



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 2, 2018 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

There was a time when people had a hard time seeing their similarities through their differences. It was a time when it was easier to look for differences, and based on those differences, put up walls to divide who was in and who was out. It was a time when some were blinded by the walls they constructed. As a result, they refrained from loving each other, failed to see Christ in each other and failed to see each other as family. Can you imagine such a time?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Concerto for Three Trumpets: Largo
Georg Philipp Telemann; arr. David Marlatt;
Trumpet Trio: Wayne Bates, Brian Luenberg and Rod May

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

We gather together this day with burdens and cares in our hearts.

Lord, take these burdens from us and ease our souls.

We come to You this day, with fear and uncertainty about the future.

Lord, calm our fears and help us to place our trust in You.

We come seeking the One who is always with us.

Lord, open our hearts and give us ears to hear Your voice.

Come, let us worship God whose love is abundant.

Let us praise the God of our salvation who watches over us always.

*Hymn, No. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA

*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, You love Your people constantly,
and we are a people who consistently need Your love.**

**We confess our failure to live as brothers and sisters,
and as Your beloved children.**

At times we attempt to own You, God, and contain You within our doctrines.

**We have built barriers between us and You,
between us and family,
between us and those in need,
between us and those You call us to love.**

Forgive us, God. Tear down all that separates us from redemptive love.

**Help us seek redemption with and for each other and Your creation,
so that we might proclaim Your love in word and deed,
and embrace each other in grace and compassion. (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

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.)

Lisa Ball (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Psalms 103:6-14 (pg. 543)

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.

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.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22 (pg. 1065)

Sermon

Brick and Mortar

Rev. Zach Walker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 814

In God Alone
MON AME SE REPOSE

Offertory

Concerto for Three Trumpets: Allegro
Georg Philipp Telemann; arr. David Marlatt; Trumpet Trio

*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. 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
PRECIOUS LORD

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

*Postlude

Andante in F-Dur
by Felix Mendelssohn

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



MUSIC NOTES

Today we are thrilled to welcome to worship Village member Wayne Bates and two of his good friends, Rod May and Brian Luenberg. We have had the pleasure of hearing Wayne twice in worship this past year, and we are excited that he will be playing more in the coming year!

Rod, whose parents regularly attend worship at Village, also plays with Wayne and Brian in the "Kicks" band. A fantastic bop improviser, Rod grew up in the 70s playing all night many times at the musicians' foundation.

Brian, who worships at Rainbow Mennonite, is a lead trumpet player, "with chops to spare," as Wayne puts it. Brian played lead in the KU jazz band, and now plays lead trumpet in the Moon City big band.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of September 3, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Hallie Hottle 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, Sept. 3

Psalm 145

"On your wondrous works, I will meditate." On this Labor Day, how might you meditate on the "wondrous works" of our God? Make a list of the wonder you see. Meditate and pray on that list this week.

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Psalm 146

"Praise the Lord, O my soul." This psalm is good news for all the people. When you struggle to know how to pray in these days, pray this. Read and re-read it, that your heart might find it again when you're searching.

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Psalm 96

"Sing to the Lord a new song." What "new" things is God calling you to in this fall season? What would happen if you tried them? Write down a few new things you'd like to try. Pray over them. Sing your prayer. Trust that God cannot be moved.

Thursday, Sept. 6

Psalm 116

"I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications." It's true that we're called to trust in God. It's also true that trust is easier when we can remember God's past faithfulness. Consider a moment in your past, when things have been hard. Remember a time when hope seemed bleak. How did you overcome? Can you see, in hindsight, where God was? Pray with gratitude today for God's faithfulness.

Friday, Sept. 7

Psalm 148

"Praise the Lord, all his angels!" Praise isn't always the first instinct of our prayers. Read and meditate on this psalm today. Consider how all creation praises God, and make some space for praise in your daily routine.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Psalm 90

"You have been our dwelling place in all generations." The psalms are often helpful in reminding us of the enormity of the story, in which our lives play a small part. The parts we play are important. But they're not the story. Give thanks today for the greatness of God, and assure yourself, wherever you are, whatever has you toiling and tripping this week, God's got this.

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

PEANUT BUTTER *Sunday*

Please bring jars to church
for the Village Food Pantry

Sept. 9



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 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 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

TECH TALK WITH TONY – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, in Room 316. We will discuss data protection tips to secure your digital data so you control what you share with others. Learn how to password protect your documents containing personal sensitive information, encryption for local storage devices and how controls for files and folders in your Google Drive are private by default until you decide to share them.

VILLAGE U FALL 2018 UPCOMING CLASSES:

DAILY PRACTICE OF YOGA – Jack Whitaker, Chopra Center certified instructor, will teach breathing techniques; yoga to assist with strength, flexibility and balance; and meditation to quiet the mind. Bring your own yoga mat and wear loose fitting clothing. Fees are \$15 per class or \$125 for all classes. Half of fees and any additional donations will be a gift to the Village Church Endowment Trust. 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 30, Room 15.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION – If you're interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation. The Great Books Group will welcome you on the first Tuesday of each month. Led by Jane Abildgaard. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 4-Dec. 4, Room 127.

THREE NOVELS FROM KAZUO ISHIGURO – Kazuo Ishiguro, a Nobel Prize-winning British novelist, is considered one of the most celebrated contemporary fiction authors in the English-speaking world. Ishiguro's 2005 novel, "Never Let Me Go," was named by "Time" as the best novel of the year. For the first class, please read "Never Let Me Go." Taught by Kelly Fast. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 11, Room 232.

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN – A Friday morning class for women, will explore the newest and final book authored by Bishop John Shelby Spong, "Unbelievable." Spong challenges Christians to make their faith grow beyond simply beliefs to interaction with the world in which we live ... reshaping their faith at a far deeper level. Taught by Rev. Diane Quaintance. 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 7-Dec. 28, Room 132.

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 Join us as Rev. Dwight Tawney helps us understand what happened to the Jerusalem Church. Within four years of the crucifixion, a growing fellowship of believers emerged in Jerusalem led by James, the brother of Jesus. What were the earmarks of this Jewish Christian church? How was it like the Gentile church founded by Paul? How was it different, and what became of this earliest form of Christianity? 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.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

TODAY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – 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.

NEXT WEEK FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL – Come early to register for class which is from 9:25-10:30 a.m.; and plan to stay for the Parent Information and Family Welcome Party. It will be between services on the south lawn preschool playground area. Come learn and enjoy lemonade, s'mores and fellowship.

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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS – Our Wednesday Night Dinners begin Sept. 12. Our menu is beef brisket burnt ends, BBQ pulled chicken, baked beans and cheesy corn. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet at 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 free. Contact Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org to make your dinner reservation by noon Sept. 10.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY – Join us for Single Adult Ministry Friday Nights at Village on Mission. No reservation needed. We'll meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 7-Nov. 16, in Room 230 for fellowship and conversation. Anyone interested in going out for dinner following the get together is welcome to do so. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org if you have questions.

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 tomorrow. To sign up, contact: Brad Steil, 913-469-5683, bradsteil@everestkc.net or Art Newcomer, 913-752-7540, artnewcome@aol.com.

YOU'RE INVITED VILLAGE CONNECT CONVERSATION GROUPS – Village Connect (small group ministry) is a way to strengthen faith through conversations, while making and deepening friendships. Trained leaders are provided along with a DVD video study developed by Pastor Tom Are, and a leader's guide developed by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for inquiries.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

ALL ARE INVITED to participate in the "Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice" rally and march 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, in Downtown Overland Park, 8126 Marty Street. This rally joins with others around the world as the Global Climate Action Summit convenes in San Francisco to call for fossil fuel free economies that work for all. See www.actionnetwork.org/events/rise-for-johnson-county-action for more information.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Peanut Butter Sunday is next Sunday! This is the Food Pantry's third Food Drive of 2018. Peanut butter is a staple in the diet of the Pantry's clients. Peanut butter is kid friendly, high in protein, tastes good and now comes in a variety of flavors. PLEASE be generous with your donations and perhaps throw some crackers in the bag also. Thank you.

LEARN ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY TOURS – The Village Mission Office is offering three opportunities to learn more about nonprofit agencies helping our community. Tours have been scheduled at the following organizations: **Avenue of Life**, 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14 (500 N 7 Street TRFY in Kansas City, Kan.)-social service agency offering a myriad of safety net services to Kansas City, Kan. residents; **Jewish Vocational Services**, 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17 (4600 The Paseo in Kansas City, Mo.)-largest refugee placement program in the KC area; **Grace United Community Services**, 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21 (801 Benton Blvd in Kansas City, Mo.)-an inter-denominational, faith-based organization addressing the community's largest needs in the areas of hunger, housing and education. Contact Deborah White by Sept. 12 if you plan to attend at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – Friday, Sept. 14, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13. If you can help, sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up.

BACKSNACK SIGNUP IS COMING – For the past nine years, Village Church has participated in 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, contact Nancy Gatewood at 913-638-1922 or nngatewood@gmail.com or Debbie Smith at 913-522-8130 or debbie.smith@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

THE SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL SERIES begins at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Village on Mission Sanctuary with saxophonist Megan Sebastian and pianist Nancie Dalke. They will be performing three of the most important works for saxophone by Eugene Bozza, Paul Bonneau and Alexander Glazunov. You are invited to meet and welcome these fine artists at a reception in the Welcome Center after their exciting and virtuosic performance.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE who would love to sing in the Alegria Young Adult Ensemble or the Village Choir if they knew that child care was provided during Thursday evening rehearsals? Because it is provided! If so, put them in touch with Will Breytspraak: william.breytspraak@villagepres.org or 913-671-2345. Will is also happy to reach out to people you think may be interested if you share their contact information with him.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

BIG SONIA IS THIS WEEK! A memorable two-night event is this Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 5 and 6. The documentary, "Big Sonia," will be shown at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Sonia Warshawski, "Big Sonia," and her daughter, Regina Kort, will speak at 5 p.m. the next evening. Both events will be held in the Sanctuary. Mrs. Warshawski is one of the remaining holocaust survivors in Kansas City; she will share her incredible life story and plea to never, ever forget.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) welcomes all Village ladies to join us for lunch at noon Tuesday, Sept. 18. We'll enjoy good food and warm fellowship at the Tavern at Mission Farms, 10681 Mission Road. RSVP by Sept. 17 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608. Whether you are a longtime attendee or a first-timer, please know that you are warmly welcome.

OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM FALL SESSION – No experience necessary! Partner with a pre-K reading buddy, 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24. Contact Cindy Whitham at ciwhitham@aol.com or 913-262-3062 for info. Need child care? Call Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 or email pam.southerland@villagepres.org to make a reservation.

SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

THE JOHNSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT needs volunteers on Saturday, Sept. 8, in preselected neighborhoods 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. Volunteers will be trained at 8 a.m. and go out in pairs to conduct the survey until about 4 or 5 p.m. To volunteer: surveymonkey.com/r/CHAVolunteer2018. Contact barbara.mitchell@jocogov.org for more information.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS will resume Thursday, Sept. 13. Check VillagePresYA.org/calendar for details.

NEED TO BREATHE CONCERT AT STARLIGHT – 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Starlight Theatre. Need to Breathe is a rock band from South Carolina that has composed some of our favorite alternative worship music. Tickets are \$35. Option to carpool from the Village parking lot, or meet there. Reserve tickets at VillagePresYA.org/calendar/starlight.

COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, (family dinner), 6-7 p.m. Bible Study (child care provided). Every second Wednesday come connect with other young adult parents while kiddos are cared for in the nursery! RSVP at VillagePresYA.org/couples

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for any of our weekly activities beginning Sept. 9 – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

KICKOFF IS SEPT. 9 – All weekly events for the school year begin the Sunday after Labor Day!

ALPHA & OMEGA – 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays, for middle school (meets in the Youth Loft) and high school (meets in the Upper Room).

SNL (high school youth group) – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program) – 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

GPS (middle school youth group) – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, at Zach's house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!

Discover Village

A way for you to connect. You're invited to stop by our 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!

UPCOMING WORSHIP

- Aug. 26 Expecting to be the Church – Shaped by Experience – Youth Sunday
Sept. 2 "Brick and Mortar" –Rev. Zach Walker preaching
Sept. 9 Rev. Tom Are returns to the Village pulpit and we resume our regular worship schedule with the addition of the 8 a.m. worship service.
Sept. 16 Rev. Tom Are preaching
Sept. 23 Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching
Sept. 30 Rev. Tom Are preaching

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist
Will Breyspraak, 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 pastor
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

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.

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.
