



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 2, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Someone asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" It is a daunting question to consider on World Communion Sunday. It's a big world with so many neighbors. The surprising reality is that being a neighbor starts with you. It's all about you!

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Gathering Music

Heleluyan, We Are Singing
Hymn, No. 642

Call to Worship

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

In cities like Charlotte and Tulsa,
where lives are lost and voices are not heard,
**we remember the faith passed on to us,
that justice will rise up for all people.**

In cities like Aleppo and New York,
where explosions destroy families and scatter neighbors,
**we remember the hope passed on to us,
that peace and reconciliation will rebuild communities.**

In neighborhoods not known, in places never mentioned,
where tears are shed and lonely souls walk the streets,
**we remember the love we can pass on to others,
love that is right and responsible,
love that breaks down barriers and calls forth life.**

*Hymn, No. 642

Heleluyan, We Are Singing
HELELUYAN

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us,
for we are good at ignoring our neighbors.
We turn off our television sets and our Twitter feeds,
pretending that will exempt us from difficult conversation.
We surround ourselves with family and friends,
neglecting to notice the lonely and the least.
We live with affluence and privilege,
separated from those broken by the brutality of the world.
Sometimes, O God, our deepest sin
is going about our everyday lives acting as if nothing is wrong,
or believing our efforts are too feeble to make a difference.
Gracious God, we mean this in the most sincere way:
save us from ourselves.
Remind us that when even one of your children hurts,
yours is the heart that breaks. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal line is a simple melody with some rests and a final note held over.

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.); Bill Hare (9:30 a.m.); Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37 (pg. 946)

Sermon

For Once, It's All About You

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds.

God created us to be in relationship.

God created us male and female and gave us life.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

We are free to live our lives within the purpose of God:

to develop and protect resources for common welfare

and to work for justice and peace in society.

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our lives:

social and cultural, economic and political,

scientific and technological, individual and corporate.

Already God's reign is present in the world, stirring hope in us.

With an urgency born of this hope,

we apply ourselves to present tasks and strive for a better world.

*Hymn, No. 499

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

RENDEZ À DIEU

Offertory

Praise Ye The Lord

music: Hugo Distler; Quartet (8 a.m.); Alegría (9:30 a.m.)

Praise The Lord

arr. Ralph Johnson; More Love Chorale (11 a.m.)

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body.

You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Communion Anthem

Amen Siakudumisa
arr. Cameron LaBarr; Village Choir

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No.538

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

*Benediction

*Response

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

*Postlude

Xacara
by Martin y Coll

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of October 3, 2016)

The following daily Bible readings was written by Rev. Len Carrell and is an offering 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, Oct. 3

Luke 6: 39-40

These parables are about the focus of discipleship. Mainly, the student doesn't learn in order to pass judgments on others. We learn in hopes of one day becoming gracious and generous like the teacher.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Luke 6: 41-42

Discipleship is a self-awareness to recognize the difference between a speck of sawdust and a plank. It is about paying attention to the things that cause our own blindness. We can find the smallest things about someone else to be critical of. But for us, it is often impossible to see the obstacles obstructing our own vision.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Luke 6: 43-45

Good begets good. The simple actions and intentions of good labor will, in hopes, bear good fruit. This is a direct connection to not making quick judgments and being aware of our own obstacles. If we focus on the good that can come out of others and our own actions, then we work toward the possibility of building good relationships and community.

Thursday, Oct. 6

Luke 6: 46-49

This may be the best of Jesus's teachings, "come to me, hear my words and put them into practice." This whole passage has been about putting the teachers words into practice. Attendance is only a portion of the grade, homework and practice quizzes, show to us and to others what we have learned. That takes digging deeper and creating a place to lay a strong foundation of faith. Faith takes practice and foundation.

Friday, Oct. 7

Luke 7: 1-8

This story of the centurion and a sick servant is an example of these parable teachings. He is someone who cares for those under his authority like the teacher. He is someone who understands his own obstacles and that his house is not completely in order. He is someone who practices good to everyone, to the people of his community and to the people placed in his care.

Saturday, Oct. 8

Luke 7: 9-10

This reaction from Jesus is one that I find surprising. He says, "...I have not found such great faith..." It seems that Christ is looking for glimpses of acts of faith. He was looking to find them in his own time, and he is still searching for them today. Good practices of faith take place in our life together, and God is paying attention. Christ wants to see us show great faith, how can we strive to do this?

A dark gray rectangular graphic with ornate white scrollwork in the corners. On the left, a circular frame with a scalloped edge contains a white line-art illustration of a food truck parked in front of a building with trees. To the right, the text "FALL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL" is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, a white banner contains the date "10.2.16" and "SUNDAY 5-7 P.M." in black text. Underneath the banner, the text "VILLAGE CHURCH NORTH PARKING LOT" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom, a dark gray banner contains the text "LIVE MUSIC AND SIX GOURMET FOOD TRUCKS" in white, sans-serif capital letters.

**FALL FOOD TRUCK
FESTIVAL**

10.2.16 | SUNDAY
5-7 P.M.

VILLAGE CHURCH NORTH PARKING LOT

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCT. 23

Please bring your pets to the front lawn of Village Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, for the Blessing of the Animals led by Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Rev. Hallie Hottle. We'll also include a blessing for veterinary staff. All animals welcome, leashed or otherwise safely restrained.

Please join us for the Service of Ordination for Amanda Mackey 2 p.m. today • Village Church Sanctuary

Amanda is a member of Village Church and a recent graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She just answered a call as associate pastor of youth at Germantown Presbyterian Church in Germantown, Tenn. (outside of Memphis).

A reception will be held in the Welcome Center immediately following the ceremony.



TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Marvin Field by the family.

PEACE OFFERING TODAY – The Peace Offering is today (World Communion Sunday). Money from this offering is used from peacemaking programs across PC(USA), in the Heartland Presbytery and at Village Church. White envelopes for this offering are in the hymnal slot in front of you.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL – Parents may 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 curriculum! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. First 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. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Upcoming Village U classes:

LAST ACTS OF LOVE: ENDING WELL: WHAT WILL THEY SAY AT MY FUNERAL? A conversation about what Presbyterians believe about death and what we do as a church family when death comes, including planning for a memorial service. Rev. Jenny McDevitt, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4. Room 230.

A TACTILE ADVENT – As we prepare for the season of Advent, how can we engage the familiar story with all of our senses? Have you smelled frankincense? Have you touched rough wood and thought about laying a baby in it? We will explore the familiar Advent story in a way that engages our senses and the Nativity story to experience the story in new and dynamic ways. Rev. Sally Wright, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 16. Chapel.

REAL LIFE ETHICS FOR THE WORKPLACE - Ethics focus on what we believe to be the right action and the wrong action in any given situation. This course will focus on real life ethical issues that occur in the business workplace 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5-26. Room 15. Oct. 5: When should you stand up for what you believe and when should you just go with the flow? Background information will be provided including information on what happens to whistle blowers and "smoking guns". Oct. 12: what level of client entertainment is acceptable? What product labeling is correct? What level of cleanliness or safety procedures are required? What is equitable pay?

CHRISTIANS, RACE AND CULTURE - Participants in this class will explore how to live more faithfully given the challenges and gifts of race and culture that God has set before us all. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5- 26. Room 232.

WISDOM FOR LIVING THE GOOD LIFE FROM THE *PIRKEI AVOT* - These ethical teachings showing kindness to others, respecting God, others, and self, seeking peace in one's life, being careful with one's speech, and not leaping to judge others. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5-19. Room 233.

DRIVE-BY BUS TOUR OF THE HOMES OF THE RICH & FAMOUS - Many famous people were either born or lived in the Kansas City area. Those going on this bus tour will see the past or present homes of over 100 people. Cost for the tour and lunch is \$50. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6.

BOOK CLUB - Join us on the first Friday of each month for an interesting book discussion while your children enjoy child care. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, in Room 127.

BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE - Topics will include teaching respect for adults, the value of chores and ordinary work, keeping expectations in line with your child's temperament, avoiding over scheduling and overindulgence, teenage narcissism, living graciously with rudeness, when to step in and when to step back, and more. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, in Room 132.

FALL ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES have begun. Check villagepres.org for more details.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE - 9-11 a.m. next Sunday in Friendship Hall and from 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, in Room 230.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER OCT. 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce (GF pasta available), eggplant parmesan (V), vegetable mélange. Each Wednesday, price is \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar and dessert. \$3-children ages 3-10. Children under 3 are free. Reservations are required by noon every Monday. Just call Liz at 913-671-2359, email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners.html.

LUNCH FOR 70s AND UP - You are invited to meet at Waldo Pizzeria at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6. Waldo Pizza is located at 7433 Broadway St. The menu offers three authentic styles of pizza as well as salads, sandwiches, pasta and gluten-free choices. The reservation is under "Village Church Group, Liz Middleton." RSVP to Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org.

EVENT FOR 60s – 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, Manny's Mexican Restaurant. Village Church is offering a fun dinner opportunity for people in their 60s (couples and singles)! We have reservations at Manny's Mexican Restaurant at 207 Southwest Blvd. Manny's is a family owned and operated restaurant serving the Greater Kansas City area for thirty years. Each person is responsible for their own tab. The reservation is under "Village Church Group, Liz Middleton." Space is limited. RSVP to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331. Check out the menu at www.mannyskc.com/dinner-menu-2/.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT OCT. 22 - The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church is partnering with the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition (SSC) to host a Recycling/Reuse Event from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 22, in the south parking lot of Village Church. There is a suggested \$20 tax deductible donation per car. Drop-off your old computers, components, printers, copiers, cell phones, A/V equipment and small appliances (NO TV's). Contact Jerry Rees at 913-568-4250 or reesveenstra@aol.com for more info.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Thank you for your generous donations on Peanut Butter Sunday. We collected a total of 795 pounds of peanut butter, which is a staple in our clients' diet. Fall is officially here and the Clothes Closet is accepting fall and winter clothing, including coats - clean and gently used. The cooler fall weather is quickly depleting the shelves of HEARTY soups. Look for coupons and sales and please bring a couple of cans of HEARTY soups with you to church each Sunday. It would be such a blessing for the clients. Thank you!

VILLAGE SERVICE NIGHT – Join Village Church from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, for Village Service Night. Participants will help pack hygiene kits to be sent to areas of need served by Heart to Heart International, assemble sack lunches for City Union Mission, create fleece blankets for the homeless and help the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership prepare for upcoming mission trips. All ages are welcome. Food is provided for all who participate. Child care is available. Sign up online at www.signup.com/go/VPCServe.

TOUR NEW MATHEMATICS LAB - You are invited to an open house for Operation Breakthrough's new Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Lab from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. Tour the new program that Village Church helped fund through our Signature Mission grant. Parking is available north of Operation Breakthrough at 3039 Troost Ave.

MUSIC MINISTRY

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT OCT. 9 – The first concert of the season, entitled “A Night at the Opera,” is at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, in the Village Church Sanctuary. Admission is free. Internationally known guest contralto, Qiulin Zhang, along with tenor Jacob Sentgeorge and baritone Ron Witzke, will perform selections from *Carmen* and other opera favorites.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL OCT. 13 - Join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Village Chapel for a 30-minute recital with guest harpist Tabitha Reist Steiner. The program will include works for solo harp and accompanied works, with music by Ravel. The concert is free and open to the community.

TE DEUM ANTIQUA CONCERT OCT. 16 -Te Deum Antiqua Choir presents “Sacred Shapes,” a faithful celebration of America’s earliest choral music at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Rainbow Mennonite Church in KCK. Matthew C. Shepard is conducting. Te Deum is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance. A \$15 donation is suggested. Visit www.te-deum.org to learn more.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE IS? The Village nurses are happy to check your blood pressure at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning in the Bride’s Room.

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH THIS TUESDAY - If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, we hope you come to the Faith and Grief lunch noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Friendship Hall. You’ll receive comfort and resources. A box lunch will be provided. Register online at www.faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. Questions? Call Linda Alley at 913-671-2327.

THE THOUGHT OF MONDAY GOT YOU DOWN? Keep calm and ready your spirit for the week ahead by coming to the Taizé worship service. Taizé is calm, quiet, contemplative and filled with soothing music. Communion is shared. Come at 6:30 p.m. next Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road, Overland Park.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MISSION SEWING – is busy filling year-end requests from our agencies. Knitters: pick up your red and green yarn for the Christmas baby hats. For more information, call Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT’S FALL FAMILY HAYRIDE - Join us from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at Shawnee Mission Park to enjoy a family hayride, roasting marshmallows over a campfire and sipping on apple cider. \$7 per person, children; 2 & under are free. To reserve your spot, mail a check (made payable to Bentley Messner) to 609 W. 59th Terrace, Kansas City, MO, 64113 by Monday, Oct. 10 (space is limited). Email bentleymessner@gmail.com for more information.

WOW LUNCH AT BRISTOL - Thursday, Oct. 20, is the date and The Bristol at 5400 W. 119th St. in Leawood is the location where Women of Wisdom will gather for a noon lunch, and WOW extends a warm invitation to all ladies to join them. RSVP by Oct. 18 to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net for an enjoyable meal and warm fellowship.

SEEKING PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS - On April 8, 2017, Presbyterian Women of Village Church will celebrate and honor the gifts and talents of women in our church at the Celebration of Faithful Women Event. If you would like to nominate a woman you know who: • Supports the mission of the church • Nurtures your faith • Works for peace and justice • Promotes an inclusive community through service and leadership, contact Jennifer Sawyer at jrsawyer1947@gmail.com or 913-488-6370. Names will be accepted through Oct. 31, 2016.

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!

MMPM – Midweek Morning Prayer for Mamas! Wednesday mornings, 9:30 a.m., Village Church Chapel. Every Wednesday morning this fall we'll pray for each other, then join for coffee and convo. in the Cup! All 20s and 30s moms welcome!

SERVE: FALL SERVICE NIGHT - Sunday, Oct. 9, after The Gathering - For one night we'll have community and world organizations in the building with projects they need hands to work on. Come and worship, then stay and serve! All ages welcome. Sign up online at www.signup.com/go/VPCServe.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft Room 333/332.

CHEER – High school youth group tonight from 6:30-8:30p.m. All are welcome for a night of discussion, amazing people and a great time!

GPS – Middle school youth group, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for a great night of people, games and conversation. We hope to see you there!

TWOSDAYS – All 7th & 8th graders are invited to join us from 4-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons in the Youth Loft for fun and food!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 91 ANNUAL HOLIDAY WREATHS AND GARLAND SALE - The Boy Scouts of Troop 91 will be selling beautiful Holiday wreaths and garland here on two Sundays: Oct. 9 and 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This annual event is the main fundraiser for the Troop. Stop by one of the tables and choose from freshly made, long-lasting evergreen garlands, pine cones, centerpieces and wreaths for yourself, or to send as a gift. Greenery will be delivered to the church on Nov. 20 & 27. Your support is greatly appreciated.

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.

– Luke 6:35

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	Don't Be A Goat!
Oct. 2	For Once, It's All About You
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 8 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live 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.