SERVICE OF WORSHIP
October 21, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

For a second Sunday we linger with Paul’s words in the first letter that he wrote to the church. Last Sunday we reflected on a theological value for us at Village: that our ministry be incarnational. We continue this conversation exploring a second theological value: that our ministry be relational. Our practice of relationship is informed by Paul’s gratitude for the church’s “labor of love.”
Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

With everywhere else You must be, O God,

You have chosen to be here with us.

Yours is a choice made in love---

a love that calls us by name,

a love that never lets us go,

a love that defines our every moment.

*Hymn, No. 1

*NICAEA

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace,

In these past few days,

if there was a choice we made,

or an action we failed to take

that disappointed You,

we are sorry.

We want to grow in our faithfulness.

So, once again, we pray that You lead us in right paths. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace
*Response (from Hymn, No. 582)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 450)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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

Beatitudes: VII. The Peacemakers
Patrick Hawes; Village Choir

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.)
Fred Logan (9:30 a.m.)
Beth Winetroub (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 (pg. 1075)
**Sung Prayer**

What is the meeting place, Lord of my heart,
in which your people can each find their part?
Show me the pathway on which I belong;
give me the courage to offer my song.

**Sermon**  
*The Places Jesus Shows Up*  
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*Hymn, No. 749*  
*Come! Live in the Light!*  
*WE ARE CALLED*

Why Village Matters  
Suzanne Willey, Commitment Committee

**Offertory**

*Aria* (8, 9:30 a.m.)  
by Joseph Jongen  
*I Choose Love* (11 a.m.)  
music: Mark Miller; Village Voices

*Response (from Hymn, No. 609)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication*

*Hymn, No. 757*  
*Todays We All Are Called to be Disciples*  
KINGSFOLD
*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude

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*Amen

Rutter

Praeludium in F, BuxWV 144
by Dieterich Buxtehude

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*All who are able may stand

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**MUSIC NOTES**

Today's Village Choir anthem, "Beatitudes: The Peacemakers," is the title selection for our 3 p.m. Nov. 4 concert, The Peacemakers. Much more than a concert, the event will benefit Frontera de Cristo, a U.S./Mexico border ministry of the Presbyterian Church. It will also feature several of Patrick Hawes' "Beatitudes," woven together with the poetry of Arlin Buyert. The second half of the concert will look south of our border to Argentina for Missa Latina, an energetic setting of the Latin mass for choir, soloists, accordion, violin, bass and Latin percussion.

Today's sung response to the scripture is a text that was just commissioned specifically for Village. A brand new, four stanza text has been written by renowned hymn writer John Thornburg to reflect the current sermon series, “Living Toward God’s Promised Day.” Each week we will sing the stanza written to pair with that week’s topic, concluding with a singing of the complete hymn on Nov. 4. You will notice that we are singing the new text to a familiar tune (SLANE) – that has the practical purpose of being easier to sing, but is also meant to conjure up the concepts from the more familiar text, “Be Thou My Vision.”
The following daily Bible readings were written by the Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick 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. 22**

Matthew 2:1-10

The birth of Jesus Christ is, by any measure, a central event in the Christian faith. Track the role of the star in the Magi’s journey to the manger. What does its role in the story tell us about the Creator and creation?

**Tuesday, Oct. 23**

Luke 8:4-9

The natural world figures prominently in Jesus’ parables. In this one there are seed, earth, rocks, rain, vegetation and birds. Why do you think Jesus spoke using these types of characters in his parables? What might it tell us about the natural world’s ability to convey supernatural truths?

**Wednesday, Oct. 24**

Luke 8:22-25

“Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water?” No, really, what is this text trying to tell us about Jesus in his calming of the storm?

**Thursday, Oct. 25**

Matthew 27:45-51

As the Son of God dies on the cross, we hear him cry out in pain and know that his disciples were also there, pained as they watched his life leave him. But, they’re not the only ones reacting to his crucifixion. What happens to creation? Now revisit Luke 8:22-25, and again what are the gospel writers trying to tell us about Jesus Christ?

**Friday, Oct. 26**

John 1:1-13

John 1 juxtaposes two astonishing claims. Jesus is 1) Creator and 2) a creature. What does this claim say about a God who made “all things” and yet is willing to enter that creation and know the limits and difficulty that come with it?

**Saturday, Oct. 27**

Col. 1:15-20 Creator

Check out this incredible description of Jesus Christ! A really important phrase in this text is “all things.” How does Jesus Christ, Creator and Redeemer, interact with “all things?”
Village on Antioch Welcomes Laura Patton
New Site and Communications Coordinator

Laura joined the staff at VOA on Oct. 5 after retiring from the Shawnee Mission School District where she served as a secondary reading specialist and English teacher. She earned a B.A. in English from Iowa State University, a M.S. in Adult Education from Kansas State University, and certification to teach English for Speakers of Other Languages from Emporia State University.

Laura has been married to Dennis Patton since 1990. They have two sons: Caleb, who graduated from K-State in 2018, and Noah, who is studying music at the University of North Texas. Laura and Dennis are long-time members of Grace Covenant Presbyterian where Laura has served as both elder and deacon.

Laura is thrilled to be starting her second career at VOA and hopes to grow along with the church.

Fall Concert
THE PEACEMAKERS
3 P.M. SUNDAY, NOV. 4
Village Church on Mission Sanctuary

Featuring the Village Choir, Village Chamber Choir and soloists
Child care provided

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Frontera de Cristo Border Ministry of the Presbyterian Church.
WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

FLU SHOTS – Village on Mission will be offering flu shots this morning (9-11 a.m. in Friendship Hall) and on Wednesday evening, Oct. 24 (5-6:30 p.m. just outside Room 230). Just show up and bring your health insurance card and photo I.D.

BE THE CHURCH SERVICE DAY TODAY – Want to give back to the community? Join Village on Mission 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, after the 5 p.m. Gathering service and pizza dinner at our Mission campus. Learn more and register at bethechurchservice.com. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369.

THE BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 91 will be selling beautiful holiday greenery from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. today and Sunday, Oct. 28. This annual event is the main fundraiser for the Troop. You will find the scouts located at the north and south entrances. Please stop by and choose from long lasting evergreen wreaths, garland and centerpieces. Greenery will be delivered at the church on Nov. 18 and 25. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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 worshipping 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 date is Dec. 9. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331 for information.

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

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

TO PROMOTE TAKING CARE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, the Environmental Action Committee is giving away lawn signs today in Friendship Hall after each of the worship services. The sign message is “Vote Climate for Our Children.” We invite you to come take one and place it in your yard.

Upcoming Village U classes:

A CHRISTIAN JUSTICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD - In this class, Rev. Dr. Tex Sample, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, will describe what Christian justice looks like in real world settings and will identify the skills that must be cultivated to do justice work with others—work that will create a lasting impact while extending a Christian vision for the common good. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, Room 127.

KNIFE SKILLS – Chefs know proper knife skills make all the difference in the kitchen and this class can show you how! Taught by Rachel Ciordas. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, Room 133. Additional class fee: $15.

COMPUTER SAFETY AND IDENTITY THEFT – You are forced to do more and more with a computer. Keeping your identity and your computer safe are critically important. Learn the latest tips and techniques to protect your computer and your identity. Presented by the District Attorney’s Office and sponsored by The Education Group. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, Room 232.

KEEPING YOUR BALANCE AND PREVENTING FALLING – The statistics are staggering. According to the National Council on Aging, one in four Americans 65 years and older suffer a fall each year. Falls among older adults are the number one cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries including head trauma and bone and joint fractures. Taught by Biagio Mazza, physical therapist. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, Room 132.
WHAT IS PREDESTINATION ALL ABOUT? Predestination is often labeled as a key belief of the Presbyterian Faith. Presbyterians are often named the “frozen chosen” because of our lack of passion. What is the doctrine of predestination and how has our understanding of it changed through time? Taught by Rev. Dr. John Borden, honorably retired Presbyterian minister. 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, Room 127.

WORKING CLASS RAGE – White working-class people are poorly understood and perceived as a threat to the common good. They are sometimes seen as unintelligent, self-destructive, utterly incapable of leveraging their own privilege. In this class, we will learn of a concrete vision of social well-being befitting faithful life in Jesus and God’s vision of justice for the world. Taught by Dr. Tex Sample, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, Room 127.

BEGINNER GOOGLE SHEETS – Learn to create spreadsheets in a web-based environment that can be accessed from any Windows or Apple device. The class will explore the components of a spreadsheet, entering data into a spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data, and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will create a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, Room 301.

TWA MUSEUM DAY TRIP – The mission of the TWA Museum is to provide information to the public emphasizing the story, history and importance of the major role TWA played in pioneering commercial aviation. Facilitated by Georgia Klein. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1. Additional Cost: $30.

WINTER WELLNESS AND ESSENTIAL OILS – A Young Living Essential Oils representative will help you learn about how to support your health naturally and preventatively using essential oils. You and your family can thrive through sick season! Each participant will make two products with essential oils. Additional class fee: $10. Taught by Elissa Duncan. 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, Room 230.

INTERMEDIATE GOOGLE SHEETS – This class is recommended for those who have a basic understanding of Excel OR Google Sheets. Topics include filtering and sorting data, creating charts and graphs, and utilizing functions to easily perform mathematical and statistical calculations. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Room 301.

AVOIDING FALLS AND GAINING BALANCE – We all know someone whose life changed because of a fall. This session will demonstrate tips and techniques you can use to prevent falls and gain balance. Dress in comfortable clothes and be ready to join in. Taught by Mallory Mahoney, clinic director, Specialists in Sports and Orthopedic Rehabilitation. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, Room 232.

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-ys./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 – 3-year-olds–6th graders are welcome to join and sing. 10:30-11 a.m. Pick up for all children is on the 2nd floor.

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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – The Oct. 24 menu is fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mac and cheese and a vegetable. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar & dessert is $7. Salad bar & dessert is $6. Children ages 4-10 are $3 and age 3 and under are free. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org to make your dinner reservation by noon tomorrow.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SINGLES EVENTS have been cancelled for Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9 and 16. A new six-week topic focused event for singles will be offered in early 2019.
MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Next Sunday the grocery list (for one Thanksgiving Basket) will be distributed at church. Collection of donations will be the first two Sundays of November. Because Thanksgiving is so early this year, the Pantry is hoping to get most of the donations on Nov. 4, so that preparations for distribution can be done early. For $30 we’ll do it for you and an appreciative family will receive a Thanksgiving feast.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) is offering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Michael. While the needs can feel overwhelming, continued prayer and monetary gifts ensure our ability to respond. Gifts can be made online at pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194 by phone at 800-872-3283 or by check (note it is for DR000194) to Presbyterian Church USA, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

THWAKE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP’S GIRLS’ HOME FUNDRAISER – You’re invited! Thwake Village Partnership’s Kenyan Dinner benefiting 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. The cost to attend is a donation to Thwake Village Partnership’s Girls’ Home.

BLOOD DRIVE – Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 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. and noon today or Oct. 28. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

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

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – Friday, Nov. 9, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8. If you can help, you can sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up.

SHOP FOR A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS – If you wish to adopt an Operation Breakthrough family for Christmas, Village will have a bulletin board filled with family wish lists and an adoption table on Sunday, Nov. 4, and again on Nov. 11; if all families are not already adopted. 9 a.m.-noon in Friendship Hall. In addition, monetary donations to Village Church will be accepted for holiday meals. $30 will feed a family of three or less and $60 a family of four or more. Contact Ann Colston, 913-722-0165 or Marilyn Borel, 913-708-1917.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS NURSES – If you are a nurse, consider sharing some of your time and skills at the Food Pantry. You can help take blood pressure checks, assist with various health topics, including answering questions about medications, provide nutritional counseling and share loving concern. If you can help on Monday or Tuesday mornings, or anytime Thursdays, contact Carolyn Larsen at 913-888-2986.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCH AT YAYA’s – Women of Wisdom, (WOW), eagerly looks forward to a fall lunch at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at YaYa’s Euro Bistro, 7021 West 135th in Corbin Park. We will enjoy sophisticated dining in our private room and an eclectic menu of American, French, Italian and Greek cuisine. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 29, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.
SOCIAL JUSTICE

IMMIGRATION IN JOHNSON COUNTY – A panel presentation regarding the “Impact of Immigration in Johnson County” will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Village on Antioch Sanctuary. Representatives from El Centro, Inc., the Olathe School District, the KS/MO Dream Alliance and an immigration attorney will discuss life for immigrants in our community. Topics include barriers experienced by immigrants, education issues, voting and perceptions of the larger community.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20’s and 30’s.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 7 p.m. Thursday at Village Presbyterian Church (3rd floor), for “Being Presbyterian 101.” This week: Salvation! Even the most devout among us have awoken in the night, wondering whether or not this is “it.” Some things we just can’t know. But a history of collectively lived grace is a helpful rock to stand on. Let’s talk about it. Details online at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY: LOUISBURG – 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, We’ve heard it’s not fall until you visit the Louisburg Cider Mill. We like fall, so we’re going! RSVP online: VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

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!

WINTER SKI AND DOMINICAN TRIPS ARE FULL! – Both the Jan. 18-21 (Ski) and March 9-16 (Dominican) trips are currently full and on a wait list. If you would like to be added to the wait list for either trip you can find forms on the youth website (listed above). Contact Rev. Zach Walker if you have any questions!

LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR CARE PACKAGES – After Halloween is over you can donate your leftover candy to the Youth department. Each year we send out care packages to our college students; it’s a great way to let them know their church family is thinking of them as they finish first semester! You can drop it off at the reception desk and label it “Youth.”

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!
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 Rev. Tom Are’s 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. Tom 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.