



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 10, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

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 unique Spirit in human history. But there are moments in the Gospel story when Jesus encounters others who help him discover what it means to live as God's son. It's not too much to say that in some of these encounters Jesus learns how to be Jesus. His mother Mary was one of his teachers. She can be our teacher as well.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude	<i>Then Shall The Righteous Shine Forth from "Elijah"</i> arr. Lani Smith; by Felix Mendelssohn
Introit	<i>Tribute</i> by Phil Snedecor; Wayne Bates, trumpet
Call to Worship	Rev. Len Carrell

It is for community that we have come to this place, O God.

We long for connection with you and with one another.

It is by faith that we are willing to trust our neighbor.

You never intended for us to travel through life on our own.

It is out of necessity that we lean on one another.

It is impossible to be Christian by ourselves.

When we forget who we are, O God, send us your messengers.

We are your children, your beloved creation.

Our purpose is to praise you and show others your love.

*Hymn, No. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies
LAUDES DOMINI

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Forgive us when we misunderstand the world.

**We try to stand on our own two feet,
thinking that's what strength looks like.**

**We struggle to find every answer,
believing that's what wisdom looks like.**

**We question those who think differently than we do,
suggesting that's what faith looks like.**

**We jump in first and take what we need,
assuming that's what courage looks like.**

**Teach us again, O God, what your kingdom looks like,
and help us to live as though we believe it is coming.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters

2018 Mission Trip to Kenya

John Hall (8 a.m.)

David Nzioka (9:30 a.m.)

Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.**

Anthem		<i>O For A Closer Walk</i> by Charles Stanford; Village Choir
Prayer for Illumination		Dee Couch (8 a.m.) Bill Hare (9:30 a.m.) Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)
Scripture Reading		John 2:1-11 (pg. 967)
Sermon	<i>Mary and the Hour</i>	Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 739		<i>O for a Closer Walk with God</i> CAITHNESS
Offertory		<i>Air for Erin</i> (8, 9:30 a.m.) by Phil Snedecor <i>Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me</i> (11 a.m.) by K. Lee Scott; Village Voices
*Response	Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start. Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.	
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn, No. 741 (st. 1-5)		<i>Guide My Feet</i> GUIDE MY FEET

Congregational Meeting (11 a.m.)

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**Guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!**

*Postlude

The Trumpet Shall Sound from "Messiah"
arr. Lani Smith; by George Friedrich Handel

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's Introit, *Tribute*, was written by Phil Snedecor in 2002, and is dedicated to victims of 9/11. Snedecor is principal trumpet of the Washington Symphony (District of Columbia).



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

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of September 10, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Len Carrell 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. 11

Matthew 13:1-9

One of the ways I believe Jesus would have appreciated recess, is he often chose to embrace the crowds. And in the crowds he would have met all types of personalities, not just the ones of his own choosing. His characterization of the different types of soil is an illustration of the extravagant grace God revealed to us in Christ. God's grace is never limited to only a few, but reaches all areas of growth, even areas that seem barren.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Matthew 13:10-17

I once heard a seminary professor say in one of her sermons, "We all live in a Parable Universe." She was teaching her students the serious, yet playful, nature of Jesus's teaching through parables. Her message was how Jesus's parables are intended to draw us in, and how we locate our own life story in them. We all have parables to share from our own life experiences, if we only have eyes to see them and ears to hear them.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Matthew 13:24-30

God's playground of creation is a place of imaginative play, digging in the sandbox together, and hanging upside down and giggling. But it is also a place of bullying, and tantrums and someone taking our toys. This passage reminds us that it is not our job to be God's playground monitor. It is only our job to treat each other justly with respect and love. For it is only God who knows the truth of our hearts.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Matthew 13:31-33

This parable reminds us of the moment we realize we have the capacity for grace. Faith the size of a mustard seed might also be interpreted as seeds of grace we can sow, or show, to each other. Who hasn't experienced that moment when a young child approaches another child who hasn't anyone to play with and says, "Let's swing together!" Sowing our own seed of grace has the ability of showing one another a foundation of faith we all can journey on.

Friday, Sept. 15

Matthew 13:34-35

The ultimate playground game has to be hide and seek. And God, who is revealed to us through the person and act of Jesus Christ, must be the master-seeker. That there is nothing, and no place, that can hide us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. In Jesus's parables much is hidden and much is revealed. In our ambiguity of faith, what is revealed to us is the mystery of God's love for a world that is both beautiful and broken.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Matthew 13:44-46

All of Jesus's parables express a treasure that God's kingdom is, and will be. But these two short verses speak of how we will experience such a pearl of wisdom. I recall watching my daughter spend hours searching through a sea of pebbles only to find one true stone to be her favorite, to keep and treasure it. If only we all could search for God's loving sovereignty and reign, as such. Knowing that only the One who touches our hearts matters more than all the other rocks along the path.

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

TODAY



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

NORTH
PARKING
LOT



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Dedicatory
Pipe Organ
Recital

World-renowned organist
Douglas Cleveland
3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24
Village on Mission



TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

TAIZÉ IS TONIGHT – Trust in God. Join us as we reflect on the ways and whys of how we are called to trust in God at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Communion will also be served. Taizé worship service is held at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center, 9900 Mission Road, Overland Park.

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

Today is the first Sunday of a brand new year of Sunday School!

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL – Parents should check in their preschool-age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

KIDS' KINGDOM – K-1st Grade new curricula! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. 1st Grade meets in Room 303. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **2nd – 5th Grades** – Sign-in elementary (2nd-5th) aged students on the 3rd floor. Check the large bulletin boards located in the Children and Family wing for each grade's class location. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Connect with 6th Grade** – Fun and relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. Room 302. 9:30-10:30am.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Fall 2017 Village U registration is open. Visit villagepres.org – or call Marianne at 913-671-2333.

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.

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.

BEGINNER EXCEL- DAYTIME – Topics include identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data into an Excel spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will be creating a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, Room 316.

BEGINNER EXCEL- EVENING – Topics include identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data into an Excel spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will be creating a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, Room 316.

BIBLE 101: HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO BE – “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching ...” (2 Timothy 3:16) So given that all scripture is inspired by God, how did the Bible come to be in its current form? This is a basic course designed especially for persons who are new to the Bible. Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 11, Rooms 232 and 233.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES RESUME TODAY: 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. Join us as Lawrence Andre leads the class in study of The Book of Acts. 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. Today's class will treat the development of our beliefs into theology. Room 127.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Sept. 13 is Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles (GF pasta available), sweet potato casserole V & GF, 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.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The Food Pantry is requesting for the month of September cans of hearty soups and canned chicken or tuna fish - items that can be the main course of a meal. The Clothes Closet continues to ask for manual can openers - they go out as quickly as they come in. The Closet will start accepting sweaters, coats, warm children's clothing, etc., on Oct. 1. Thank you.

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 respond 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.

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. this Wednesday, Sept. 13. Tour this transitional housing program and find out more about their new trauma informed care program for homeless families. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITALS RESUME THIS THURSDAY, 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

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL ON OCT. 5! Come and celebrate starting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, as we kick off this year's gathering for those who are 75 or more years young. There'll be good food, great music and the best company! Tom Are will talk about all the latest at Village. Transportation is provided if requested. Contact Linda Alley know if you are coming at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING – Become a volunteer for this new ministry that helps people with Alzheimer's express their inner expressions through painting. Volunteers are needed to sit with participants as they paint; you yourself don't need to be an artist. 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.

BECOME A VILLAGE VISITOR VOLUNTEER – If you enjoy visiting and talking with others, consider becoming a Village Visitor. Help bring Village to those members who cannot physically join us at church. This ministry will begin in the fall. If you would like to be one of the 15-20 volunteers, contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org.

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 contacting marianne.weber@villagepres.org or at 913-671-2333. 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. Bring a friend!

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Join us in the Youth Loft (Room 333) during the 9:30 a.m. service for discussion, donuts and fun!

KICKOFF IS TODAY – All of our weekly events begin this morning and continue throughout the week:

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333)

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

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

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers) – Thursdays, 7:30-8:15 a.m. at Zach & Meredith's House at 5401 W 77th St, Prairie Village.

Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

What's that new card in the pew card holder? Something about Text to Give...

You now have the opportunity to give a gift to Village Church's annual fund by using your smart phone. All you need to do is text your gift amount to 913-270-3436. Your gift will go directly toward your annual commitment or if you have no outstanding pledge, the gift supports the Village Church annual fund. Check out the "Text to Give" info in the pew card slot in front of you and see how easy it is to make a gift to your annual fund commitment!

Building your Legacy...

Planning for the future is not about "things" but about values. By remembering Village Church Endowment Trust in your estate plan, you can guarantee your continued support in helping to feed the hungry, minister to the sick here and abroad, care for and educate our children and support others walk in their faith in God.

Become a member of the Meneilly Society, call Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or email her at molly.sirridge@villagepres.org.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, Sept. 10. This meeting will take place in the Sanctuary, before the Benediction in 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.

Village Church Child and Family Development Center Community Space Use Guidelines

The Village Church Child and Family Development Center (VCCFDC) has a large community room and two smaller conference rooms. These rooms may be scheduled by contacting Mary Cashin, facilities coordinator, at 913-671-2342. There is no facility charge for Village Church sponsored groups. There is a facility fee of \$50 for groups with no Village Church affiliation. Our VCCFDC Facility Use Policy has been approved by the Village Church Ministry Team and is now posted on villagepres.org under LOCATIONS>MENEILLY CENTER. Call Mary Cashin if you have any questions. Thank you.

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

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.