



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 4, 2016 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

For a time, the people of Israel wondered how it was that God could allow their exile and the destruction of the Temple. There are certainly times in life when any of us can feel lost, destroyed and in unfamiliar land. Yet we find ourselves in the hands of a God who strives to keep working with us in order to recreate us, and the world, in the process.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Duo for Flute and Piano, Movement I
music: Aaron Copland; Joelle Teal, flute; Elisa Bickers, piano

Call to Worship

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

We come seeking to love the God who first loved us.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

We delight in the ways of the Lord.

To be close to God is to be a tree planted close to water.

It is God who watches over us, like a loving and patient parent.

And it is God who desires to shape us into instruments of love and mercy.

Come, all who seek the presence of the Lord.

In your presence, God, we find our home together.

*Hymn, No. 29

O God, You Search Me
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*Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, we know we have fallen short.

We turn our backs when we could embrace.

We remain silent when we could speak.

We speak when we could listen.

We close the door when we could invite others in.

We judge when we could seek understanding.

We cling when we could give.

Forgive us, God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

*Passing of the Peace

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Words of Welcome

Time with the Children (9:30 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Patti Howell (9:30 a.m.)

Lisa Ball (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Psalms 139:1-12 (pg.566)

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!

The image shows two systems of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line with lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.' The second system continues with lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!' and includes a double bar line at the end.

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

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (pg.706)

Sermon

Old Habits

Rev. Zach Walker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 695

Change My Heart, O God
CHANGE MY HEART

Offertory

Partita in A Minor, Movement I
music: Johann Sebastian Bach; Joelle Teal, Flute

*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. 733

We All Are One in Mission
ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*Benediction

*Response

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

*Postlude

Sonata, Movement III
music: Francis Poulenc; Joelle Teal, flute; Elisa Bickers, piano

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of September 5, 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, Sept. 5

Esther 4:9-17

Esther's story reminds us of what it means to take risks for the sake of others. Esther is a lot like us: nervous to really put herself out there for the sake of faith. Who in your life encourages you, and keeps you accountable, for the way you live your faith?

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Psalms 139

One of Sunday's Scripture readings was the first half of this Psalm. Read in its entirety, it is a song of trust in God and in God's intimate knowledge of our very selves. How often do we reflect on the depth of God's knowledge, and care, for us?

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Jeremiah 29:11-14

In difficult moments all the plans in the world will mean nothing unless we try to seek God in them. These verses from Jeremiah give us the promise that all will be OK when we seek God in the midst of life's craziness. When have you felt the strain of your well-thought-out plans because they were your own rather than God's?

Thursday, Sept. 8

Isaiah 43:1-2

Fall is quickly approaching with the weather shifting from hot to cold. Change in the weather, just like life changes, can also affect our moods and how we approach our daily lives. Whichever temperature you find yourself in during the upcoming months, use these Isaiah verses as a comfort that God will help keep you, protect you and help bring peace during the changing seasons.

Friday, Sept. 9

Matthew 4:1-11

Sometimes life feels like a series of trials. This story gives some indication that Jesus knows what that feels like, and maybe went through many periods like this himself. In this story, the hope of resisting temptation each time relies upon a close relationship with God, and allowing that relationship to inform how you see and act in this world. What can you do to grow a little closer to God today?

Saturday, Sept. 10

Colossians 4:2-6

Some of Paul's final instruction to the Colossians are about how to spend their time an effort: pray, conduct yourselves wisely, speak graciously. It is clear that Paul expected them to encounter others on a regular basis, and that they should learn how to love others together. It is a reminder of the way we are never Christians alone... some might say it is impossible to be a Christian alone.

REGULAR SANCTUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY

Friends, we will return to our regular Sanctuary worship schedule next Sunday, Sept. 11. Worship services will be at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Our 8 a.m. Sunday radio broadcast on 1660 AM, KMBZ The Business Channel will also return to a live broadcast on Sept. 11.

The Gathering, our alternative worship service with music led by Becky and Nathan Bliss, will remain at 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall. Thank you!



THE GATHERING

AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO WORSHIP

5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall.

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.

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 - There will be no Church School for the elementary grades or preschool today. This allows our volunteer staff to have a day to worship with their families. Nursery and toddler care will be provided.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

FALL ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES RESUME SEPT. 11. Check villagepres.org for more details.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays year round. The class from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays involves more range of motion, less strenuous aerobics; and we do not include floor exercises. Margaret Tlappek, instructor. Cost: \$5 per class. Room 333.

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, starting Sept. 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 AND EVENING - The Very Basic Computer class allows students with limited computer experience to become comfortable with Microsoft Word, the internet and email. No prior experience using a computer is required. The computers have recently been upgraded to the Windows 10 operating system. Seating is limited. These classes are free. Child care is not available. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 13-27; Oct. 4, or 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 14-28; Oct. 5, in Room 316. To register, please contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME SEPT. 7 - Wednesday church dinners will resume at 5:15 p.m. this Wednesday, Sept. 7. Our menu is a fried chicken picnic, baked beans (GV), potato salad, macaroni & cheese (V). Each Wednesday, Chef Emily will prepare 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. Call Liz at 913-671-2359, email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners.html.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

ELECTRIC CARS AT VILLAGE SEPT. 14 - Local electric car enthusiasts will display their vehicles (including a Tesla!), answer questions and get you revved up to consider whether an electric car would fit into your lifestyle. Cruise through the South parking lot from 4:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14. The Environmental Action Committee sponsors this annual event during National Drive Electric Week. Contact Al Pugsley at apphs58@yahoo.com for more information.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - Two weeks from today is PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY, the third Food Drive of the Food Pantry. Peanut butter is such a staple of the Pantry's clients' diets - it's a good protein, easy to use for all ages, it tastes good and a lot is required to feed all the clients. Please keep your eyes open for sales and come to church that day with several plastic jars. Thank you.

POT AND PAN DRIVE FOR HOMELESS MINISTRY - Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas is seeking donations of new and gently used kitchenware, especially pots, pans and casserole dishes. Drop off donations at the Village Church Reception Desk at the south entrance. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369. Donations are needed by Sept. 15.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - Friday, Sept. 9, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need 2-3 people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and 6-7 volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations, and they can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL SEPT. 8 - Join us at 12:15 p.m. this 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.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY - Morning Stars is changing times on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11 a.m., immediately following Sunday School. We are also working with Children and Family Ministry to incorporate a singing time for all 4-6th graders toward the end of the Sunday School hour. Every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m., the 4-6th grade Kids Kingdom classes will combine to join in singing with Jenny Hull and our new interim music director, Ryan Main. Contact Jenny Hull at 913-671-2385 for more information.

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, email 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.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH THIS TUESDAY - Members and those in the community who have lost a loved one are invited to the Faith and Grief lunch noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, in Friendship Hall. You'll receive comfort and resources. A box lunch will be provided. Register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP STARTS TUESDAY - If you or someone you know is either divorced or going through a divorce, consider joining the Divorce Support Group. The first meeting is 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. It's not too late to register - contact Linda Alley, 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

CHECK OUT THE TAIZÉ SERVICE – NEW TIME, NEW LOCATION! The Taizé worship service is moving! Join us at 6:30 p.m. next Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center building at 9900 Mission Road in Overland Park. The beautiful new location offers many exciting possibilities. Come join us for a different, compelling and meaningful service.

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.

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, Kansas City, Mo.). Limited to 70. Tickets are \$10 and on sale in Friendship Hall Sunday mornings today and Sept. 11, or contact Kathy Collins at kathy.collins@hrblock.com or 913-706-3511. Look for more information in the *Good News*.

FALL SESSION, OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM - No experience necessary! Partner with a preschool reading buddy, Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Sept. 21 through Oct. 26. Orientation coffee is 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the Youth Loft. 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 by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

MISSION SEWING – Fall is here, and it's time to think knitting and crocheting and sewing. We need hats, all sizes; mittens, all children's sizes; baby hats (we have special yarn for these); and scarves, child and adult sizes (we have yarn for these). We also have at home projects such as cutting out items, sewing items, etc. Stop by the sewing room any Tuesday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515.

WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) opens the fall season on Tuesday, Sept. 20, with a noon lunch at Lidia's, 101 W. 22nd St., popular for its Italian cuisine, followed by a free 22-minute Streetcar ride through downtown, or, time to enjoy Union Station. Complimentary van accommodates 14 and leaves from the church's north parking lot at 11:30 a.m. RSVP by Sunday, Sept. 18, to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net. All women are warmly invited!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

BIER AND BIBLE - Every Wednesday night, 7 p.m., KC Bier Co. - Every week this fall we'll learn to read the Bible together, while continuing to grow in all that it means to be community. All 20s and 30s welcome! Begins Sept. 7.

MMPM - Midweek Morning Prayer for Mamas! Wednesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Being a mom is beautiful, and challenging. Every Wed. morning this fall we'll pray for each other, then join for coffee and convo. in the Cup! All 20s and 30s moms welcome! Begins Sept. 14.

SERVE: HOMELESS CONNECT KC – Please join us Tuesday, Sept. 13, for Homeless Connect KC, a one day event that brings community partners into one building so those experiencing homelessness can access the resources they need most. See more at projecthomelessconnectkc.com, and sign up by emailing Rev. Hallie at hallie.hottle@villagepres.org. Child care available if you sign up by Sept. 6 and indicate "Child care needed" in your email!

YOUNG ADULT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS -6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at KC Bier Co. Wondering what “Church Membership” even means? Have questions about what “Presbyterian” is? Join this convo. and find out! Opportunity to join Village Church Sept. 25. Can’t come but still want to join? Email hallie.hottle@villagepres.org!

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - We will worship together up in the balcony.

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!

VILLAGE CHURCH CLOSED

Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day.

ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

If you are interested in learning how to set up your estate plan, this workshop is for you!
2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, Room 132

Stacey Janssen will present a workshop which includes reviewing the importance of estate planning documents such as Last Will and Testaments; a Testamentary or a Living Trust for the support of the family; and an explanation of Probate, Guardianship and Conservatorship. Sponsored by Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust.

RSVP - Molly Sirridge, 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org.



VILLAGE COMMITMENT

The Village Commitment Committee introduces an easy way to gift toward your annual pledge. Around church you will find posters that include a QR code. All you need to do is download a QR scan reader on your smart phone, scan the code on the poster and you will be taken to the Fellowship One sign-in page and on to the online giving page. Your annual gift is impacting every aspect of our church and we thank you!



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

NEW SERMON SERIES

Love Your Neighbor and Other Spiritual Truths

When Europe was falling apart in the 1940's, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote a little book called *Life Together*. It was an exploration of the fundamental "neighborly" or communal aspect of Christian faith. Sometimes we say that the love of Christ shows up in our hearts. A better way to say that is the love of Christ shows up in our relationships. We are part of many communities: family, church family, national community...the list goes on. Paying attention to this fundamental truth of Christian faith is what gives our faith energy and hope. But, because people are people, it is also why we need to time and again remind ourselves that Jesus calls us to love our neighbor.

Sept. 11	It is Not Good That the Human is Alone
Sept. 18	We Keep Bumping Into All Those Other Followers of Jesus
Sept. 25	For Once, It's All About You
Oct. 2	Don't Be A Goat
Oct. 9	Blind Spots
Oct. 16	A More Perfect Union

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.*