



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 15, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

There could be no more surprising person to influence Jesus than the Canaanite woman we meet in Matthew 15. It appears that Jesus planned to pass her by, to brush her off. But this unnamed woman knows something about grace and something about God and she sets Jesus straight. He was never the same after that.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Rhosymedre (8 a.m.)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Then Sings My Soul (9:30 a.m.)

arr. Tammy Waldrop; Village Ringers

O Be Joyful (11 a.m.)

Cynthia Dobrinski; Morning Bells

Introit (9:30 a.m.)

We Come with Joy

John Erickson; Morning Stars

Call to Worship

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

We come from north and south and east and west,
from Kansas City and Johnson County.

**We come with joyful spirits and heavy burdens,
with a wealth of years and the energy of youth.**

We come with different questions and varied perspectives,
with steady faith and persistent doubt.

**We come with yesterday's grief and tomorrow's hope,
with significant privilege and unholy trauma.**

We come with disappointed spirits and prophetic voice,
with complicated history and hungry hearts.

**We come together, in all our complexity, because it takes a village;
we need one another and we need God,
we need to sing with the angels and remember the saints.**

**Let this Village worship the God who keeps every promise
and ushers in every new day.**

*Hymn, No. 19

God of Great and God of Small
GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

*Prayer of Confession

Living God,

We cannot make it through this life alone.

And yet we so often turn away from one another:

we bristle at critique,

grow weary of requests and expectations,

defend ourselves against questions,

lose sight of the big picture,

and lack the humility to see the needs and full humanity of our neighbors.

We have made an idol of independence, O God.

This has given us tunnel vision,

and hindered our understanding of you and your work in this world.

Have mercy on us,

and turn us toward your ever-expanding light. (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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm (9:30 a.m.)

Psalm 17

Jane Marshall; Morning Stars

Children: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

Congregation: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

Children: Keep me.

Congregation: Keep me.

Children: Hide me.

Congregation: Hide me.

Children: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

All: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

Presentation of Bibles (9:30 a.m.)

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.)

Marian Parrott (9:30 a.m.)

Ruth Johnson (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20 (pg. 909)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (8, 11 a.m.)

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

Grazioso (9:30 a.m.)

Arnold Sherman; Village Ringers

Let There Be Peace on Earth (11 a.m.)

arr. Arnold Sherman; Morning Bells

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28 (pg. 893)

Sermon

A Canaanite Woman, Dogs and Gentiles in General

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 301 (v. 1,2,5)

Let Us Build a House
TWO OAKS

Offertory

Alleluia
Ralph Manuel

*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. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Give Thanks In One Accord
R.V. Williams; Village Choir

*Postlude

Tuba Tune
C. S. Lang

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

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of October 15, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Dr. Rodger Nishioka and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith, pray for Village Church, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, Oct. 16

1 Cor. 13

In the New Testament, there are three different Greek words for "love." "Eros" means "intimate" or "sexual love." "Phileo" means "affectionate regard for another" more like a friendship. In this chapter, the word love here is "agape." It means "unconditional love" and is most often used to describe God's love for human beings and for the creation. 13th century theologian Thomas Aquinas said this kind of love means "to will the good for another without any expectation of repayment." As you read this chapter, understand that the love mentioned here is without condition and expects nothing in return.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

1 Cor. 14:1-12

In the New Testament community in Corinth, there were people who possessed the Holy Spirit given gift of speaking in tongues. Called "glossolalia" (from the Greek meaning to speak in languages), this gift is practiced today in many Pentecostal and Charismatic and even a few Presbyterian churches. The Apostle Paul acknowledges this gift but places more value on those who "prophesy" meaning they speak in ways that encourage and support and console others. As you go about your day, pray that the Holy Spirit would help you see persons with whom you might prophesy-encourage, support, and console – and give you the courage to do so.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

1 Cor. 14:13-25

The new church in Corinth is growing and along with that growth come challenges. The Apostle draws a distinction here between how to nurture those who are more mature in the faith, those who are newer to the faith and those who are not yet believers but are curious about the faith. That same dilemma exists today. Some of our rituals might seem odd to those who are new to following Jesus Christ and especially to those who know little about the church. The familiar pattern of our worship is comforting to those who know it well, but we also must be attentive to those who are new to our community. How can you be more attentive to those who are curious about the faith?

Thursday, Oct. 19

1 Cor. 14:26-40

The Apostle Paul is writing to address to particular problems among the new Christian community in Corinth. The first problem is that some are speaking in tongues (glossolalia) and there is no one to interpret what they are saying. The apostle is clear. If there is no one to interpret, the speaker should stop speaking. The second problem is that there are some women in the church who are speaking the wrong thing. Read alone, the apostle seems to be saying that all women should be silent in church, but this contradicts his words in other letters when he praises women for speaking. The best interpretation here is that whenever one is speaking, all of it should be for the building up of the church. If it does not build up the body of Christ, it should not be spoken.

Friday, Oct. 20

1 Cor. 15:1-11

This chapter opens with the Apostle Paul reciting once again the good news-that Jesus Christ died for our sins and was buried and was raised again and has appeared to many. Paul recites this good news many times in his letters. He seems to need to remind them and himself over and over about the heart of the gospel message. Every morning, the reformer Martin Luther is said to have splashed his face three times saying to himself, "I am baptized." Try it. When you rise in the morning, splash water on your face three times and say "I am baptized. I am forever loved by God."

Saturday, Oct. 21

1 Cor. 15:12-29

Yet another argument in the church in Corinth is whether the resurrection of the dead will really happen. They did not dispute that Christ had been raised from the dead. They argued about what that meant for believers. We believe that because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we too will be raised from the dead. How and what that exactly means is ultimately up to God, but the apostle is clear-that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, death no longer has the last word. Yes we will all die, but the last word is that in God's time, we will all be raised to dwell with God and reunited with the saints forever and that is a comfort for us now and for all time.



JOURNEY TO THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTIC



2017 Meneilly Conference

Dr. John Smol, presenter

Saturday morning, Oct. 28

Friendship Hall - Village on Mission

No cost to attend. Register at
villagepres.org/meneilly-conference



Splendor and Light

3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29

A sacred concert for Choir, Organ, and Orchestra

FREE ADMISSION

Please join us for a celebratory concert in the Village on Mission Sanctuary performed by the Village Chamber Choir, William Jewell College Concert Choir and the Village Orchestra. Splendor and Light will feature Elisa Bickers, organ; Michael Kirkendoll, piano; and conductors Matthew Christopher Shepard, Will Breytspraak and Anthony J. Maglione. The program will include works by Beethoven, Haydn, Duruflé, Britten, and two new works written for this concert. A retiring offering will be taken to benefit Family Conservancy's Talk, Read, Play program.

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 Peter Carr by Scott and Lexa Carr.

THE ROSES ON THE COMMUNION TABLE remind us to celebrate and welcome the birth of the following little ones among the Village Community: Joseph Madden Fisher (Taryn and Craig Fisher, parents); Evelyn Rose Jones (Abby and Ryan Jones, parents); Graham Allen Thomas (Drew and Abbey Thomas, parents) and Oliver James Gamble (Lindsay and David Gamble, parents).

FLU SHOTS TODAY from 9-11 a.m. in Friendship Hall.

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

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-3rd Grades begin in Room 309. **K-5th Grades** please see signage at the top of second and third center stairs for additional class location information. See the Deacon near second floor children's library, for further assistance. **Connect with 6th Grade** – Fun and relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. Room 302.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

JUST WAGES/JUST FAITH FORUM – The Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force is sponsoring "Just Wages/Just Faith" from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in Room 132 at Village on Mission. Panelists Gina Chiala, executive director, Heartland Center for Jobs and Freedom, Phil Glynn, president of Travois KC, and a fast food worker and local leader with Stand Up KC will discuss fair compensation for workers and the impact of raising the minimum wage on the economy, businesses and individual workers. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will moderate. Free continental breakfast at 9 a.m. Discussion begins at 9:30 a.m. RSVP to marianne.weber@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333.

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

UPCOMING CLASSES INCLUDE:

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.

GOOGLE SHEETS – This class is for users who are new to Google products. In addition to formatting spreadsheets, this class will explore using charts and templates, accessing spreadsheets from any device (computer, tablet, phone), using Google sheets to collaborate with others, and converting Excel files to Google sheets. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 in Room 316.

APOCALYPSE WHEN? STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION – In this “hybrid” course we will study this most fascinating of Bible’s books. Oct. 24 we will meet together in person from 6:30-8 p.m. to be introduced to the book. Then we will view four sessions and interact with one another online. Dec. 6 we will gather from 6:30-8 p.m. for a concluding conversation. Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka. You must have access to the internet to participate in this course. Room 127.

2017 MENEILLY CONFERENCE–JOURNEY TO THE ARCTIC 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 Antarctic, 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 villagepres.org/meneilly-conference.

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

VILLAGE FORUM-THE SEARCH FOR GOD-EVOLVING FROM SEARCH INTO THEOLOGY – Today the class finishes viewing a biopic documentary on Martin Luther. Oct. 22-Nov. 5, Professor Kris Kvam will lead classes related to Luther and Lutherans-Oct. 22: Luther and Repentance: Reconfiguring Christian Life; Oct.29: Luther and Translation: The Bible and the Qur’an and Nov. 5: Luther and Women: Was there a Reformation for Women? Room 127.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – There will be no Wednesday Night Dinner on Oct. 18 due to construction in Friendship Hall. Dinners will resume Oct. 25.

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. this 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. Contact liz.middleton@villagepres.org to RSVP or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for information.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY EVENT AT OVERLAND PARK ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS – You’re invited to the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at 8909 W. 179 St., in Overland Park. Cost is \$3-adults; \$1-children. Come join us and be captivated by the great outdoors. Then we'll meet at noon in the Garden Cafe for those who want to share lunch together (on your own). 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 – Cool evenings and Autumn is in the air! The Food Pantry hopes you can provide a nice hot meal with cans of hearty soup, beef stew or chili. Our Clothes Closet shoppers eagerly anticipate your donations of autumn sweaters, warm shirts, jackets and blankets. Be sure to watch for our Thanksgiving shopping lists-coming soon! And thank you for your many wonderful donations to this mission of Village Church.

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. This year at Village from 6:30-7:30 p.m., participants have the opportunity participate in a number of service projects. All ages are welcome. During the evening, join us for worship in the Gathering, stay for pizza and engage in a service project or two. If you would like to volunteer for the Village Service Night on Oct. 22, sign up at bethechurch.org. For more information, call Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or email deborah.white@villagepres.org.

BLOOD DRIVE – Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon today and Oct. 22. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE is hosting a fundraiser, "Rise and Shine!" breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1. Please be our guest for this event at Kansas City's Historic Linwood Ministry Place Campus, 3210 Michigan Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Our speaker is Dr. Mark T. Bedell, superintendent of Kansas City Public Schools. Contact Julie Foster at 913-221-7778 or foster.julie@icloud.com for more information or to volunteer. For reservations, call FPA at 816-921-8812 or visit frontporchalliance.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

TE DEUM ANTIQUA CONCERT – Please join us at 7 p.m. tonight, 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

STRESS AND DEPRESSION – Join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. Elijah Buchholz shares information and insights about stress and depression at the upcoming Families For Mental Health meeting. Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be in Rooms 126 & 127.

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING provides relationships, colorful connections and a wellspring of inner expression to people living with Alzheimer's. The class meets at Village on Mission each first and third Wednesday of every month from 3:30-4:45 p.m. in Room 126, with a caregiver's support group meeting in Room 124. We invite you to explore this opportunity for yourself or with a loved one. Please contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) welcomes Will Breytspraak 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, our guest speaker, will discuss 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.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST – 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Berent and Shelby Krumm's house (3208 W. 92nd St., Leawood). For additional details and to RSVP, email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com. If necessary, child care is provided.

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).

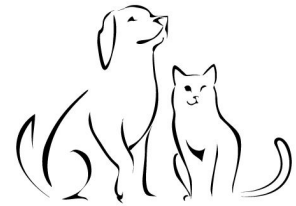
EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers-with food!) – Thursdays, 7:30-8:15 a.m. at Zach and Meredith's house at 5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village.

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 villagepresyouth.org.

Join us for

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Meneilly Center for Mission
at 9900 Mission Road in Overland Park
Rain or shine. All pets and all faiths are welcome!



Join us for Dave Ramsey's Smart Money Livestream 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7

The Village Commitment Committee is happy to bring you an opportunity to attend the live stream of Dave Ramsey's "Smart Money" at Village Church on Mission. Dave Ramsey will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for retirement, and much more!

The event is free and will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 in Room 132. Contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org to make your reservation. Child care will be available until 8:30 p.m.

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 today in Friendship Hall for \$5. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or email deborah.white@villagepres.org for more information.

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. today and Oct. 22. This event is the main fundraiser for the Troop. Please stop by one of the tables outside the north and south entrances of the church and choose from fresh, long-lasting evergreen wreaths, centerpieces and holiday decor for your home or send as a gift to relatives and friends.

NEW SERMON SERIES

The Places Hope Takes You

Hope is a funny thing. It can be illusive, slipping through our fingers with the slightest disappointment. Hope can be surprisingly strong, showing up in the most challenging circumstances. From those who have gone before us in faith, we have seen that hope is not simply an attitude, it is a choice. Hope is not a wish for this or that, but hope is a power. When we lean into our hope, it can take us to places that we would not know otherwise.

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| Oct. 22 | Carrying Holy Ground Into Unholy Places |
| Oct. 29 | Walking with Jesus (Matthew 14:22-33) |
| Nov. 5 | Hope in the Rear View Mirror (2 Timothy 4:6-8) |
| Nov. 12 | The Places Hope Takes You |

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breyspraak, 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.