



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 3, 2017 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The armor of God. The belt of truth. The breastplate of righteousness. The shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. "Dress like this," the Ephesians are told. We don't often use this sort of imagery for God in our Kansas City lives, but perhaps we ought to heed this sartorial advice. "Dress like this," the Ephesians are told, "So you can stand strong against the wiles of the devil and the forces of evil." We all wage our own wars: against our calendar, our possessions and our pride. Some of us struggle against self-doubt, broken relationships, or dangerous disease. Our collective life is no different. We live in the shadow of injustice, inequality and cruelty. We cannot always choose our battles, but we can choose how we respond and which resources we employ.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Fantasia à gusto italiano
by Johann Ludwig Krebs

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

Ashamed and afraid, Adam and Eve covered themselves with leaves,
but God clothed them with garments and grace.

The mountaintop crowds voiced their anxieties,
but Jesus said, "Do not worry."

"If God clothes even the grasses of the field, will God not also clothe you?"

Early Christians forgot how to treat one another,
but the apostle Paul reminded them,

**"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, and patience.
Above all, clothe yourselves with love."**

We have gathered here asking that old question in a new day:
What should we wear?

**Cover us, O God, in your image,
and clothe us with holy courage and gospel strength.**

*Hymn, No. 664

Morning Has Broken
BUNESSAN

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Forgive us our self-centered-ness,

our defensive-minded-ness,

our fearful-ness,

our gone-wrong-ness,

our it-couldn't-happen-here-ness.

Forgive us when we carry old grudges and nurse old wounds,

when we understand justice to be made in our own image,

when we acquiesce to silence rather than speak truth,

when we hope too little and dream too small.

Forgive us for all this and more. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*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

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters

Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope, Fonds-Parisien, Haiti
Ted Higgins

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

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

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Patti Howell (9:30 a.m.)

Lisa Ball (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20 (pg. 1067)

Sermon

Getting Dressed

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. John Gibson; Amy Jantz, clarinet

*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

*Hymn, No. 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.**

*Postlude

Allegro maestoso e vivace
by Felix Mendelssohn

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

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, Sept. 10. This meeting will take place in the Sanctuary, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new church officers for the positions of Elder, Elder/Trustee and Deacon. At-large members of the Nominating Committee will also be elected. Ordination of new church officers will take place in early January 2018.



trust

(noun) *firm belief in the reliability, truth, or strength of someone or something*

(verb) *to believe in the reliability, truth, or strength of someone or something*

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Trust does not always come easily for us.
Too often, people and institutions let us down.
And yet we are continually called to trust in God.
Join us as we reflect on the whys and hows of it all.

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Sept. 10, 6:30 pm, Meneilly Center for Mission
9900 Mission Road in Overland Park

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of September 3, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Cindy Wilcox 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. 4

Philippians 2:2-4

Paul's letter to the Philippians is focused on the need for Christians to be united in humility. We are united with Christ and we need to strive to be united to one another in the same way. Paul reminds us to be "like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose" and to put away conceit and selfishness, "but in humility regard others as better than yourselves" looking out for the interest of others and caring for one another. There would be far less conflict in churches today if we all took to heart Paul's advice.

Tuesday, Sept. 5

Ephesians 1:15-19

Paul's letter to Ephesians begins with a prayer for the people: "I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him. So that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. Who will you pray for today?"

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Thessalonians 1:3-4

Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians begins with a focuses on Thanksgiving! "We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring." What are you thankful for today?

Thursday, Sept. 7

Philippians 4:4-7

Paul sends "encouragement" in his letter to those in Philippi: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Who can you encourage today?"

Friday, Sept. 8

Romans 12:1-2

Paul speaks of "New Life in Christ" in his letter to the Romans: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect. How might you open yourself to transformation?"

Saturday, Sept. 9

1 Corinthians 13:11-13

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he speaks about the Gift of Love: "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And, now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. Remind yourself every day that love is more of a choice than a feeling."

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 Patrick Baker by Judie Thomas.

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

NO CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY. Child care is available for children age three and under.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

TECH TALK WITH TONY - Join Tony Liu, team leader of the Village Church Computer Ministry, as he leads a demonstration and discussion of the Google tools that allow you to create documents (Google Docs), work on spreadsheets (Google Sheets) or create presentations (Google Slides). Whether you use Apple or Windows, you can use the same Google tool. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, in Room 316.

The Fall 2017 Village U Catalog is now available, and registration is open!

HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS: CARING FOR THE UNDOCUMENTED - Grandview Park Presbyterian Church's congregation includes a number of undocumented immigrants. The Rev. Rick Behrens, their pastor, and members of the congregation will teach a series of classes in September about how to better understand the plight of the undocumented in our community and how we can respond. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 25.

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 50 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. 12. 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 NEXT SUNDAY, 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 tomorrow, 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.

ANGELA HAGENBACH CONCERT – Please join us at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, for a free concert by the Angela Hagenbach Quartet in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Singer/songwriter Angela Hagenbach, a native Kansas Citian, is widely known as a masterful interpreter of great songs. Seating is on a first-come basis. A retiring offering will be collected to benefit La Paz House, an after-school program for school age children, offered through Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kan. Email cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org with questions. This concert is sponsored by Connectional Ministries of Village Presbyterian Church.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Peanut Butter Sunday was a big success! We collected 1,030 total pounds of peanut butter. With the match by the Peanut Butter Phantom, that will be 2,060 pounds of peanut butter – enough to feed all our Pantry clients for four months! Village on Antioch donated 500 lbs.! During September, the Food Pantry is asking for hearty soups, canned chicken or tuna fish. The Clothes Closet continues accepting summer clothing and manual can openers. Thanks for your continuing support.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) is standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy when it is safe to do so. If you wish to help Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey, you can support PDA's emergency response with a gift online at pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/ or with a check to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264. You may also call 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. Please pray for families struggling in the wake of the storm.

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.

COMMUNITY LINC OPEN HOUSE – Learn more about Village Church's Signature Mission effort for 2017. You are invited to a special open house at Community LINC, 4012 Troost from 4-6 p.m. Sept. 13. Tour this transitional housing program and find out more about their new trauma informed care program for homeless families. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITALS RESUME SEPT. 14 – We are thrilled to kick off the Second Thursday Recital Series with Dr. Lara West, organist. Dr. West is organist at Trinity Lutheran Church, associate professor at Benedictine College, and a proud graduate of the University of Kansas. Her varied program will include Kenneth Leighton's Toccata on Hanover. Dr. West's recital will be 12:15-12:45 p.m. Sept. 14, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary.

OPUS 22 RECITAL SEPT. 24 - Internationally acclaimed concert organist, Douglas Cleveland, will perform on Opus 22 at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. This concert is jointly offered by the Village Presbyterian Church Music Ministry and the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. No tickets or reservations required!

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

TAIZÉ IS NEXT SUNDAY – You're invited to attend the Taizé service at 6:30 p.m. next Sunday, Sept. 10, at the VCCFDC at 9900 Mission Road. Reflect, sing, relax and join in communion to start your week off on a calm and reflective note.

WRITING OUR WAY THROUGH GRIEF – Bill Tammeus will be talking about how writing our own story about a loss can help heal us at the next Faith and Grief lunch. Join us at noon this coming Tuesday, Sept. 5, in Friendship Hall. A box lunch is provided. Reservations are helpful; register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. Contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF BEGINS THIS TUESDAY – Grief is a journey. If you would like help following a loss of a loved one, join this five-week series. Growing Through Grief is from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesday evenings, Sept. 6-Oct. 4, in Room 124. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING – Volunteer training for this new ministry is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Alzheimer's Association, 75th and Mission Rd. Come help people with Alzheimer's express their inner expressions through painting. Sessions will begin on Sept. 20, one hour, twice a month on Wednesdays. This ministry is in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association. Contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org to find out more.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW FALL KICKOFF – Join us 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@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333 by Sept. 6. Child care is available by contacting pam.southerland@villagepres.org or 913-671-2352.

FALL SESSION, OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM – No experience necessary! Partner with a preschool reading buddy, Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Sept. 20-Oct. 25. Orientation coffee will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 20 in the Youth Loft. Contact Cindy Whitham at ciwhitham@aol.com or 913-262-3062 for information. Need child care? Call Pam at 913-671-2352 to make a reservation by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) begins the fall season with lunch at noon, Thursday, Sept. 28. We'll dine at Pinstripes, located in Prairie Fire, 13500 Nall. Parking is conveniently located on the street or in a parking garage directly across the street. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 27, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608. We look forward to you joining us for delicious food, fun and fellowship with women of PW.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – There is no Sunday school due to the holiday weekend. Join us next week as we kick off the new season – and donuts return!

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.



Bring your family, neighbors, friends and your lawn chairs. Choose from six amazing, gourmet food trucks. Food includes mac/cheese, Fish/Shrimp, KC BBQ, burgers, pizza, tacos, salads, Betty Ray's Ice cream, and is very reasonably priced! Kick back and enjoy these good eats while listening to the wonderful Aaron Linscheid Trio. Additional parking available at Prairie School. Call 913-671-2331 for more information. Sponsored by 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 are moments in the Gospel story when 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 today. We return to our regular worship schedule next 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
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 broadcast live 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.