SERVICE OF WORSHIP
October 7, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

We conclude "Prophet and Lost Statements," our sermon series on Jonah. This short story is packed with meaning and relevant teaching, but one theme often overlooked is the presence of animals in this story. There is the fish, of course. The flocks and herds of Nineveh wear sackcloth (that has to be a first!). A very important worm makes an appearance in chapter 4. But perhaps nothing is more puzzling than the ending of the story, when God’s concern includes not only the people of Nineveh, but “also many animals." On this World Communion Sunday, we pause to remember that God’s devotion is not just to the people of the world, but to the world.
Prelude

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
by Mark Sedio

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit (9:30 a.m.)

Who Did Swallow Jonah
Traditional; Angel Choir

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

All Creatures of our God and King

lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia.

Let the whole creation sing praises to our God,

for stars and starfish,

mountains and valleys,

friends and strangers to us:

all bear the fingerprint of God’s grace.

*Hymn, No. 700 (v.1,3 - Choir; v. 2,4 - Congregation)

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I’M GONNA LIVE

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

when our concerns are too small

and our thoughts are self-centered,

when our hearts are turned in

and our imaginations are turned off,

startle us with Your grace,

that we might remember how vast is the reach of Your love. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace
*Response

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

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.)
Scott Stanley (9:30 a.m.)
Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading
Jonah 4 (pg. 845)

Sermon
What About All These Animals?
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 15 (v. 1-4)
All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Offertory
Xacara (8 a.m.)
by Martin y Coll

A Child…Like me! (9:30 a.m.)
C.S. Stephens and Greg Gilpin; Morning Stars

I am a Child of God, wondrously made, knitted in my mother’s womb.
I am a Child of God, wondrously made, my father’s proud of me.
A Child of Light, growing ev’ry day, learning the Word of God.
A Child of Hope, sent for purpose high, living in the favor of God.
I am a Child like Jesus; a Child of Joy, a Child of Love, a Child of Peace,
Created in the image of God, reflecting the Light of Love.

How Can I Keep From Singing (11 a.m.)
arr. Rollo Dillworth; The More Love Chorale
*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

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

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

Lead Me, Lord (8,11 a.m.)
Will Todd; Karli Cabrera, soprano music intern
Send down the Fire (9:30 a.m.)
by Marty Haugen; Village Voices

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

*Benediction
MUSIC NOTES

Today the Morning Stars Children’s Choirs bring the gift of music to our worship for the first time this fall. We are happy to be offering our new Angel Choir, a preschool choir for 3 and 4-year-olds led by Jenny Hull. The Prelude Choir is for Kindergarten-2nd grade, and is led by Rebecca Enslow and Kate Beebe. The Hallelujah Choir, for 3rd through 6th graders, is led by Will Breytspraak. It’s not too late to join – just contact Jenny Hull, music coordinator, at 913-671-2385 or jenny.hull@villagepres.org. We are thankful for all of our children at Village, and are so glad they are with us in worship today.
Monday, Oct. 8  Psalm 145
Our psalm today uses the same words Jonah does to describe God. “Gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” These same words appear in Exodus, Nehemiah, and again in Psalm 86. These are important attributes of our God, to be repeated in this way. How might you need to remember that God is merciful, slow to anger, and full of love for you this week?

Tuesday, Oct. 9  Psalm 42
This psalm offers us a strange refrain, “Why are you cast down, my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?” Our psalmist seems to be speaking to his own soul, questioning the disquiet within him. It sounds strange, but I suspect we know what it means to wonder about our inner unsettling. When you pray today, spend some time in silence and see what bubbles up from your soul. What are you really longing for this week?

Wednesday, Oct. 10  Psalm 1
Our very first psalm comes to us as a sort of beatitude. “Happy (or blessed) are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked…” This language is used throughout the rest of the psalms. Distinctions are drawn between the “righteous” and the “wicked.” It’s hard to read in our modern context without allowing our minds to wonder to judgement, just who are the righteous and the wicked? Re-read this psalm a few times today, and resist the temptation towards judgement. Instead, allow yourself to wonder, in what ways are you both experiencing the “happiness” of those who follow God, and the “wickedness” that comes with being far away from God’s desires for us? We’re often in both camps at the same time.

Thursday, Oct. 11  Psalm 97
Our psalm begins with illustrations of clouds, fire, lightening and mountains that melt like wax. Our ancient authors often refer to images of nature around them when meditating on God’s greatness. Take some time today, and look outside at the world around you. How is God reflected in what you can see? Write it down. Draw a picture. God is in it all, so take some time to notice.

Friday, Oct. 12  Psalm 51
We end our week with a psalm of confession, praying “create in me a clean heart, O God.” Before you begin the weekend, spend some time in this psalm, wondering honestly where you fell short this week. Never is confession meant to shame. Always it allows us to live more closely in relationship with the God who hears, who understands, who delights in cleaning us up and walking with us to try it all again.

Saturday, October 13  Psalm 138
This psalm says, “You increased my strength of soul.” It’s a strange line, but a beautiful one. This weekend, if you can, make some space for your soul. Do something that gives you joy. Rest in such a way you find something that feels like restoration. Maybe make the amends that have been troubling your heart. Pray for God to strengthen your soul, and do something to help God in that work.
Chelsea Clinton Appearing at Village on Mission

The #1 "New York Times" bestselling author has published a new children’s book, “Start Now! You Can Make a Difference.” She’ll be at Village on Mission at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, to discuss her book and respond to questions in the Sanctuary. Rainy Day Books and the Girl Scouts are co-presenting this ticketed event. Will call will be available at 6 p.m. in the Narthex. Get more information and purchase tickets at www.rainydaybooks.com/ChelseaClinton2018 or call Rainy Day Books at 913-384-3126.

Discover Village Information Center

A place for you to connect and ask questions. 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; a place where you can share conversation and enjoy a cookie. We look forward to meeting you!
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 James Henry Patterson by Alison, Bill and Elie.

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Village is collecting the Peace and Global Witness Offering today. The money from this offering is used for the following: 50% of this offering provides assistance for congregations and other bodies of the Presbyterian Church; 25% goes to our presbytery and synod; 25% is retained by Village Church’s Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force to support Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kan. with construction of their “Kitchen of Peace.” White envelopes for this offering reside in the hymnal slot in front of you.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. tonight in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for this free concert. The program, “Around the World,” will feature an exciting mix of pieces covering all corners of the globe and will be headlined by Darius Milhaud’s masterwork, “Suite Francaise.”

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to enjoy during worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Upcoming Village U classes:

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH YOUR BUDDIES – Join Rev. Tom Are for a Tuesday morning Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture. To make a reservation for breakfast, email marianne.weber@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2333. Cost: $6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 9-30 & Nov. 6 & 13, Room 228.

BEGINNER GOOGLE DOCS – Learn to create documents in the free, web-based environment offered by Google. Topics include basic document creation, text editing and using Google Docs to collaborate with others in real time. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, Room 316 OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Room 316.

SELF-CARE WITH ESSENTIAL OILS – Learn about supporting your emotional and physical health with essential oils! You will leave with tips for taking the best care of yourself possible. Each participant will make two products using essential oils to take home that will support relaxation and a happy and healthy mood. Additional class fee: $10. Taught by Elissa Duncan. 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Room 206.

ADVOCATING FOR OTHERS ON HEALTH CARE DECISIONS – It will happen. You or a loved one will face a health crisis. You will want help navigating the complicated medical landscape from diagnosis to healing. This session will teach you basic hospital advocacy skills as well as the new Kansas Lay Caregiver Act. Taught by Chuck Nigro, retired health care administrator. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, Room 232.

RECOVERING WELL FROM KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY – You will learn about how to avoid developing severe stiffness in your knee replacement following surgery and the three most effective do-it-yourself techniques to ensure a successful recovery. Taught by Biagio Mazza, physical therapist. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, Room 127.
BEGINNER GOOGLE SLIDES – Learn to create presentations in a web-based environment that can be accessed from any Windows or Apple device. In addition to creating a presentation, the class will explore how to collaborate with others on editing a presentation. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, OR 6:30–8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, Room 316.

CREATION AND COMMUNITY – Beginning with our contemporary understandings of creation and community, we will examine how these complex ideas are lived in both the Old Testament and New Testament. Then we will apply our understandings to how we are to live today as we are called to care for God’s wondrous creation. Taught by Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 17, 24, Nov. 7 & 14, Room 126.

9:30 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES INCLUDE:

GROWING TOGETHER invites you to join us in New Testament Bible study. We look for the stories in the Bible and make connections using the What? So What? Now What? We are growing together in faith, which makes us stronger Christians and enables us to have a greater impact. This year, we will be looking at the stories that emerge from Paul’s letters. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Now through May in Room 124.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILD CARE FOR ALL SERVICES – Infants through 3-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:25-10:30 a.m. 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. Info can also be seen outside Room 207.

MORNING STARS – 10:30-11 a.m. 3-year-olds-6th graders are welcome to join and sing.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are Nov. 18 and Jan. 20. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member’s arrival. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

3RD GRADERS BIBLE PRESENTATION – This annual tradition is next Sunday, Oct. 14. We want all to receive Bibles so call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org to share your child’s name.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Fall is officially here and the Clothes Closet is now accepting winter clothing - clean, gently used and sized - for all the family. The Food Pantry is asking for all varieties of canned fruit during the month of October. In the fall, fresh fruit is not always readily available and shelves full of canned fruit fill the bill with the clients. Your generous donations are gratefully appreciated.

SOLE HOPE DENIM DRIVE – We are collecting denim in preparation for our annual “Be the Church” service day on Oct. 21. Drop off your old blue jeans in the designated boxes at either main entrance (Village on Mission) by Oct. 19. Then, join us for our Be the Church Service Day to help cut them so they can be made into shoes for children in Jinja, Uganda. Learn more at solehope.org.
BE THE CHURCH SERVICE DAY, OCT. 21 – Want to give back to the community? Join Village on Mission, Antioch and other Presbyterian churches in the area for Be the Church Service Week, Oct. 21-28. Village will be hosting its activities on the day of Sunday, Oct. 21 following the 9:30 a.m. worship and brunch at our Antioch campus and after the 5 p.m. Gathering service and pizza dinner at our Mission campus. Learn more and register at bethechurchservice.com. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369.

THWAKE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP’S GIRLS’ HOME FUNDRAISER – You’re invited! Thwake Village Partnership’s Kenyan Dinner benefitting Thwake Girls’ Home from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church (9300 Nall Ave). Enjoy Kenyan food, music, fellowship, fundraising and fun. Thwake Girls’ Home is the full-time home for 12 school-aged girls. Our girls attend school and are important members of the community. The cost to attend is a donation to Thwake Village Partnership’s Girls’ Home.

RISE AND SHINE WITH FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE – Join Front Porch Alliance, a ministry of Village Church, for Breakfast at Front Porch, an annual benefit to support vital programs for children and families on our city’s east side. The event featuring Denise Dowd, MD, MPH, of Children’s Mercy Hospital, is at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Linwood Area Ministry Place campus, 3210 Michigan Ave. in Kansas City, Mo. Breakfast is complimentary though donations are much appreciated. For information, please visit FrontPorchAlliance.org or call 816-921-8812. For details and to RSVP, visit www.thwakevillagepartnership.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

HANDBELL BASICS WORKSHOP – Have you ever listened to one of our handbell choirs and thought, “I’d like to try that!”? Here’s your opportunity! A free, three-session workshop from 1-2:15 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 11-25. To sign up, or for more information, contact Leslie Conrad at conradleslie@aol.com or 913-341-2734.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL OCT. 11 – Join us to hear internationally acclaimed concert pianist Thomas Rosenkranz for our 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11. The program will feature favorites of Scriabin, Schubert and Messiaen, as well as a surprising piece for piano and boombox, “The Body of your Dreams” by Jacob T.V.

TE DEUM CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS “TO LIFE” – 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Te Deum pays tribute to the centennial of Leonard Bernstein with a presentation of “Chichester Psalms.” This work offers a hopeful, life-affirming message. Also on the program is a world premiere, “Peace Like a River,” commissioned in memory of long-time Village Church member, Carol Lynn Stockton. Tickets are available online at www.te-deum.org/concerts or at the door.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE HOME COMMUNION? We will be offering home communion the first two weeks of November. If you would like to receive home communion, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE LOVES OUR VOLUNTEERS – More than 375 volunteers help provide caring and kindness throughout the year. We’re thankful for those who deliver an Easter lily or poinsettia, sing at retirement homes, bring a meal and are Stephen Ministers. We can’t possibly name everything, but we can try to express our gratitude for you and all you do. Look for your invitation to our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9.; RSVP to Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT – Join us for Women with Spirit’s 4th Annual Oktoberfest at the home of Berent and Shelby Krumm at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19. Bring your favorite six pack of beer—three bottles to share and three to swap. You will go home with three new bottles to try. Appetizers will be served. RSVP to shelbykrumm@yahoo.com. Child care is available with advanced reservation.
SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

GUNS TO GRACE: A HOPE FILLED DIALOGUE – Join us for from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 20, in Friendship Hall as we search for clarity and meaningful solutions to the overwhelming issue of gun violence. We’ll explore gun violence from the legal perspective (UMKC Prof. Allen Rostron), sociological perspective (KU Prof. David N. Smith) and theological perspective (Rev. Tom Are, Jr.). Choose from seven breakout sessions that provide opportunities for high school students, parents and other adults to learn how we move forward toward God’s healing spirit. No cost to participate. Child care will be provided. Email marianne.weber@villagepres.org to register. Learn more at villagepres.org/social-justice.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20’s and 30’s.
THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 7 p.m. Thursday at KC Bier Company, for “Being Presbyterian 101.″ Three in one. One in three. What the heck is the Trinity? (Yes, we’re poets.) Let’s talk about it. Let’s talk about it. Details online at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.
COMMUNITY SERVE DAY – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Our international mission partners in Haiti suffered a warehouse fire here in KC this summer. All hands are needed to help with clean up! Children welcome to come with young adult parents. Address: 65th and Troost. Details online: VillagePresYA.org/calendar/serve.

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!
REGISTRATION FOR SKI TRIP AND DOMINICAN – Forms are available online and at the church for the Jan. 18-21 (Ski Trip) and March 9-16 (Dominican). The Ski trip is currently on a wait list, and there are only a few more spots available for spring break. Sign up soon!

A Friendly Reminder

This is a friendly reminder to please take a moment and check the balance of your annual pledge and consider making a gift now toward fulfilling your commitment. Our church's funds could use a little help to keep our mission and ministries on task.

Thank you and God bless,
Your Village Commitment Committee
NEW SERMON SERIES

Living Toward God’s Promised Day

William Faulkner once wrote, “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” There is wisdom in these words, as our yesterdays show up in both predictable and unexpected ways. Nevertheless, the Christian faith provides a different way to look at our day. As Christians we are not primarily defined by our past, but by a future promised day. It is a day when God makes right that which we cannot heal. Of course, we only see glimpses of it in our lives, but it is a day that is trustworthy and true. This is why my last words to you each Sunday are “live toward God’s promised day.” For we are not defined by our yesterdays, not even our grand ones, but by a tomorrow we have yet to see.

Oct. 14 This is the Place to Love
Oct. 21 The Places Jesus Shows Up
Oct. 28 A Place for Boldness
Nov. 4 Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka Preaching

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  •  Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

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.