SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 9, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

Today we begin a new sermon series on the Book of Jonah. Jonah is never specifically called a prophet, nevertheless, like Amos and Hosea and Isaiah, Jonah is given a word from God to share with the people. Like Jeremiah and Moses, Jonah did not want the job. This short story is largely about Jonah’s obstinace, pain, and lack of holy imagination. It is also about the extravagance of God’s grace. So, this sermon series is entitled, “Prophet and Lost Statements.”
GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude                   St. Anne
                         setting by Benjamin M. Culli

Words of Welcome            Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Why Village Matters          Music Ministry

Introit                   The Call; R. Vaughan Williams
                         Will Breytspraak, baritone (8 and 9:30 a.m.)
                         Dr. Ron Witzke, bass (11 a.m.)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

-George Herbert

Call to Worship            Rev. Hallie Hottle

Calling, urging, whispering, pleading God,
it is Your Word that makes us human.

Give us ears to hear, hearts to trust,
and most of all a will to follow.

For it is Your Word alone that makes us human.

*Hymn, No. 402

How Lovely, Lord
MERLE’S TUNE

*Prayer of Confession

God of unending grace,
sometimes Your ways confuse us,
and we yearn for wisdom.
Sometimes Your ways are clear,  
and we know exactly what You want from us.  
Yet, knowing Your ways does not mean we will be faithful.  
To follow You is not just a matter of the mind,  
it is more a matter of the heart.  
Mend our broken hearts, that knowing Your will leads us to do Your will.  
(Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace

*Response

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 627)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my God, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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

8 a.m. – Bruce Williams  
9:30 a.m. – Larry Sneegas  
11a.m. – Ruth Johnson

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1 (pg. 844)
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
MARYTON

Offertory

Prophet's Song
Jane Marshall; Village Choir

To sing when fleeting breath and truant hope forbid,
To stand when gusts of fear at cyclone strength prevail,
To act when blanket heavy apathy surrounds,
To roar when falsehood clothed in silence overwhelms;
This then is faith: ‘the assurance of things hoped for,
The conviction of things not seen,
And in God’s good grace to sing, to stand, to act, to roar.
We are called to live this faith.

- John Thornburg

*Response (from Hymn, No. 619)

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God’s praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No.687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE

* Benediction
MUSIC NOTES

Today our worship music explores Rev. Are’s theme of the extraordinary power of call in our lives. In The Call, composer Ralph Vaughan Williams sets a George Herbert poem about the poet’s call to God, as well as God’s call to the poet, to simple and searching folk-like melody.

In the Village Choir’s Offertory Anthem, Prophet’s Song, poet John Thornburg challenges us, “to sing…to stand…to act…to roar…” even when the odds are against us. The composer and poet then state peacefully “this then is faith” in a slower tempo, with the singers cradled in warmer harmonies from the organ.

We hope you find beauty and inspiration for your call in life in today’s worship music.
The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. 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. 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. 10

Jonah 1:1-3

Nineveh is a major city in Assyria, the most powerful nation in the region. The Assyrians conquered Israel and are hated by the Hebrew people. When God calls Jonah to go to them, Jonah goes the opposite direction likely because he both hates the Assyrians and fears them. When have you heard God’s call to do something and you resisted? Why?

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Jonah 1:4-6

When Jonah boards a ship going the opposite direction from Nineveh, God causes a great storm to rise up against the boat. The sailors call out to their various gods. When the captain of the ship finds Jonah asleep, he wakes him and tells Jonah to call out to God. Even the sailors who believed in other gods understood the power of faith. When you face a storm in your life, be like the sailors and call out to God.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Jonah 1:7-10

In the midst of the storm, the sailors cast lots, a practice mentioned 70 times in the Old Testament. This involves throwing a collection of symbols with one being different. Whoever chooses the different symbol is thought to be chosen for a reason. When Jonah is chosen, he explains that he is trying to flee from God. The sailors know that no one can run from God. Be convicted and comforted in this. No matter where you are, God is always with you.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Jonah 1:11-12

When the sailors ask Jonah what they can do to calm the violent seas, Jonah tells them to cast him into the ocean, but remarkably, they resist. Two things are significant here. First, Jonah has come to understand that he cannot run from God and God’s calling. Second, the sailors show great kindness in refusing to throw Jonah overboard. Jonah and the sailors are willing to sacrifice themselves for the other. What amazing love among complete strangers!

Friday, Sept. 14

Jonah 1:13-16

Bible scholars talk about these verses as the conversion of the sailors. After trying to row against the storm that only grows more fierce, they relent and throw Jonah overboard. When the sea ceases and the winds calm, they “feared the Lord even more.” This fear is more awe and respect than fright. They recognize the awesome power of God and worship God. In the presence of God’s power, we can do little else but to worship.

Saturday, Sept. 15

Jonah 1:17

We cannot know Jonah’s mind, but most scholars think that Jonah in asking the sailors to throw him overboard, had accepted that he is to die as punishment for disobeying God. Yet God has a surprise in store for Jonah. Not only are the sailors in the boat converted to faith in God, but Jonah is converted, too. When God saves Jonah by having a fish swallow him up, God signals that Jonah still has work to do. Trust this. Know that God’s call is always real and reliable.
Congregational Meeting
The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Sept. 16. 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 2019.

Exciting News About the Memorial Garden
Beginning tomorrow, Sept. 10, Earth Expressions will be refreshing the memorial garden with new landscaping. Owned by a Village member, Earth Expressions collaborated with the Memorial Garden Committee on the design. Part of the project includes leveling and adjusting the current markers; please be assured that no markers will be relocated. If you have something special by your loved one’s marker, please remove it for safe-keeping during the week-long refresh. If you are unable to do so, we will keep it safe for you. Thank you for your grace throughout this coming week.

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!

You’re invited
FOOD TRUCK
FESTIVAL
5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30
Village on Mission North Parking Lot.
Invite your friends and neighbors, too!
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 honor of John and Joyce Hunt on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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 worshiping 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

Upcoming Village U classes:

ELECTRIC CAR EXPO AND CLASS - Anyone who has questions about driving an electric vehicle and its costs and limitations is invited to attend an Electric Car Expo and Village U class Wednesday, Sept. 12. The expo is from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the south parking lot. Al Pugsley will lead a class from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 127. Learn about costs and saving money and better understand the differences between electric vehicles and hybrids and plug-in electric vehicles. The expo and class are free.

BEGINNER EXCEL - Topics include identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data into an Excel spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data and more. 1-2:30p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, Room 316.

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL - This class is recommended for those who have a basic understanding of Excel OR have taken the Beginner Excel class. Topics include filtering and sorting data, using Excel to create charts and more. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 18 and 25, OR 6:30–8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 20 and 27, Room 316.

9:30 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!

FAITH JOURNEY will begin a study of Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel by Kate Bowler. 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 – The class begins with the video, *God and Imperial Power, Jesus and Economic Justice*. In this video series, John Dominic Crossan and Joerg Rieger expand our awareness of the historic collusion between Christianity and the empires of the west, Led by Rev. Dr. John Borden and Gus Breytspraak. today-Oct. 14. Room 126.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

TODAY – THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PARTY – All children, infants through 6th graders, are welcome to join us and begin our new "Frolic and Whirl" curricula. Our Parent Information and Family Welcome Party is between services on the south lawn preschool playground area. Come learn ways we can collaborate in your child's faith journey both at church and at home, and how your child can join the Morning Stars choir, while enjoying lemonade, s'mores and fellowship.

INFANTS THROUGH 3-YR.-OLDS – Child care is available during all services in Rooms 107, 111 & 114.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:25-10:30 a.m. Preschoolers, 2-4-yrs./Pre-K, are in Sunday School on the first floor with registration and age specific room assignments outside Room 107. K-6th graders – are on the third floor with registration and grade specific room assignment outside room 307. Information can also be seen outside Room 207.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – Our next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, 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 menu for Sept. 12 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 tomorrow, 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, now-Nov. 16, in Room 230 for fellowship and conversation. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org if you have questions.

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. Groups watch a DVD video study developed by Pastor Tom Are, supported by a leader’s guide developed by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for inquiries.

MISSION

COMMUNITY TOURS – The Village Mission Office is offering opportunities to learn more about nonprofit agencies helping our community. Tours are scheduled at *Avenue of Life*, 9:30 a.m. Sept. 14 (500 N. 7th Street TRFY in KCK)-social service agency offering a myriad of safety net services to KCK residents; *Jewish Vocational Services*, 10 a.m. Sept. 17 (4600 Paseo, KCMO)-largest refugee placement program in the KC area; *Grace United Community Services*, 10 a.m. 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 this Wednesday, Sept. 12, if you plan to attend at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.
THE FOOD PANTRY – Today is Peanut Butter Sunday. The Food Pantry and its clients thank you for your donations of peanut butter (and maybe crackers and jelly) today. If you left them on the table at home, please bring them to church on your next visit. If you forgot altogether, cash or checks are gratefully accepted. Your generosity can keep the shelves stocked for months.

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, Kansas. 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. We also need cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13. 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 packing food, 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
SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – Join us at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for our first recital of the season with saxophonist Megan Sebastian and pianist Nancie Dalke. Meet 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, contacty Will Breytspraak: william.breytspraak@villagepres.org or 913-671-2345.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING
TAIZÉ IS THIS TUESDAY! – Our Taizé worship service returns on a new night and in a new location starting this week. Join us at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, in the Village on Mission Chapel. Sept. 11 is an anniversary when it will be good to gather to remember, pray and be together. More info coming about October.

FBI SPECIAL AGENT PAIGE PINSON HERE ON 9/11 – If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, join us at the Faith and Grief lunch at noon this Tuesday, Sept. 11, in Friendship Hall. Our speaker is Special Agent Paige Pinson. Paige lost her best friend, Special Agent Melissa Morrow, on Sept. 11 during the terrorist attack on the Pentagon, and then lost her father shortly after. Registration is extremely helpful; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) welcomes all Village ladies to join us for lunch at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Tavern at Mission Farms, 10681 Mission Road. RSVP by Sept. 17 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

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 by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

BOOKWORMS, BIBLIOPHILES, READERS OF ALL INTERESTS – Join us for a presentation of reading suggestions given by Vivien Jennings from Rainy Day Books at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, Sept. 25, in Room 127. Vivien always presents entertaining sketches of books selected to appeal to a wide range of interests covering diverse genres. Please come, bring a friend; the meeting is open to all!
DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY…WITH US – At 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, Women with Spirit kick off the school year at Martin City Brewing Company in Mission Farms. If meeting new people sounds a bit intimidating, how ‘bout just enjoying a spirit and app around some friendly faces? We’re a super inclusive group in our thirties to fifties who enjoy a good time and would love to add you to our circle. For more information contact shelbykrumm@yahoo.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

TONIGHT! NEED TO BREATHE CONCERT AT STARLIGHT – 7 p.m. tonight at Starlight Theatre. Meet after The Gathering, 6:30 p.m., in the south parking lot.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 7 p.m. Thursday at KC Bier Company, for “Being Presbyterian 101.” A lot of us are new at this presbyterian thing. Let’s talk about it. Details online at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m. (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.

BECOMING MARRIED – Begins Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 6:30-8 p.m. If you’re getting married at Village Church, or would just like to do premarital counseling with us, sign up! Go to VillagePresYA.org/marriage.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER – 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sept. 22. This month’s Love Your City event takes us to the Open Spaces art event around KC! Child care available with RSVP by Sept. 14. VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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!

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT SEPT. 29-30 – Join us as we take time away from our normal routine for a fun off-site overnight. Forms are now available online to join this fun-filled event!

REGISTRATION FOR SKI TRIP AND DOMINICAN – Forms are now available exclusively at the church for these amazing trips happening Jan. 18-21 (Ski Trip) and March 9-16 (Dominican). Registration will go live online beginning Sept. 23.
CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Prophet & Lost Statements: A Series on Jonah

Jonah was called by God to share a holy word in Nineveh. Nineveh was the last place that Jonah wanted to go. There were good reasons for that. But after a few days in a fish to think things over, Jonah agrees. He's still not happy about it. Some of the prophets were bothered that they had to speak words of judgment (Jeremiah and Isaiah would be among them). Jonah was worried that God might be gracious. So, this prophet tries to get lost.....but one thing that will not happen with a gracious God..... try as you might, you won't be lost.

Sept. 9 You Have A Calling. Need Directions?
Sept. 16 Giving Thanks Ahead of Schedule
Sept. 23 Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching
Sept. 30 Consistency Can Be A Problem
Oct. 7 What About All These Animals?

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. 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

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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.