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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 5, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The Apostle Paul is in prison and he knows that his life in this world is coming to an end. From his prison cell, he remembers. He remembers what God has done through him. He remembers what God has done through others. It is this memory that strengthens his hope as he awaits "the crown of righteousness."

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Aria*  
Joseph Jongen

Introit (9:30 a.m.)

*If Ye Love Me*  
music: Philip Wilby; Village Voices

Call to Worship (written by Allan Boesak)

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

We come into this place to proclaim the truth:

It is not true that this world and its people  
are doomed to die and to be lost.

**This is true: I have come that they may have life  
in all its abundance.**

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination,  
hunger and poverty, death and destruction.

**This is true: the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life,  
the poor are hearing good news.**

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word,  
and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

**This is true: death shall be no more,  
neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore.**

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil  
who seek to rule the world.

**This is true: the Lord whom we seek will suddenly come to the temple;  
and the Lord is like a refiner's fire.**

It is not true that our dreams of liberation, of human dignity,  
are not meant for this earth and for this history.

**This is true: it is already time for us to wake from sleep,  
for the night is far gone, and the day is at hand.**

Let us proclaim this truth with our worship and with our entire lives.

\*Hymn, No. 687

*Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*  
ST. ANNE

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
Sometimes all we can say is, "We're sorry."  
We have let you down; we have let ourselves down, too.  
We are sorry for what we have done, and left undone.  
We are sorry for what we have said, and left unsaid.  
We are sorry for the sins we can see, and for those still hidden to us.  
Forgive us, we pray, and help us to live more like Jesus. (Silent prayer)**

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

Hymn, No. 582 (v.1)

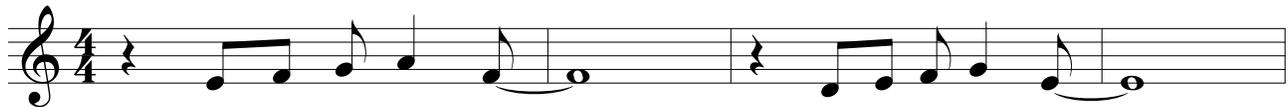
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

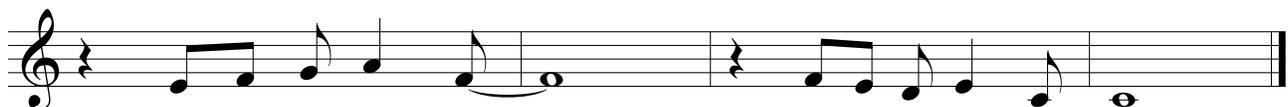
Words of Welcome

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer



Change my heart, O God; \_\_\_\_\_ make it ev - er 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.**

Anthem

*Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee*  
Johannes Brahms; Village Choir

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee;

Heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee.

Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign  
and grace sublime in mercy.

Be true in all endeavors and ever ply bravely,

What God decrees brings joy and peace, will stay thee. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)  
Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)  
Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-22 (pg. 1085)

Sermon

*Hope in the Rear View Mirror*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
AMAZING GRACE

Offertory

*Prelude in C Major from The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I* (8 a.m.)  
J.S. Bach

*Divertimento* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
Alexander Von Kreisler; Village Brass

\*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. 326

*For All the Saints*  
SINE NOMINE

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Day Is Done*  
text by James Quinn; Welsh Melody; Village Choir

Day is done, but love unfailing, Dwells ever here;  
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing, Calms every fear.  
God, our Maker, none forsaking, Take our hearts, of Love's own making,  
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking, Be always near.

\*Postlude

*For All the Saints* (8 a.m.)  
Arthur Hutchings  
*Hosanna to the Song of David* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
Orlando Gibbons; Village Brass

## The Places Hope Takes Us: A Visual Interpretation

As this sermon series reminds us, hope is a choice. It is a choice to live our lives trusting that God will keep God's promises. Which means hope consistently shows up even where it seems least likely. It also means that hope is always a bright burst of color even when the world feels filled with dread and despair. The chain of ribbons moving throughout the Sanctuary points to this. The colors are vibrant and demand our attention; so, too, does God's faithfulness. The ribbons also move from the back of the chancel clear up to the cross in a bold, decisive direction. That is the nature of hope — it takes us to the cross. At the same time, hope takes us from that cross back out into the world to be messengers of that good news. Let the ribbons lead you into worship, and then back out into our community to share signs of good news. Lastly, this piece was made by many hands, much time, and stubborn creativity. Hope has a habit of showing up where and when all these things are present.



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 Nov. 7-11.

**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 visit Community LINC at 4012 Troost at 4 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@communtylinc.org](mailto:development@communtylinc.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.

**Finding Hope through Sorting Clothes and Supplies for the Homeless - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Uplift, 1516 Prospect Ave, Kansas City, Mo. 64127.** Since 1990, the Uplift ministry has been bringing hope to homeless persons throughout the Kansas City area by providing warm meals and clothing. Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday night, Uplift food trucks fan out across the metro offering kindness and care through providing food, clothing and other basic resources. Donations come to the Uplift warehouse where they are sorted and prepared for loading on the trucks. You will join with others to sort clothes and other donated supplies and prepare the trucks for their nightly journeys. Adults only. Dress is casual. Be ready to sort donated clothing and supplies in an unheated/air-conditioned space. Led by Rev. Len Carrell, associate pastor for pastoral care.

**Visit [villagepres.org/hope](http://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 CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of November 5, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Hallie Hottle 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. 6**

**Revelation 10:1-11**

Perhaps most especially in times when nations feel vulnerable, when we can sense the sway of kingdoms as they totter, we might be drawn to this book of clouds and thunder and the end of days. Read today, not as if you're seeking to decode a great mystery, but allowing yourself to be enchanted by the imagery of one who was allowed a peek into God's imaginative justice. Our days are not the first to quake with uncertainty. God is in all of it, and that is good news.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 7**

**Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47**

This week I am traveling with some of our young adults to the Arizona/Mexico border, where "walls" will be a primary topic of conversation. Here we read the story of the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem. A wall is built, not for the separation of people, but for the restoration of dignity of exiles who have returned to find their home destroyed. For them, it was the wall they needed to be whole again. For us, I think reconciliation looks different. What might we build in this day?

### **Wednesday, Nov. 8**

**Psalms 33**

In this reading the Psalmist refuses to pick one metaphor for God. God is protector, commander, Lord of all, and the intimate creator who gives life with God's own breath. We don't need to pick just one either. God is moving in and among the shaking of the world, and is surrounding you in your meditations today. That's worthy of mid-week remembering.

### **Thursday, Nov. 9**

**Matthew 14:1-12**

This is one of the more bizarre stories in our gospels. There is no deep, meaningful, exacting reason for John the Baptist's death. There is a party, a dance, a promise, hurt feelings, and a rash request. The nation's justice is not like God's justice. When a moral compass is absent, prophets lose their heads. Perhaps our ancestors recorded this bizarre scene, that we might remember.

### **Friday, Nov. 10**

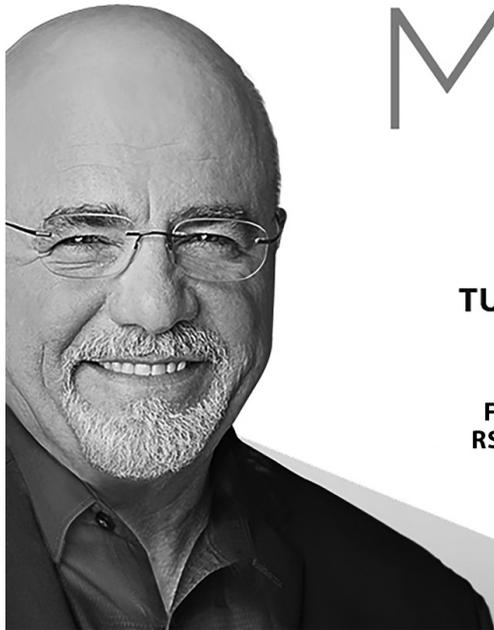
**Matthew 14:13-21**

We lean into stewardship dedication weekend with the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. It's the only miracle recorded in all four gospels. We learn, Jesus can do anything. We also learn, it's a good thing some folks brought a few loaves and fish that day. Jesus can do anything, but miracles most abound when we bring a little something to the picnic.

### **Saturday, Nov. 11**

**Psalms 98**

Sing to the Lord a new song. It sounds beautiful. It's also hard. We like the old songs. The "good" ones we remember from long ago. But you can't read scripture for long before running into the truth that our God is not a repetitive God. God loves doing a new thing. We live, and we give, in hope that God will continue to do new things, and our voices might be those mixing with all creation, singing about it in joy.



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](mailto:molly.sirridge@villagepres.org) or  
913-671-2325.

VILLAGE CHURCH  
*Food Pantry*

**THANKSGIVING**  
*Basket*  
FOOD DRIVE

Thank you

PLEASE BRING ITEMS LISTED AT  
[VILLAGEPRES.ORG/THANKSGIVING](http://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 CHANCEL TODAY** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Toni Diehl by Sybil Diehl and family.

**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 today in Friendship Hall. Each child receives at least three new, unwrapped gifts; and the parent receives a \$25 gift card. The Operation Breakthrough truck will be in our parking lot on Sunday, Dec. 10. Monetary donations to Village Church will be accepted for holiday meals. Note: Operation Breakthrough in the memo of your check. Contact Marilyn Borel at [rmborel@sbcglobal.com](mailto:rmborel@sbcglobal.com) or 913-708-1917 for more info.

**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

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." All children are invited to our Christ-centered, child-centered Sunday mornings.

**BIRTH-6TH GRADE** – Registration cards are available at sign in desks outside of Rooms 107 and 307.

**INFANTS-TODDLERS** – Child care available for all three morning sanctuary services in Rooms 111 and 114.

**PRESCHOOLERS** – Preschool Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rooms 101-107.

**K-6TH GRADERS- KID'S KINGDOM SUNDAY SCHOOL** – 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rooms 301-309.

Music Ministry **MORNING STARS** Children's Choirs – 10:30-11 a.m.

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**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.

**ELECTRONICS/HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING.** The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church is working with the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition to host an electronics/household items recycling event from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 11, in the south parking lot. Small electronics (computers, monitors, printers, etc.) and other household items including housewares, toys, and clothing are welcome. There is a suggested \$20 donation. For more information, contact Jerry Rees at [Reesveenstra@aol.com](mailto:Reesveenstra@aol.com).

**SHOE-IN EXTENDED THRU NOV. 12** – Please bring your gently used footwear to church and place them in the barrels located inside the south and north entrances of the Church. All sizes and types are needed. Shawnee Community Services will be re-distributing this footwear free to those in need.

### UPCOMING CLASSES INCLUDE:

**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. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Rooms 126 and 127. Child care is available from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

**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.

**HALLMARK CARDS EXHIBIT AT CROWN CENTER** – For more than 100 years, Hallmark Cards has called Kansas City home. Joyce C. Hall, an 18-year-old entrepreneur, started the company in 1910 with a shoebox full of postcards. Today Hallmark creates greeting cards and many other products in 30 languages that reach 100 countries around the globe. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. Cost for the bus is \$20 per person; participants pay for their own lunches.

**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.

**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 Professor Kris Kvam will lead a class related to Luther and Lutherans - Luther and Women: Was there a Reformation for Women? On Nov. 12 Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead a discussion about what is going on with Presbyterians internationally. Room 127.

**FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH** begins a new series today titled "Painting the Stars," a study and conversation focused on the intersection of science, faith, and religion. The class is taught by Diann Markley. This study is DVD-based so each session will feature a clip as the basis for discussion.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** – Our menu for Nov. 8 is baked lemon chicken(GF), vegetable quinoa pilaf (GF & V), vegetable mélange, mini turkey corn dogs. 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](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) for reservations by noon tomorrow.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER AT VILLAGE ON MISSION** – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15-Friendship Hall – Our annual Thanksgiving potluck includes herb roasted turkey & turkey breast, mashed potatoes & gravy, bread stuffing, sweet potatoes with chickpea bacon (V & GF) dinner rolls with butter. We are asking that each attendee please bring a salad, side dishes or desserts to share. Please RSVP by noon Monday, Nov. 13 to [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org).

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – The Food Pantry is collecting donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive for one more week. If you did not bring your donations today, next Sunday, Nov. 12, will be our last day of collection. Distribution to the Pantry's clients will be completed by Nov. 18. Christmas decorations (no trees) will be accepted after Nov. 19.

**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.

**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](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL** – Please join us in the Village on Mission Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, when Dr. Paul Meier plays the new Village pipe organ. Dr. Meier is the newly appointed director of music at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Kansas City, Mo. Admission is free.

**TE DEUM CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS: "TO LIGHT THE WORLD"** – 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Explore light's revealing nature, and our opportunity to be light in darkness. Tickets are \$15 and available at [www.te-deum.org/concerts](http://www.te-deum.org/concerts). Te Deum is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

**KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY** presents a concert entitled "The Majesty of the Organ" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. The free concert features Dr. Elisa Bickers performing selections for organ and wind ensemble. Dr. Phil Posey returns to conduct along with Dr. Langston Hemenway, the ensemble's new principal conductor.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**PC&C VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION IS THIS FRIDAY** – PC&C is grateful for over 375 volunteers who help provide care and compassion throughout the year. We couldn't do our ministry without you. We'd like to say "thanks" at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event at 7 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 10.

**TAIZÉ IS NEXT SUNDAY** – In this season of gratitude, take a moment to reflect on the blessings in your life. Taizé worships at 6:30 p.m. next Sunday, Nov. 12. This worship service offers song, communion, and time to reflect in silence. Taizé worship is held at the VCCFDC at 9900 Mission Road.

**PLEASE DELIVER A POINSETTIA** – Delivering a poinsettia (and loving Christmas cheer) to members who are unable to attend church is a long-standing tradition at Village Church. You can help the tradition continue on Sunday, Dec. 10. If you would like to deliver one or more of 250 poinsettias, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 4 P.M. DEC. 3** – This special service remembers loved ones who are deeply missed. If your loved one passed away during 2017 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be included in the program. If you would like to include any other names, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2367 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) by noon Monday, Nov. 20.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**EVERYONE WANTS TO BE "HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!"** Join Rev. Jenny McDevitt and the Presbyterian Women Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Annual Candlelight Advent Dinner. A punch reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner and program immediately following at 6 p.m. Reservation forms will be available at November Circle meetings. Paid reservations (\$16) will be taken at 9 a.m. Nov. 12 and 19 in Friendship Hall and online at [villagepres.org/pw](http://villagepres.org/pw).

## 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](mailto: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](http://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!

### **Christmas Night Out - 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Village Church Child Care**

Send your kids to this fun-filled night from 5:30-8:30 p.m. while you enjoy a night out. Children ages 2-8 will enjoy activities, games, a Mesner puppet show and cookie decorating. Cost is \$15 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. Registration for church members opens this Friday, Nov. 10. Registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 17. Sign up at 913-671-2352 or [pam@villagepres.org](mailto:pam@villagepres.org).

### **2018 Annual Fund Campaign**

Hope is teaching children and youth about God...

101 pledges received totaling \$473,100.

These generous supporters increased their giving by 10 1/2 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](mailto: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

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist  
Will Breyspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care  
Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry and bridge site pastor of Village on Antioch  
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration  
Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate  
Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music ❖ Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments  
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission  
Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Ellen Wootton, interim director of children and family ministry  
Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

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*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at [villagepres.org](http://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.*