday, Sept. 5, in Friendship Hall. Small table discussion follows a presentation and a box lunch is provided. If you are grieving, or know of someone who is hurting, join us. Register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. For more information contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS SEPT. 6 – If you have lost a loved one, consider coming to Growing Through Grief. This 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, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Sept. 6–Oct. 4, in Room 124. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more info or to register.

CAREER CONNECTIONS STARTS IN SEPTEMBER – Searching for a new job? Career Connections provides information on resumes, interviews and more. Classes will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 26-Oct. 10, in Room 230. If you are interested in attending, contact linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

VILLAGE VISITORS needs volunteers, so please consider serving God's people by visiting our members who are not always able to visit us here in worship. This is how you can help us bring Village to some of our very own. Pastoral Care and Counseling is looking for 15 to 20 volunteers to join this ministry starting this fall. For further information, please contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org.

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING is a new Village Church ministry in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association that helps persons with Alzheimer's to discover inner expressions longing to be released through watercolor painting. Pastoral Care and Counseling is seeking five to six volunteers to sit with persons with Alzheimer's and/or other memory challenges as they paint. You need not be a painter. Sessions will be twice a month on Wednesdays and last an hour. Contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW CREPES AND CONVERSATION – Treat yourself and invite a friend to learn about the energizing PW Bible Study of the Gospel of John, PW Mission work and other opportunities as you enjoy complimentary crepes and refreshments from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in Friendship Hall. Reservations are required. RSVP by visiting the PW table in Friendship Hall today or contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org by Sept. 6. Child care is available by contacting Pam at 913-671-2352 or pam.southerland@villagepres.org.

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.

BECKY BLISS NAMED YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COORDINATOR - In addition to her duties providing music leadership for The Gathering, Becky Bliss is now serving as the Young Adult coordinator for Village Church on Mission. "I could not be more thrilled and honored to serve the church in this way . . . so excited to be even more involved with this fellowship of amazing, smart, passionate young adults," said Becky. "Becky will be working with us 20 hours a week to ensure that we can keep GROWING in all the right ways," said Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of Young Adult Ministry. "She's brilliant. And kind. And super cool. Let's celebrate that our God is cool, and continuing to do good things among us."



YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Today we are all in worship together as we celebrate Youth Sunday!

KICKOFF IS SEPT. 10 – All of our weekly events begin the Sunday after Labor Day: Sunday school, SNL (high school youth group), GPS (middle school youth group), and the new Early Table (morning devotional for high schoolers). Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

Visiting Scholar Save the Date: March 2-3, 2018



Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, our 2018 Visiting Scholar, will present "What is True: Theology and the American Story" March 2 and 3, 2018 at Village Church on Mission. Dr. Jones is the 16th president and first woman to head historic Union Theological Seminary in New York. A renowned and progressive scholar in the fields of religion and gender studies, she has produced numerous books, professional papers and lectures worldwide. Join us as Serene challenges us to consider "What is True." Go to villagepres.org/visiting-scholar for more information.

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



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

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**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

SERMON SERIES

It Takes a Village

We sometimes assume that Jesus, by the time he was old enough to talk, was fully aware that he was the Christ and knew just how to live as God's son in human history. But there were moments in the Gospel story where Jesus encountered others who seemed to teach him who he was or at least how to live as God's son. It's not too much to say that in some of these encounters Jesus learned how to be Jesus. There is not a one of us who comes to a life of faith and faithfulness without the mentoring of others. That seems to be true for Jesus as well. Perhaps we can learn from those who taught him.

Sept. 10	Mary and the Hour
Sept. 17	Satan and the Unending Questions
Sept. 24	Joseph: When Righteousness Doesn't Come Easily
Oct. 1	World Communion Service: Dr. Nishioka Preaching
Oct. 8	John the Baptist and Disappointment
Oct. 15	A Canaanite Woman, Dogs and Gentiles in General

Rev. Jenny McDevitt is preaching Sunday, Sept. 3. We return to our regular worship schedule on Sunday, Sept. 10, with the addition of the 8 a.m. service at Village on Mission and Village on Antioch will move back to its regular worship time of 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

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.