



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 8, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

John the Baptist is in jail. It's not what he expected as the forerunner for the Messiah. John was faithful and courageous, but it turns out that John finds Jesus to be a bit disappointing. He expected more from Jesus, or at least expected him to live differently. Have you ever found Jesus to be disappointing? If so, you wouldn't be alone.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

The Lord God Reigneth (8, 9:30 a.m.)

Johann Pachelbel; Village Brass

Ciacona in D Minor (11 a.m.)

Johann Pachelbel

Introit

Take Me to Higher Ground (9:30 a.m.)

Carl Strommen; Village Voices

My God Is So Great (11 a.m.)

Traditional; Prelude Choir

Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name . . .

Therefore we will not fear,

though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in tumult.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done . . .

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.

God will help it when the morning dawns.

On earth as it is in heaven . . .

The nations are in an uproar; its kingdoms totter.

The Lord utters his voice and the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil . . .

Come, behold the works of the Lord.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with refining fire.

"Be still," the Lord says. "Be still, and know that I am God."

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.

*Hymn, No. 175

Seek Ye First
LAFFERTY

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

The brokenness of this world is sometimes too much for us.

**Out of our desire for self-protection and our need for control,
we have numbed ourselves against our neighbor's pain.**

In doing this, we have also numbed ourselves against your promise.

We are no longer surprised by violence and terror and hate.

**We feel weary and helpless and hopeless,
so we have bowed our heads and clasped our own hands together.**

**In doing this, we have not seen your reflection in the eyes of others
and we have struggled to reach out with your love.**

We say, "Thy will be done," but our voices shake.

Forgive us, we pray. (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

Front Porch Alliance

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (8 a.m.)
Hoyl Lockett (9:30 a.m.)
Patricia Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:2-6 (pg. 887)

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

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks
Herbert Howells; Village Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:36-46 (pg. 906)

Sermon

John the Baptist and Disappointment

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 288

Spirit of the Living God
LIVING GOD

Offertory

Three Spirituals (8, 9:30 a.m.)
Walter Barnes; Village Brass
Wo Gott der Herr nicht bei uns hält (11 a.m.)
Cecilia McDowall

*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. 748

Go with Us, Lord
TALLIS' CANON

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

May the Love of the Lord
Swee Hong Lim; Village Choir

*Postlude

Alleluia (8, 9:30 a.m.)
Johann Pachelbel; Village Brass

Toccata in C Major (11 a.m.)
Johann Pachelbel

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of October 8, 2017)

The following are daily Bible readings 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. 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, Oct. 9

2 Corinthians 1: 1-14

The Apostle Paul's second letter to Corinth acts as a reassurance and a testimony of God's love and the transformative power of faith. Paul's personal story of suffering hardships and enduring great pressure (v. 8-11) resonates in our lives today, as all of us encounter struggles and seek comfort. What suffering have you experienced this week? What comforts? How can you reach out in comfort to others?

Tuesday, Oct. 10

2 Corinthians 2: 5-11

Grief and sorrow have the ability to become utterly overwhelming when paired with deep guilt. Offering forgiveness to the guilty — even if they don't deserve it, or haven't earned it, or don't know how to accept it — heals communities and reconciles lives. When is it hardest for you to forgive? Offer a prayer of healing and forgiveness to God today.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

2 Corinthians 2: 12-17

Reflect God's love in all that you do. In this passage, Paul refers to the "aroma of Christ." Just like a nice scent, we, by our lives and our words, spread the love of God to everyone we meet in every place we go. How will you spread God's love today?

Thursday, Oct. 12

2 Corinthians 4: 1-15

Christ lives in us, and we are dwelling places of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we have sacred work to do in the world. Write a prayer of thanksgiving that illuminates that way in which God is working through you this week. Offer gratitude for the light in the darkness, the surrender of power, and the abundant grace found in faith.

Friday, Oct. 13

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

We live by faith, not by sight. We fix our eyes on what is unseen rather than what is seen. These are nice sentiments, but what does it really look like to focus wholly on the eternal? How does it feel to put so much faith into things unseen? Scary? Exciting?

Saturday, Oct. 14

2 Corinthians 5: 11-21

The world desperately needs reconciliation. In communities dealing with violence in the United States, tension-filled streets in the Middle East, and divided families in Central America, God calls us to be reconcilers and messengers of peace. Look through the daily newspaper, and pray for the areas of the world that need God's healing power of reconciliation.

An Ordination Invitation

You are invited to celebrate the ordination of Sarah Are, by joining us in a worship service to celebrate Sarah's ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at 7 p.m. this Tuesday, Oct. 10, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary.



Sarah is the daughter of Tom and Carol Are, and a child of Village Church. She is also the daughter of six generations of Presbyterian pastors. Sarah graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in May, and has accepted a position as the designated associate pastor for youth and young adults at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. Thus, Sarah is finally within driving distance to KC—a fact her entire family celebrated.

In Sarah's words, "I would not be who I am without Village. This church has loved me unconditionally, encouraged me endlessly, and supported throughout my time in seminary. I learned how to sing in the youth choir, I learned how to be a leader in the youth group, I learned how to pray in these pews, and I learned what the community of saints looks like from this church. There is simply no other place I would want to be ordained than at Village Presbyterian Church, for Village will always be home."

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE MORE

JOY

IN YOUR LIFE & IN THE WORLD?

Joy is a gift from God,
and it is given to us at all times,
even in the midst of
difficult or complicated
circumstances.

Come and be reminded
what joy feels like.
Your heart and your soul
will thank you.

Taizé Worship
Sun., Oct. 8, at 6:30 pm
Meneilly Center for Mission
9900 Mission Road



TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of James Henry Patterson by Alison, Bill and Elie.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT TONIGHT – Please join the Kansas City Wind Symphony at Village Church on Mission as they kick off their 20th anniversary season at 7 p.m. tonight! This is the first concert under the baton of newly appointed conductor, Dr. Langston Hemenway. The concert, entitled “Masterworks” features some of the most famous music for wind band. Admission is free. Visit kcwindsymphony.org for more information.

TAIZÉ IS TONIGHT– Joy is a gift from God and is given to us at all times, even in the midst of any challenging circumstance. Come to Taize worship this evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Rd. and be reminded what joy feels like. Your heart and your soul will thank you!

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

FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for K-6th grade.

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.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Village U registration is open. Register at villagepres.org or call Marianne at 913-671-2333.

UPCOMING CLASSES INCLUDE:

POWER POINT – This class explores the basic skills necessary to develop a simple presentation using PowerPoint. Topics covered include adding and deleting slides, using charts, graphs, and pictures in presentations and utilizing the Notes feature. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, Room 316 OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, Room 316.

OLDER ADULT SPIRITUALITY - A JOURNEY IN STORYTELLING – It is our stories that bring us closer together and when we are able to connect our stories, we become closer. Our personal stories are our faith stories are worth sharing and will unite us spiritually. We are one! Taught by Rev. Bud Cooper. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 11-25, Room 124 OR 10-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 13-27, Room 126.

WESTON RED BARN FARM – A trip to the farm is like visiting a turn of the century working farm and offers visitors the opportunity to experience a real working farmstead. In the fall, we celebrate the harvest being brought in and offer visitors the chance to have some old-fashioned farm fun. Cost for the bus is \$30 per person; participants pay for their own lunches. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

JOB SEARCH 2017 – Do you have a job change in your future? (The answer is “yes,” we all do). On average, workers change jobs every two to four years, whether by their choice or due to life events such as divorce, illness, or job loss. Whether you are planning a job change now, or in the near future, join Diane Schmidt, career coach, to learn about the best tools and resources for today’s job search. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, Room 132.

ORGAN 101: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL – Get “up close and personal” with Village Church on Mission’s amazing new pipe organ. With Dr. Elisa Bickers as your guide, explore how the organ works, hear the varied sounds, and even go inside the organ for a closer look. All questions are welcome. Please wear comfortable walking shoes or tennis shoes if you would like to go inside the organ. Class limit: 20 people. 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in the Sanctuary.

BIBLE 201–CURRENT ISSUES IN INTERPRETING THE BIBLE – The Bible is sometimes cited as a source of authority on a myriad of issues. In this “tip of the iceberg” course, we will explore some of the most challenging current issues around biblical interpretation. What does the Bible say about abortion, end of life issues, homosexuality, women and leadership, evil? Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 18 and 25, Rooms 232 and 233.

WOMEN’S CLOTHING SWAP – A fun and free way to switch up your wardrobe! Bring your gently worn clothes and accessories that you’d like to swap for new-to-you items. Please have three garments laundered prior to the swap. Any items left over will be donated to the Village Church Clothes Closet. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, Room 133.

2017 MENEILLY CONFERENCE–JOURNEY TO THE ARTIC AND ANTARCTIC – Presenter Dr. John Smol is one of the world’s leading scientists on climatology. He holds the Canada Research chair in Environmental Change at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. From 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Village on Mission, Dr. Smol will share his reflections on 35 years of environmental research in the high Arctic and Antarctica, lead us in an exploration of the polar regions, show us what’s happening at the planet’s poles and more. Admission is free. Register and get more info at villagpres.org/meneilly-conference.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES: 9:30 a.m.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: WHEN EGYPT WAS IN ISRAEL'S LAND – Long before the Kingdom of Israel arose in the land of Canaan, Egyptian influence colored the lives of the peoples who populated the land. Biblical tradition holds that ancient Israel was unique and distinct from these other peoples and nations. Rev. Dwight Tawney leads the class to explore the impact that Egypt exercised on the religion and culture of the emerging community of Israel. Now-Oct. 29. Room 132.

VILLAGE FORUM: THE SEARCH FOR GOD-EVOLVING FROM SEARCH INTO THEOLOGY – Today through Oct. 15 the class is viewing a bioptic documentary on Martin Luther. Room 127.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Oct. 11 is spaghetti w/meat sauce (GF pasta available), eggplant parmesan (V), vegetable melange 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 tomorrow.

VILLAGE SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY MOVIE/DINNER EVENT – You are invited to a special event for single adults at Village Church! We will gather in Friendship Hall at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, to watch the movie, *Collateral Beauty*. Cost for the evening is \$5 for all you can eat pizza and popcorn. We'll enjoy the movie, eat and share in discussion following the movie. Please contact liz.middleton@villagepres.org to RSVP, or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for questions.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

SHOE DRIVE – The Environmental Action Committee, partnered with the Shawnee Community Services, is conducting a Shoe-In collection drive during the month of October. Donation barrels are located inside the north and south entrances of Village on Mission for gently-used shoes of all sizes.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The temperatures are cooler and it's officially fall. The Clothes Closet has started accepting cooler weather clothes-sweaters, light jackets, socks and warmer children's clothing. Save the winter clothing until a little bit later. The Food Pantry needs plastic grocery sacks for bagging groceries and you could put some hearty soups and canned meat and tuna in those bags!

BE THE CHURCH SERVICE DAY – On Sunday, Oct. 22, Village Church will be sponsoring the annual "Be the Church Service Day" along with other Presbyterian Churches in the area. From 6:30-7:30 p.m. we have the opportunity to participate in a number of service projects. If you would like to volunteer, go online at bethechurch.online or call Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or email deborah.white@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE has been providing manpower and resources to restore communities in Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico and Mexico hit hard by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and by earthquakes. Financial donations are needed to help mobilize and sustain these relief services. If you would like to make a donation to help any of these disaster stricken areas, you can do so online at pda.pcusa.org or with a check to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264 (note where you wish to give on the check: Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Maria or Mexico earthquake). You may also call 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone.

MUSIC MINISTRY

REFLECTIONS IN POETRY AND MUSIC – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in the Village on Mission Chapel. Local composers Don Follmer and Ryan Main have created musical compositions that reflect and interpret the poetry of Arlin Buyert. This is the premier performance of their works, performed by cellist Sascha Groschang and pianist Dr. Elisa Bickers. Arlin will be reading the poems, which are from two of his books, *Family Photos* and *Oh Say Can You See*.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL OCT. 12 – Village Church welcomes flutist Joelle Teal as our guest artist for Second Thursday Recital at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in the Village Chapel. Joelle's concert will include a wide and dynamic variety of music by Hamilton Harty, Louis Ganne, Henri Dutilleux and Ian Clarke.

TE DEUM ANTIQUA CONCERT – Please join us at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church for Te Deum Antiqua's concert titled "Secret Service." It was a crime to be Catholic in Elizabethan England, so William Byrd composed Masses in secret. This concert features his evocative *Mass for Five Voices*, and includes the proper motets and chant for a complete service. Tickets are \$15 at te-deum.org/concerts. Te Deum is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

REV. HALLIE HOTTLE SHARES INSIGHTS ABOUT MILLENNIALS – If you would like to learn how to better communicate, relate and understand anyone who was born in the 1980s or 90s, join us at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in Room 132. Open to the congregation and public. Sponsored by Stephen Ministry.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) Welcomes Will at a luncheon at noon on Thursday, Oct. 26. We'll enjoy Chef Emily's delicious food in the Heritage Dining Room. \$10 for lunch is payable at the door. Guest Will Breytspraak will speak about returning to his childhood home church as our director of music. RSVP by noon Oct. 20, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, or 913-209- 9608. Join your PW friends to welcome Will back!

SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

IMMIGRATION CALL TO ACTION PRAYER VIGIL - The Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force invites you to join a call to action to stand with our immigrant communities this Saturday, Oct. 14. The vigil begins at 5 p.m. in the parking lot of the Colonial Congregational Church at 71st and Mission Road. We will walk to our Village on Mission campus, hear testimonies and pray together. Grandview Park Presbyterian Church is also participating. For more information, contact Dr. Rodger Nishioka at rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

ADULTING WITH JESUS – 6:30 p.m. Thursday nights at rotating locations - check the Village Church website for a list of places and dates. This fall we'll be looking at some of our most common young adult questions, but from a Christian perspective. All invited. Pizza provided.

YOUNG ADULT US/MEXICO BORDER TRIP – Spend three days exploring life on our southernmost border with Frotera de Cristo, a PC(USA) ministry in Douglas, Ariz. and Agua Prieta, Mexico. All young adults are welcome. Nov. 10-13. Price is \$450. To reserve a spot, email becky.bliss@villagepres.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (middle school and high 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).

TWOSDAYS (middle school after school program) – Tuesdays, 4-5:30 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-with food!) – Thursdays, 7:30-8:15 a.m. at Zach and Meredith's house at 5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village.

TRIPS – Registration is now open for our annual January Ski Trip and the Spring Break Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic! Come pick up a form in the Youth Loft or find them online at the address above.

Be the Church T-shirts

On Sunday, Oct. 22, Village Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring the annual Be the Church Service Day along with other Presbyterian churches in the area. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt to wear that day, we are selling shirts from 9 a.m.-noon and after The Gathering today and Oct. 15 in Friendship Hall for \$5. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or email deborah.white@villagepres.org.

Boy Scout Troop 91 Annual Holiday Greenery Sale

The Boy Scouts of Troop 91 will be selling beautiful Holiday greenery here from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Oct. 15 and 22. This event is the main fundraiser for the Troop. Please stop by one of the tables outside the north and south entrances and choose from fresh, long-lasting evergreen wreaths, centerpieces and holiday decor for your home or send as a gift to relatives and friends.

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 Making a Name for Ourselves
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 ❖ Ellen Wootton, interim director of children and family ministry
❖ 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.