SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 29, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

One doesn’t have to live long to learn that hope is risky. Hope invites us to lift our expectations for ourselves and for others. Sometimes it seems safer to rein in those expectations to avoid disappointment. Hope requires a long view. Because disappointments are real, hope does not deny the disappointment of life, but it remembers that life is not defined by one moment, but by the whole journey. The whole journey is reached one step at a time.
Come to me, Jesus said.

Come to me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.

Trust in me, Jesus said.

To trust in me is to trust in God,
so do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Follow me, Jesus said.

Walk where I walk, and live how I live.

One step at a time, we will see this journey through.

*Hymn, No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
EIN’ FESTE BURG

*Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God, for the times we let you down.

Release us, God, from the times we let ourselves down.

We want so deeply to please you,

to love you,

to trust you,

to follow you.

Our mistakes sometimes surprise even us,

and we are so easily discouraged.

Remind us yet again that you are a God of grace,

and that we are never beyond your redemption. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response

Hymn, No. 582 (v.1)

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

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters

Signature Mission: Community LINC

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.)
Jean Janecek (9:30 a.m.)
Bill Nulton (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 131 (pg. 562)

Call to Prayer

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
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.

Scripture Reading
Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 892)

Sermon
Walking with Jesus
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 817
We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
DUNLAP’S CREEK

Offertory
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Mark Hayes; Village Choir

*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. 366
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRODOL

*Benediction

*Benediction Response
Let the Amen Sound from His People Again
Mark Hayes

*Postlude
Concentric Flame
Geoff Wilcken

*All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns
Please sign up for one or more of several opportunities for you to journey to a place of hope during "The Places Hope Takes You" sermon series. Here are our Places of Hope activities for Nov. 1-8.

**Finding Hope through Worshiping at Lakeview Village – 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1.** Join Village Church Pastors Rev. Tom Are, Rev. Len Carrell, and Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Village Church choir members in a worship service at the Lakeview Village Retirement Community in Lenexa. This brief service offers an opportunity to meet with Village Church members who reside in the Lakeview Village community.

**Finding Hope through Singing and Cider Around a Campfire at Village on Antioch – 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.** Join with others at the Village on Antioch site for singing and community together around a fire pit. There will be a “s’mores bar” and plenty of cider. Led by Rev. Hallie Hottle and Ryan Main.

**Finding Hope through Experiencing God’s Creation – 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.** You’re invited to 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.

**Finding Hope through Gathering Food for the Hungry - 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.** After the Harvest is an organization that picks what is left in the fields and delivers it to food banks, pantries, etc. in the Kansas City area. Persons may be picking apples, pears, beans and more. Site to be determined by the After the Harvest group. You will be notified by Monday, Nov. 6, about where you will be gleaning. Led by Rev. Zach Walker (zach.walker@villagepres.org), along with After the Harvest supervisors.

**Finding Hope through Exploring How to End Homelessness and Transform Lives-4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, Community LINC, 4012 Troost, Kansas City, Mo. 64110.** Learn more about Village Church’s Signature Mission effort for 2018. You are invited to a special open house at Community LINC at 4012 Troost from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7. Tour this transitional housing program and find out more about their new trauma informed care program for homeless families. RSVP to development@communitylinc.org or call Colleen at 816-389-8262.

**Finding Hope through Praying for the City-noon-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, Liberty Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64108.** We’ll join to pray for Kansas City as we stand looking out over the city from the Liberty memorial site. We will pray and sing that our city will be a place of hope. The prayer service will last 30 minutes. There is no seating. All ages welcome. Parking is free in and around the memorial site but persons need to walk to the memorial and the overlook. Led by Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor, Will Breytspraak, director of music, and Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate.

Visit villagepres.org/hope to register for activities and to see the complete list of places where we will experience “the places hope takes you” now through Nov. 18.
The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker 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. 30**

Matthew 22:34-46

This is a familiar verse to many. Spend some particular time with verse 40: “On these two commandments hang all the laws and the prophets.” Perspective is such a crucial part of life. How often have I (and perhaps you) stuck to some law or rule of life without hanging it first on love of God and others? What changes might occur in your life (and how might you need to change) if you pinned actions first to this “Law of Love”?

**Tuesday, Oct. 31**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

On Halloween spend some time with these verses about the death of Moses. Moses lived a long life and led God’s people out of Egypt. There is something about having lived a fruitful, faithful life and at the end to still have sight and vigor unabated. I have to think that’s meant more than literally; there’s a legacy Moses left in the years following his death.

**Wednesday, Nov. 1**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

What if we lived our lives with a desire to balance both savoring the world and being in service to others? Paul did that well. There is a celebration of the freedom and joy Christ brings, but also a deep desire to connect through service to, with, and among others. Verse 8 gets me every time: a care so deep that we not only want to share the gospel, but our own selves. Sometimes sharing the gospel is the easy part while sharing ourselves is the riskier endeavor.

**Thursday, Nov. 2**

Psalm 90

This is a difficult Psalm. However, I am in awe of the range of emotions that are present. Take time when you are reading to write down the various feelings and emotions you see displayed. Then reflect on whether or not you display such a range openly and honestly before God.

**Friday, Nov. 3**

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hope and sorrow sometimes live in close proximity to one another. In these verses we see them co-mingling as God is faithful in the midst of great difficulty. In what ways have hope and sorrow lived next to each other in your own life? And how, in the midst of them, has God continued to be faithful?

**Saturday, Nov. 4**

Mark 10:46-52

Our current sermon series is “The Places Hope Takes Us.” Hope often takes us Jesus… and we are oddly surprised when it does! Yet, as we see in this story, hope is often stifled by others around us. Even in the midst of such voices we should expect Jesus to call us out in our hope, and in calling us forth, we are to have the courage to speak our deepest need and give name to whatever is causing our emptiness. There is a courage in doing so, a courage that resides in faithful hope.
Dave Ramsey's Smart Money Live Stream

Tuesday, November 7 • 7 PM

Village on Mission – Room 132
Free to participate. Child care available.
RSVP to molly.sirridge@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.

Village Church Food Pantry

Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive

Please bring items listed at villagepres.org/thanksgiving
By Sunday, Nov. 12
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 CHANCHEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Bob Long by Mazie Long and family.

SPLENDOR AND LIGHT CONCERT-3 P.M. TODAY – 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 benefit Family Conservancy’s Talk, Read, Play program.

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. 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

SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY TASK FORCE FORUM – “Just Wages/Just Faith” from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in Friendship Hall. Panel members Michael Enriquez (Stand Up KC); Phil Glynn (Travois KC); and fast food workers will discuss issues facing workers today. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will moderate. Free continental breakfast at 9 a.m. RSVP for the breakfast to Marianne at marianne@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE is co-sponsoring a talk by journalist Carey Gillam entitled Whitewash: The Story of a Weed Killer, Cancer, & the Corruption of Science at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, in Room 127. As Gillam discusses Monsanto’s Roundup and its effect on human health, she uncovers one of the most controversial stories in the history of food and agriculture. Carey is the daughter of Chuck Gillam, long-time Village Church member and environmental activist.

TECH TALK – Tom Lasley, elder and current clerk of Session at Village, will discuss the benefits of using modern video conferencing for face to face communication between families and their aging relatives. Tom, founder of ParentWatch LLC., will demonstrate how he brings high-end technology equipment into a home, residential facility, hospital or hospice facility to facilitate communications between families and their relatives. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, Room 316.

UPCOMING CLASSES INCLUDE:

FAMILIES MAKING WAY FOR ADVENT – In this course designed especially for parents and caregivers of young children, we will discover how we can look for signs of Christmas in our daily lives, give voice to faith questions your little ones may have and find ways to create holy spaces in your home. Each session will have faith activities you can take home to your children from preschool through elementary ages. Led by Rev. Karen Wagner. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 1-15, Room 133.

PRACTICING CENTERING PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION – Through the teachings and examples of Jesus and the wisdom of contemporary persons such as Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen and Thomas Keating, we will explore the transformative power of prayer in our spiritual lives. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 29 in Rooms 307/309/311.
THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE MYERS-BRIGGS TYPE INDICATOR AND THE ENNEAGRAM – These two instruments will be explored to help participants better understand their spirituality and as a guide for their faith development. Taught by Dr. Gus Breytspraak, Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 29, Rooms 126 and 127. Cost: $20 for self-scoring testing packet.

DAY TRIP-UNION STATION MUMMY EXHIBIT – Mummies of the World, an exhibition of more than 40 mummies and 150 artifacts that date back 4,500 years, is most striking because of what experts have been able to glean about diseases, nutrition and climate, as well as rituals and customs associated with specific cultures. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. Cost for the bus is $30 per person; participants pay for their own lunches.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION – If you’re interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation. The Great Books Group will welcome you on the first Tuesday of each month. Child care is not available. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, Room 127.

SUPER SATURDAY HANDWORKS AND E-WORKS – Enjoy community and fellowship while doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. You will see everything from crocheting, to recipe organizing, to catching up on phone calls and emails while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities. Child care is available from 9:30 a.m.-noon. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Rooms 126 and 127.

MAIL MERGE – Learn how to utilize an Excel spreadsheet to format and print address labels. A sample spreadsheet will be available for use during the class. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, Room 316.

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

FAITH JOURNEY – The class is studying the book, The Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear, by Michael Kinnamon. We live in a world driven by fear. But should we allow fear to play such a large role in our lives? According to the religions of the world, the answer is no. In this helpful and illuminating book, the author challenges readers to consider why. Led by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

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 concludes the class today exploring the impact that Egypt exercised on the religion and culture of the emerging community of Israel. Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER class is for adults in their 40’s and 50’s who are interested in growing together in context of their families. Growing Together welcomes anyone who is looking for opportunities to grow using Christ’s principles as we apply Jesus to our lives today. Join us as we study the Book of Acts. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

VILLAGE FORUM–THE SEARCH FOR GOD–EVOLVING FROM SEARCH INTO THEOLOGY – Today and Nov. 5 Professor Kris Kvam leads classes related to Luther and Lutherans-Today: Luther and Translation: The Bible and the Qur’an and Nov. 5: Luther and Women: Was there a Reformation for Women? On Nov. 12 Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead the class about what is going on with Presbyterians nationally and internationally. The discussion will continue on Nov. 19 with a discussion about the local Presbyterian Church. Room 127.
CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Nov. 1 is beef brisket w/gravy GF, mashed potatoes GF, vegetarian entree (V), and vegetable. 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.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Thank you for helping the Food Pantry families enjoy Thanksgiving by donating items for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets: Stuffing mix, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy mix (no glass), broth, pumpkin pie mix, pie crust mix and evaporated milk. Leave your donations at church or bring them to the Food Pantry by Sunday, Nov. 12. Please donate early!

INMATE POETRY READING – Join member Arlin Buyert and the Arts in Prison program for an Inmate Poetry Reading: Poetry That Comes from the Heart at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Interurban Art House at 8001 Newton Street. Several inmates and former inmates will share their work on this special night.

HILLCREST TRANSITIONAL HOUSING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS – Hillcrest Thrift was created to provide an additional funding source for the Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Village sponsors one of their apartments in Johnson County. The new 12,000 sq. ft. thrift store at 7824 Quivira Rd. in Lenexa, provides an affordable option for clothing, accessories and household items for residents. Hillcrest needs volunteers to process clothing, pick up items and assist with day-to-day operations. Interested? Call Robb Black at 913-548-1311.

SUPPORT “STAR” FAMILIES FROM OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH – We’ll help provide Christmas gifts for families and holiday meals. Stars will be available on the bulletin board from 9 a.m.-noon Sunday, Nov. 5, in Friendship Hall. Each child receives at least three new, unwrapped gifts; and the parent receives a $25 gift card to Target or Walmart. The Operation Breakthrough truck will be in our parking lot to receive the donations on Sunday, Dec. 10. 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. Note: Operation Breakthrough in the memo of your check. Contact Marilyn Borel at rmborel@sbcglobal.com or 913-708-1917 for more information.

VILLAGE CHURCH WILL COOK A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES in Kansas City, Kan. on Friday, Nov. 10. We need four to five volunteers to cook from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and three to four to serve from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church south reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

PC&C LOVES OUR VOLUNTEERS! – More than 300 volunteers help Pastoral Care and Counseling provide care and compassion throughout the year. We are grateful for all that you do and want to thank you at our annual Pastoral Care and Counseling Volunteer Appreciation Event at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. Your invitation should have arrived – remember to RSVP to Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or at 913-671-2327 by this Friday, Nov. 3. You’re welcome to bring a guest. We couldn’t do our ministry without you!

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

SAVE THE DATE for our annual Presbyterian Women's Advent Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 5. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will speak on what it means to be “Home for Christmas”. Reservations go fast so make yours in Friendship Hall Nov. 12 & 19. Those willing to set tables or serve contact Julie Foster at foster.julie@icloud.com or 913-221-7778.

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.

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.

IF YOU HAVE LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY . . . please donate it to the Youth Department; we use it to send care packages to our college students. You can drop off any leftover or unwanted candy at a church reception desk and tell them it is for the Youth Department. Thank you!

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2018 Annual Fund Campaign

Hope begins…
41 pledges received totaling $176,050.
These generous supporters increased their giving by 16 percent.

Please let Molly know if you have not received your annual commitment packet in the mail. 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org.
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.

Oct. 22 Carrying Holy Ground Into Unholy Places
Oct. 29 Walking with Jesus
Nov. 5 Hope in the Rear View Mirror
Nov. 12 The Places Hope Takes God

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.