SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 18, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

We all “miss it” sometimes. We have a tendency to break things... promises, relationships and sometimes our commitment to God. When we mess things up, sometimes we are able to put them back together. When we can, we probably should do just that. But sometimes, no matter how hard we might try, we just can’t make things right again. In that moment, there is no hope, unless grace is real and generous.
Prelude

New Britain
arr. Philip Gehring

Thank You, Lord
by Steve Squires; Angel Choir (11 a.m.)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Why Village Matters: Keeping an Eye Out

Ed Dexter

Introit (11 a.m.)

Thank You, Lord, for Making Me
by Vince Barlow; Prelude Choir

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of the nations,

O Thou of God to earth come down.
We could not command You to come to us;

No, it was love that drew You to us.
It was You who loved us first.

Your unending love is the reason we lift our voices in praise.

*Hymn, No. 630 (v. 1: Choir; v. 2-4: Congregation)

*Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy,
sometimes our sin is evident in our thoughts.
Sometimes it is our emotions that we struggle with the most.
But of greater consequence is what we do:
so, for the things we have done that we should not have done,
and for the things we have left undone that we should have done,
forgive us. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace
*Response (from Hymn, No. 839)

_Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!_  
_Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood._  
_This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;_  
_This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long._

Anthem (11 a.m.)

_if You’re Happy_

music: André Thomas; Hallelujah Choir

*Passing of the Peace

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)
Patti Howell (9:30 a.m.)
Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 (pg. 622)

Call to Prayer (8 a.m.)

_Graceful Spirit, heed our pleading; fashion us all anew._

_It's your leading that we're needing; help us to follow you._

_Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come._
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (8 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Hymn, No. 482

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children, Joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

Anthem (9:30 a.m.)

Be Still
by Mary McDonald; Village Voices

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:54-62 (pg. 962)

Sermon

Grace is the Whole Story
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 801

The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want
CRIMOND

Offertory

Amazing Grace
by Ryan Main; Village Choir

*Response (from Hymn, No. 697)

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn, No. 282

Come Down, O Love Divine
DOWN AMPNEY

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;
Turn disquiet to contentment,
Doubt into certainty.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

*Postlude

Toccata in G Major
by Jan Adam Reincken

*All who are able may stand
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MUSIC NOTE

Today we give thanks for the youngest members of our church family as they share their gift of song with us. It’s not too late to join the Morning Stars choirs as we prepare to sing on Christmas Eve. Please email Jenny Hull, children’s music coordinator, at jenny.hull@villagepres.org for more information.
The following daily Bible readings were written by the Rev. Tom Are, Jr. 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, Nov. 19
Matthew 16:13-20
Who is he? Jesus is not asking a fill in the blank theological quiz. Jesus knows that our beliefs show up in our behavior. Who we believe him to be influences how we live.

Tuesday, Nov. 20
Matthew 11:28-30
The yoke Jesus speaks of is his life. His life is not easy because he is always moving toward the cross. And yet, the load of living the life God calls us to live is a lifted burden, because God shares that burden with us.

Wednesday, Nov. 21
Psalm 91
It sounds like the scripture promises that nothing bad will happen to those who believe. That would be nice, but it doesn’t fit with our experience. We know that even the most faithful suffer. And yet, trusting in God changes the perspective and power of suffering in our lives. No matter how fragile life becomes, there is a “refuge and fortress” that is trustworthy.

Thursday, Nov. 22 - Happy Thanksgiving!
Matthew 12:1-14
The people are questioning Jesus’ practice of the faith. He didn’t seem to be following the rules. Jesus responds by showing that the word of God is always good news. If we follow our faith and it does not bring life to us and others, we are likely to be missing something.

Friday, Nov. 23
Micah 6:1-8
This text begins with God reminding his people how God has already blessed them. The prophet reminds them of the Exodus. Then the prophet says that God wants his people to respond. And with what shall we come before the Lord? Justice, kindness, humility in the presence of God.

Saturday, Nov. 24
“Teach us to pray,” the disciples asked. Jesus says, pray for the kingdom of God. Kingdom of God or reign of God or promised day of God is the language Jesus used to describe the life God intends for the whole world. Don’t be afraid to pray big prayers, he seems to suggest. What is your biggest hope? Pray about that. And be persistent in your prayers.
ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP
3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1
FRIENDSHIP HALL • VILLAGE ON MISSION
Crafts for all age levels, cookie decorating and more!
Free and open to the community

Happy Thanksgiving!
A friendly reminder that the church will be closed Nov. 22 and 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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!
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 Cindy Kueck by Anellen, Ann, Cindy, Karen, Kathy and Nancy.

THE ROSES ON THE COMMUNION TABLE TODAY remind us to celebrate and welcome the birth of the following little ones among the Village Community: Evelyn Anne Lane (Emily and Stewart Lane, parents), Everett Woods Langdon (Laura and Jesse Langdon, parents) and Thomas Alexander Robinson (Katherine and Mark Robinson, parents).

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY – Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children, at 9:30 a.m.: Emilia Ann Kimberly* (Erin Weekley and Anthony Kimberly, parents); Evelyn Anne Lane (Emily and Stewart Lane, parents); Thomas Alexander Robinson (Katherine and Mark Robinson, parents). *Performing Emilia's baptism is her grandfather, Rev. Ky Weekley. 11 a.m.: Miles Harrison Gieryna (Julie Davidson and Eli Gieryna, parents); Margot Dove Lee* (Haley Harrison-Lee and Deron Lee, parents); Henry Andrew Manuel (Christine Davidson-Manuel and Ryan Manuel, parents); Jameson Whittaker Potts (Kelsey and Whitt Potts, parents). *Performing Margot’s baptism is her grandfather, Rev. Lonnie Lee.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT TONIGHT – Join us for the KC Wind Symphony concert at 7 p.m. tonight in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. The program will open with an exciting tribute to Leonard Bernstein with his "Overture to Candide" and "Four Dances from West Side Story" and will conclude with Morton Gould's epic "Symphony No. 4." Admission is free.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, providing leadership for the transformation of our communities and serving the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshiping 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 lunch. The remaining 2018 joining date is Dec. 9. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331 for info.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Upcoming Village U classes:

WREATH MAKING CLASS – Join us for this instructor-led course that will teach students how to create a fresh wreath for the holiday season. Taught by Katherine Taylor. Additional cost: $25. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, Room 133.

HOW TO FIND THE RIGHT CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE – If you or a loved one needs care for medical needs beyond what routinely can be managed at home or in another living situation, it can be a daunting task to find and evaluate the available choices. This presentation will offer you guidance for making these choices, including when limited income is an issue. Taught by Rachel Monger. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, Room 232. Sponsored by The Education Group.
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday classes include:

**VILLAGE FORUM** – Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will teach about the Spirituality of Aging. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in May of 2017 there were 47.8 million Americans age 65 and older comprising 15 percent of the total population. By 2060, the Census Bureau projects 25 percent or one in four Americans will be age 65 and older. So, as we age, how do we experience the presence of God? How do our spirituality and religious practice change over time? Room 126.

10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday classes:


**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 to 4-year-olds/Pre-K - Preschool Sunday School meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107. **K-6th grade**—Kids’ Kingdom Sunday school meets on the third floor. Registration and grade specific room assignments are posted outside Room 307. Room information is also posted outside Room 207.

**MORNING STARS** – 3-year-olds through 6th graders are welcome to join and sing. We meet from 10:30-11 a.m. Pick up for all children is on the 2nd floor.

**BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES** – The next baptism dates are Jan. 20 and March 17. 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.

**FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY** – All children are invited to participate in worship next Sunday, Nov. 25. Child care is available for ages newborn-3 years. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** scheduled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY THIS YEAR** – Mark your calendars for Advent Family Workshop 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Don’t miss our annual family activity in Friendship Hall. Make your own gifts for Christmas. There will be crafts for all age-levels and, of course, cookie decorating, popcorn and festive music. Free and open to the community.

**PRESCHOOL INFORMATION COFFEE** – Please join Village Church on Mission Preschool director, Sarah McKee, for a Preschool Information Coffee from 10-11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Room 133. Come learn more about Village Church on Mission Preschool in preparation for the 2019-20 school year. Child care will be provided. Contact Marjean at 913-671-2322 or marjean@villagepres.org to make child care reservations.

**CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** – Happy Thanksgiving! (no dinner). Dinners resume Nov. 28.

**MISSION**

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Thanksgiving is this week and the 500 Thanksgiving baskets (thank you for your donations) have been distributed to the Pantry’s clients! Here come Advent and Christmas. As you pull out your Christmas decorations, the Food Pantry would love to have anything you don’t want to put out for its clients (NO Christmas trees). What excitement as they look over your treasures. The Clothes Closet is collecting warm winter clothing and warm blankets. Thank you.
**HOLIDAY STORE** – Did you miss your opportunity to adopt a family this Christmas? You can still help by donating to Operation Breakthrough’s (OB) Holiday Store. OB also need toys for children who do not attend the Day Care but still live in the same urban community. Pre-registered parents come and pick out gifts for each of their children with a volunteer. Toys can be delivered to the OB truck at Village Church on Mission on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 9. Pick up a shopping list at the VOM reception desks.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**TE DEUM CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS “PEACE & JOY” - 7 P.M. MONDAY, DEC. 3** – Village on Mission Sanctuary audiences can expect a thoughtfully planned selection of A cappella gems that are fresh, festive and beyond the seasonal standards, including settings of carols by Jocelyn Hagen, Susan Labarr and Sofia Söderberg, as well as works by Walton, Poulenc, Tavener and Pärt. Child care will be provided with a reservation by Nov. 26. Tickets are $15 per person. (available at the door or at www.te-deum.org).

**THE SNOW GLOBES HOLIDAY CONCERT-7 P.M. THURSDAY, DEC. 6** – In Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. The Kansas City-based trio The Snow Globes (Lindsey Jones, Barclay Martin and Rick Willoughby) offer a new twist on traditional carols and classic songs of the Christmas season. Join us for a night of good holiday cheer and a special appearance by Barnaby Bright! Admission is free. More information is available at www.thesnowglobes.com.

**PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING**

**250 Poinsettias Need Legs** – Are you able to take a poinsettia or two to members who are unable to attend church during Christmastime? If you can, come to the Welcome Center anytime between services on Sunday, Dec. 9 - poinsettias and instructions will be waiting for you. Thank you for helping to spread some bright, beautiful Christmas cheer!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**ALL NEW ADVENT CELEBRATION** – On Tuesday, Dec. 11, we will welcome Rev. Clare Lozano, Heritage Presbyterian in Olathe, as our featured speaker at Village on Mission Friendship Hall. The theme is “Using All Our Voices to be One Voice in Christ.” Come! Enjoy fellowship & heavy hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. with the program to follow in Sanctuary. Purchase reservations for $16 by Nov. 27 at VOM & VOA between all services today; online www.villagepres.org/pw today through Nov. 27. For child care, email Pam at pam@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2352 no later than Dec. 4.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

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

**THEOLOGY THURSDAYS** – We will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**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).

**THANKSGIVING BREAK!** – Programs are on break this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Programs resume Sunday night, Nov. 25.

**DONATIONS FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** – The Youth Department is collecting school supplies (paper, backpacks, pencils, notebooks, pens, etc.) to bring with us to the Dominican Republic over Spring Break. Please place the donated supplies in the designated baskets located by the north and south entrances today and next Sunday, Nov. 25.
Village Commitment

A few weeks ago, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka shared with us a story about a young man giving up his award money to do a good thing and that this young man believed in this day and age, it is better to do good than to do well. Here at Village we are steadfast in not only proclaiming God's purpose, but to also live it. Doing all we can to do good in our church, our community and our world.

We can continue God's work because of your generosity. Please consider making your 2019 commitment. Complete your commitment form and mail to the church or go online to villagepres.org/giving and click “Continue to Commitment Form,” complete and click “send.”

If you have already made your commitment – thank you! Your gift will help Village Church continue to live God's proclaimed word.

Support Us When You Shop This Christmas!

As you sit down to do your shopping online, check out smile.amazon.com. When you log in, choose United Presbyterian Church in the USA Village United Presbyterian Church. You’ll get great deals and Amazon will send us a donation.

Rezound Concert

Experience the lively and seasonal sounds of REZOUND, Kansas City’s premiere bell ensemble! Join us at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Admission is free.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

Reserve by Dec. 7

Celebrate the Advent and Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Make your $10 check payable to Village Church, clearly printing the memorial name with your donation. Send to the church, Attn: Janice Gill, by Friday, Dec. 7. Call 913-671-2362 for more information.

Winter Weather Advisory

If the weather forecast is to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. worship service at Village on Mission will be cancelled.
SERMON SERIES

Getting Real
We, at Village, are good people. We really are. But we are not perfect. There would not be a one of us who has escaped feelings from time to time of guilt or disappointment. So, how do we deal with failure? How do we deal with burdens that can weigh heavy at times? In this sermon series we will explore the realities of sin, grace and what to do with a second chance, or third, or however many we might need.

Nov. 11 There’s a Little Maxwell Smart in Everybody

Nov. 18 Grace is the Whole Story

Nov. 25 Keep Walking

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.
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If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.