SERVICE OF WORSHIP
October 16, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE
You can study most any book or letter in the New Testament and there you will find exhortation to live in unity. This tells us two things. The first is that life together is important. It also reveals that life together is complicated and difficult. This is true for churches and denominations. It is also true for nations. What do you think holds us together as a church? What holds us together as a nation?
God’s People Gather

Prelude

Andante Moonlight Sonata, Mvmnt 1
by Ludwig Van Beethoven (8, 11 a.m.)

Here Comes the Sun
by George Harrison and Julie Turner; Village Ringers (9:30 a.m.)

Call to Worship

Made from the dust in the image of God, we were brought into this world together.

Called by name and claimed by God’s promise, we are more alike than we often remember.

Some days confident and some days confused, we are all trying to make our way in this world.

Longing for peace, healing, and love, we unite our voices and lift our prayers to God.

*Hymn, No. 346

For The Healing of the Nations
ST. THOMAS

Prayer of Confession

When we are certain our ways are the best ways, and we dismiss those who think differently, God of mercy, forgive us.

When we wish violence on our enemies, or we villainize those we do not understand, God of mercy, forgive us.

When we define ourselves by who we are not, and we expect the worst from one another, God of mercy, forgive us.

When we talk more than we listen, and we fail to live by your Word, God of mercy, forgive us. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response

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

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*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters (9:30 a.m.)
Environmental Action Committee

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.
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
A Song of Community
music: John Ferguson; Village Choir, Village Ringers (9:30 a.m.), Morning Bells (11 a.m.)

Prayer for Illumination
Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.); Laura Edgington (9:30 a.m.); Lisa Ball (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (pg. 1038)

Sermon
A More Perfect Union
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

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. 340

This Is My Song
FINLANDIA

Offertory

The Call
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; Devin Burton, baritone (8 a.m.)

Fanfare Jubilee
music: Jason Krug; Village Ringers (9:30 a.m.)

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Dan Edwards, Morning Bells (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

Hymn, No. 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Benediction

Response

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Sonata in D Minor
by Domenico Scarlatti

*All who are able may stand
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THE CHURCH’S BOOK (Week of October 17, 2016)
The following daily Bible readings was written by Dr. Ron Patton 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. 17
Jeremiah 31:27-34
The prophet Jeremiah is not predicting a date of the “new day,” but is setting a goal in the future when the law of God will be a part of the lives of God’s people. Not a book on the shelf taken down from time to time for reference. It will be in their hearts, an integral part of who they are.

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Psalm 119:97-104
In this fragment of a much longer Psalm, the writer says he will be better than his teachers, elders and alike. But, is not because of what he has done on their own, but because God is in him. It is God that informs and guides his life.

Wednesday, Oct. 19
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Again, the concept of God being internalized by the believer. Paul writes to Timothy about the nature of Scripture. God, in the Holy Spirit, breathes into the Scriptures. Not the concept that God takes a pen and writes words on a piece of paper. But caution: Not everyone is going to agree with how Timothy, or others hear God speaking.

Thursday, Oct. 20
Luke 18:1-8
The judge decided to hear the case only because he got tired of the woman. But, he did agree to hear the woman. His reasoning was that it was the just thing to do. When Jesus comes, it is more than justice. It will be faith and peace.

Friday, Oct. 21
Genesis 32:22-31
Like Jacob, everyone wrestles with God. It may not be in the same physical way that Jacob wrestles with a physical representation, but everyday everyone is confronted by a world that demands answers. The decisions are not always easy to make, but God always “has the back” of followers of Christ.

Saturday, Oct. 22
Amos 7:10-17
It’s the court of the king. Amos is surrounded by the paid advisors in their fine “robes of government.” It is the chief advisor to the king who tells Amos to “scram.” Amos has two part-time jobs and is preaching in the king’s court against the king. Who is speaking for God?

Sunday, Oct. 23
John 1:1-14
God is creator, savior and sustainer – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is that God who came into human form to give humankind the most complete revelation of God. Could this God care any more for humankind than to come as, in words of Tillich, the “God-man.”
Check villagepres.org for more details.

Reserve your seats through the Kauffman Center at kauffmancenter.org or call their box office at 816-994-7222.
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 Peter Carr by Scott, Lexa & Erin Carr and in memory of Robert Enslow & Frank Fri by the family.

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

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

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT’S FALL FAMILY HAYRIDE - Join us from 4-6 p.m. today 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.

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 – 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 - FINAL GIFTS: WHO WILL RECEIVE MY LEGACY? A conversation about how to disperse one’s legacy to family, church and other charitable organizations. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18. Room 230.

BEGINNING BIRDING - Learn about identification techniques, field guides, types of feeders and online resources. In the second hour we will go outside and see what birds we can find in the area. Bring binoculars if you have them. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in Room 132.

BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY - Photographer Ashley Spaulding will help beginners learn the basics of photography. Bring your DSLR camera and manual. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19. Room 206.

GROWING YOUR FAMILY TREE WITH FAMILY SEARCH.ORG - Learn how to navigate the basic features of this wonderful free resource. Search for your ancestors, edit information, connect families together and search for records. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, Room 230.

INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER CLASS - Allows students with basic knowledge of computers to improve their skills in Microsoft Word, the internet and email. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 25-Nov. 15. Room 316. Daytime: 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 25-Nov. 15. Room 316. Evening: 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 26-Nov. 16, in Room 316.

THE VALUE OF DOUBT - Based on his new book, The Value of Doubt: Why Unanswered Questions, Not Unquestioned Answers, Build Faith, Bill Tammeus explores some eternal questions and how answers may be found through the challenging paths of doubts and hard questions. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 2-16. Room 126.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE YOUNG ADULTS GONE? - This class will explore some of the latest research that tells us more about who the young adults are who have left the church, and why so few of them believe they can find a meaningful faith in the church as it exists. Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Rev. Hallie Hottle, instructors. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30. Room 127.
VILLAGE FORUM SUNDAY MORNING CLASS - The Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force will offer four classes at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 126 & 127 focusing on “Faith in Action at the Ballot Box,” highlighting considerations for Christians on current important social issues:

TODAY – How can people of faith use their vote to advance the “Kingdom of God” here on earth? What are the Presbyterian General Assembly “stands” on pertinent election issues?, led by Dr. Rodger Nishioka.

Oct. 23 – Guns on Kansas College Campuses, led by Megan Jones, president of Kansans against Campus Carry.

FALL ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES - Check villagepres.org for details.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER OCT. 19 – Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, (GF pasta available), roasted vegetable stew with quinoa (V& GF). 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. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners.

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)! The reservation is under “Village Church Group, Liz Middleton.” RSVP to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT OCT. 22 - 9 a.m.-noon this Saturday, Oct. 22, in the south parking lot of Village Church. There is a suggested $20 tax deductible donation per car. Contact Jerry Rees at 913-568-4250 or reesveenstra@aol.com for more info.

CLIMATE MOBILIZATION PRESENTATION - The Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition of KC and the Environmental Action Committee of Village Church are co-sponsoring the presentation “Climate Mobilization: The Case for Immediate Action,” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Room 127. Guest speakers Josh King, Craig Wolfe and John Fish Kurmann will discuss the science, impact and mitigation strategies of the climate crisis.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – In two weeks, the Food Pantry starts collecting food items to fill the 500 Thanksgiving Baskets which will be distributed starting on Nov. 16. The food items needed are: green beans, corn, chicken broth, canned sweet potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy (no glass containers), canned pumpkin pie mix (not plain pumpkin), evaporated milk and boxed pie crust mix. The Clothes Closet is accepting winter coats - all ages, all sizes, clean and gently worn. Thank you!

TOUR NEW MATHEMATICS LAB - 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. in Kansas City, Mo.

BLOOD DRIVE - 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, 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 or next Sunday, Oct. 23.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAMILIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH MEETS THIS THURSDAY – Join us at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Oct. 20, in Room 126. Speaker Mark Wiebe will discuss “Mental Health and Public Relations.”

SUNDAY FLOWER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – If you would like to share a little ray of joy by delivering flowers on Sunday to our members who may be in the hospital, rehab, or an assisted living facility, we need you! Each volunteer decides when and how many times a year he/she wants to help. It only takes about an hour. If you are interested, contact Nancy Skidmore at 913-491-3257 or Nancyskidmore48@gmail.com.
CENTERING PRAYER is held at 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday in the Chapel. Come rest in the presence of God and deepen your relationship with Christ. Email katherinebestcaputo@hotmail.com for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCH AT BRISTOL - Wednesday, Nov. 16, at The Bristol at 5400 W. 119th St. in Leawood, Women of Wisdom will gather for a noon lunch. RSVP by Nov. 15 to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net.

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.

PAGE TURNERS - On Oct. 25, Page Turners will discuss Kate Alcott's book, *The Dressmaker*. The main character of this story is a survivor of the sinking of the Titanic. All meetings are at 9:30 a.m. in Room 127 on the fourth Tuesday of the month, and visitors or prospective new members are always welcome. Having read the book is not a prerequisite to enjoying the discussion.

VISITING SCHOLAR TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE - Tickets are now on sale to our 2017 Visiting Scholar Event with Dr. Beverly Roberts Gaventa. Dr. Gaventa will be “Reopening the Letters of Paul” on Friday evening and Saturday morning, Feb, 24-25, 2017. Get tickets now at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

BIER AND BIBLE - 7 p.m., every Wednesday night at KC Bier Co. 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! 9:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings, Village Church Chapel. We’ll pray for each other, then join for coffee and convo. in the Cup. All 20s and 30s Moms welcome.

FALL FEST – 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. We’ll join new friends from Second Presbyterian Church for a kickoff game (a rematch from our softball game), then celebrate our victory with food and your favorite fall beverages. Child care is available if you reserve in advance.

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 6:30-8:30 p.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 p.m. Join us for a great night of people, games and conversation. We hope to see you there!

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

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.
HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE DAY – From 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21. High Schoolers are invited to join us at Harvesters KC, to give back to the community that has given us so much!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 91 ANNUAL HOLIDAY WREATHS AND GARLAND SALE - 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. 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.

2016 Meneilly Conference
“Forming Faith Foundations for Young People”
Presented by Rev. Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean
9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in Friendship Hall

Free and open to all. Enjoy coffee, pastries and fruit starting at 9 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Epic Church: Growing Young in the Age of Benign Whatever-ism
Game scientist Jane McGonigal argues that young people steeped in video culture becomes virtuosos of hope—in ways the world desperately needs. Why are young people more likely to find hope in a video game than in the church? Twelve years into the ongoing National Study of Youth and Religion, we have some clues—now backed by research from the Fuller Youth Institute about what does (and doesn’t) seem to help churches “grow younger.”

10:45 a.m. “How are the Children?” Practices for Parents and Congregations that Lay a Foundation for Young Faith
What happens to young people’s faith after high school? Faithful young adults seem to have shared many similar assets during the high school years. Taking our cues from the second wave of research from the National Study of Youth and Religion, we will explore how parents and congregations can share faith with young people in ways that feel honest to where they are spiritually, and help youth form foundations for a faith of their own.

Dr. Dean is the Mary D. Synnott Professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary where she works closely with the Institute for Youth Ministry. She is the author of numerous books on youth and the church and embodies that rare combination of thoughtful theologian and helpful practitioner. She is a dynamic and inspiring teacher and lives out her passion for young people and the church.

Register online at villagepres.org/meneilly-conference.

Endowment Trust
Is Village Church Endowment Trust included in your estate plan? By remembering Village Church in your plans, you are making it possible for those who come after us to continue living the values and principles of scripture embodied here at Village Church. Let us know and become a member of the Meneilly Society. Call Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or email her at molly.sirridge@villagepres.org.
NEW SERMON SERIES

God’s Beloved World - It is Beautiful, but Broken
This is God’s world. But the ways of this world are not as God intends. Anyone can see that and many complain about the way things are, but faith invites us to hold a new perspective. Even when broken, the world is beautiful. It’s not just the color of nature or the sounds that fill the air; it is the beauty of human compassion, genuine friendship, and humble service. The broken world is still beautiful. And this world is loved by God, so it should be loved by us. Such love is the currency of Christian living.

Oct. 30      God’s Beloved World
Nov. 6      Do You See It?
Nov. 13     Blessed are Those who Mourn
Nov. 20     It is Worth the Struggle

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.