



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 6, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

God's beloved world is beautiful. The work of the Creator has resulted in the artistry of creation—mountains and star lit night skies, oceans teeming with color and leaves on trees that all but brag in autumn. But even more beautiful than these are the expressions of grace, love and compassion that flow from the human heart. The world is beautiful. It is equally true that sometimes nature can be cruel in storm and in the ravages of disease. Such cruelty is only eclipsed by the ugliness of human interaction when greed or fear or hatred is at play. In such a complex world, we need to look for beauty, for therein lies the fingerprints of God.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
arr. Eric Carlson

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

We are God's people.

This is true, for in God's mercy we have been claimed and called.

By the mercy of God, the sun rises and oceans teem with life;

**by the mercy of God, the blind see, the dead are raised,
and the morning stars sing praise.**

Let us join the whole of creation singing songs of praise.

Surely God will hear us, as even the angels join in our praise to this merciful God.

*Hymn, No. 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth,

you call us to love as deeply as you love,

yet we love too few and too little.

You call us to stand boldly for what is just,

yet we timidly whisper that the world is unfair.

You call us to serve others selflessly,

but we mostly take care of ourselves and our own.

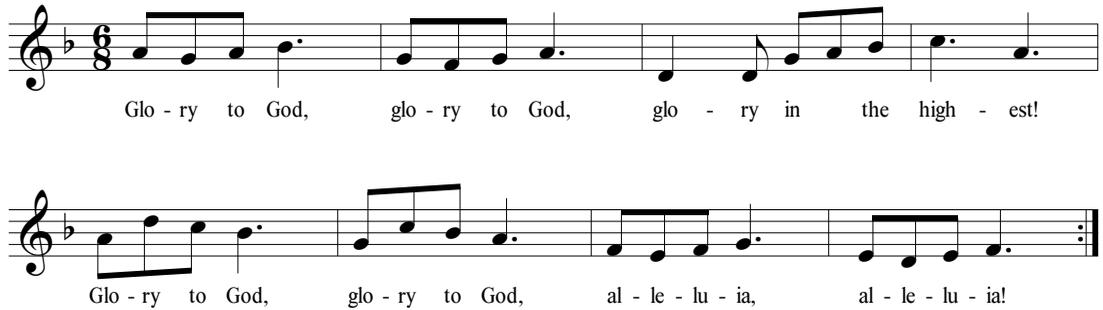
For our fearful hearts, our timid words, and our wavering faith, forgive us.

We ask again that you heal that which is broken in us.

By your mercy, make us whole. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters: Commitment

Lexa Carr

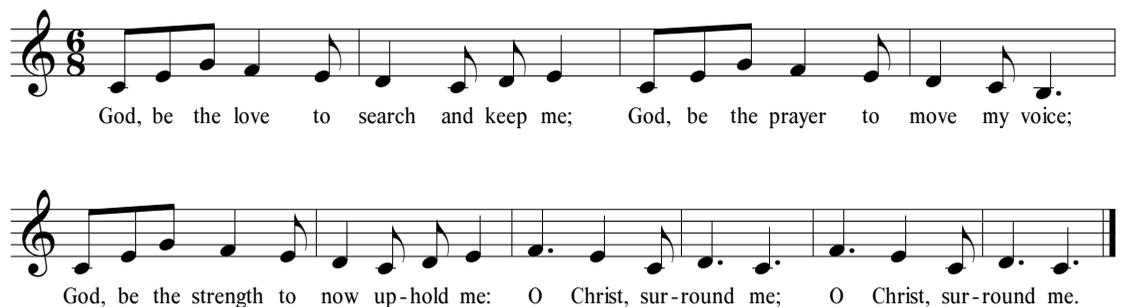
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Diann Markley (8 a.m.); Sarah Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.); Bill Nulton (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Psalms 8 (pg.482)

Call to Prayer



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now up-hold me: O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

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 (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Not One Sparrow is Forgotten
arr. William Hawley; Te Deum Chamber Choir

Scripture Reading

Mark 5:1-20 (pg.914)

Sermon

Do You See It?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient
ANCIENT BEAUTY

Offertory

Be Thou Faithful Unto Death
music: Felix Mendelssohn; Jeff Howe, tenor (8 a.m.)

Steal Away
arr. Paul Stanhope; Te Deum Chamber Choir (9:30, 11 a.m.)

*Response

**For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, we give you our thanks indeed.
All that we have, comes from you.
All the love we know, comes from you.
Take the gifts we offer back to you now
and use them for your holy work in this beautiful but broken world.
We are creatures of your own making,
and you have entrusted us with sacred responsibility.
So make us instruments of your peace,
witnesses of your presence,
and reminders of your grace.
We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who redeems us all. Amen.**

*Hymn, No. 679

Let The Whole Creation Cry
SALZBURG

*Benediction

*Response

*Postlude

Allegro assai, KV 332
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of November 7, 2016)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker and are an offering for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith. Pray for Village Church and our mission. Pray for God's world.

Monday, Nov. 7

1 Kings 19:1-15

These verses speak of a time when Elijah was on the run, feeling broken, and desperately seeking God's presence. There are times in any week when we are in need of that mighty, yet still, small voice that is God's presence in the midst of our brokenness.

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Acts 16:11-15

Paul, among many other things, was a traveler. He had a passion for going to new places and encountering new people for the sake of Christ. While we aren't all adventurous travelers like Paul, how do you encounter new and different people in your day-to-day life? And how do you bring the Good News of love and compassion into their lives?

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Matthew 26:26-30

It's easy to overlook how often Christ gave thanks; in these verses of the Last Supper before he is betrayed, Christ gives thanks twice. One can't help but wonder what, on this night of all nights, Jesus offered up as thanks. How do we give thanks, even if we know there are issues and challenges ahead of us?

Thursday, Nov. 10

Colossians 2:6-7

Paul encourages the Colossians, and us, to be rooted and built up, abounding in thanksgiving. In what ways must we recognize God's love for us in order to accomplish this? Spend some time reflecting on what it means that God loves you. How do you return that love?

Friday, Nov. 11

Psalms 51

Brokenness comes in many different forms. Sometimes it is not the brokenness of the surrounding world that harms us as much as our own inner brokenness. This psalm reaches out to God in brokenness honestly and with an open desire for God to heal.

Saturday, Nov. 12

Luke 6:20-26

Tomorrow we will hear from the Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel. But there is a similar listing in Luke, using a formula of "blessing" and "woe." Reading this list, where do you find yourself to be blessed, and where might you have reason to identify with the "woes"? How are these different than those listed in Matthew 5?

AND THOU,
AMERICA

★ **A PATRIOTIC CONCERT OF CELEBRATION** ★

4 P.M. SUNDAY

FREE ADMISSION **T.O.D.A.Y!**

★ **TICKETS REQUIRED** ★

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts – Helzberg Hall

Reserved tickets are no longer available, however those without tickets should still plan to attend! The box office will be giving vouchers on the day of the concert to ticketless patrons. Ushers will seat those with vouchers in empty seats following the first piece on the concert program.

Performers include the Village Chamber Choir, Kearney High School Chamber Choir, singers from Lawrence High School and Lawrence Free State High School and the Kansas City Wind Symphony, a member ensemble of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

Second Thursday Recital Nov. 10
Featured Artist Alison Sneegas Borberg

Please join us at 12:15 p.m. this Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Village Church Chapel, for our next Second Thursday Recital. Our guest artist is soprano Alison Sneegas Borberg who will be accompanied on piano by her mother, Marvie Sneegas. The program will be a mixture of spiritual, standards and favorite musical theater stand outs.



Alison is delighted to share the stage with her mom at Village Church. She has worked at the major theaters in town, with favorite shows including *Side by Side by Sondheim*, *Bernstein's Broadway*, *Cinderella in Into the Woods*, *Sarah in Guys and Dolls* and *Mary in It's a Wonderful Life* and dozens of cabarets at Quality Hill Playhouse.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to use as tools in worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL – Parents may check in their preschool-age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

KIDS' KINGDOM – K–1st GRADE new curriculum! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. First Grade meets in Room 303. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **2nd–5th GRADES** – Sign-in elementary (2nd-5th) aged students on the 3rd floor. Check the large bulletin boards located in the Children and Family wing for each grade's class location. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **CONNECT WITH 6TH GRADE** – Relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. Room 302. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

VILLAGE CHURCH WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL – Preschool Director Terri Gaeddert will host a "Preschool Information Coffee" for those considering enrollment in the 2017-18 school year at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, in Room 132. Join in to learn more about our program and the HighScope Curriculum. For child care reservations, please email pam@villagepres.org by Nov. 22.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Upcoming Village U classes:

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

WHERE HAVE ALL THE YOUNG ADULTS GONE? - This class will explore some of the latest research that tells us more about who the young adults are who have left the church, and why so few of them believe they can find a meaningful faith in the church as it exists. Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Rev. Hallie Hottle, instructors. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 9, 16 & 30. Room 127.

UNDERSTANDING MORE ABOUT ANCESTRY.COM - Learn how to find just the information you need while using advanced search tools on Ancestry.com. Find some hidden gems that will help you in your research. Parts of this class will be a live demonstration of Ancestry.com. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, Room 230.

ART IN THE "CHURCH ATTIC" – GIVING THANKS THEME - Miss Carol, the beloved owner of "Art in the Attic," is bringing her love of art and kids to Village Church. This class is for children three years and older who must be accompanied by a parent, caregiver or grandparent. The kids will be creating a project with a "Giving Thanks" theme. Cost: \$7 per child. Class limit: 12 children. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. Room 203.

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES - Join special event florist Katherine Taylor and learn how to create a low-profile holiday centerpiece for you to bring home to your table. The cost includes all materials and supplies. Cost: \$35 per person. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Rooms 232 & 233.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES - 9:30 A.M.

GROWING TOGETHER - If you want to grow alongside others, drop in on this class. You'll find a welcoming group, a curious spirit, and an entertaining hour of fellowship and exploration. We're walking through a recently released movie which is a word-for-word version of the *Gospel of Luke*. We spend 10 minutes each week with the movie followed by a class discussion of how it applies to our lives. Room 132.

VILLAGE FORUM - Words of faith and scripture have significance beyond their dictionary definition. Join Dr. John P. Borden on Nov. 13 & 20 in a discussion of "Words of Faith and Scripture" and how their meaning and significance is shaped by the various lens of beliefs, world-views, theologies and cultures. Beginning on Nov. 27, Dr. Rodger Nishioka will teach an Advent series that will conclude on Dec. 18. Rooms 126 & 127.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER NOV. 9 – Meatloaf (GF available), macaroni & cheese (V), scalloped potatoes (GF), vegetable, apple pie. Each Wednesday, price is \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar and dessert. \$3-children ages 3-10. Children under 3 are free. Reservations are required by noon every Monday. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners. Please RSVP for our Nov. 16 Thanksgiving Potluck by next Sunday, Nov. 13.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Next week will be the final Collection Sunday for the food items (canned turkey gravy, corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, evaporated milk, broth, dry mashed potatoes, dressing, pie crust mix and pumpkin pie mix) to fill the 500 Thanksgiving Baskets for the clients of the Food Pantry. If you are unable to shop for the needed items, \$25 will feed a family of two and \$40 will feed a family of four. Thank you.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - This Friday, Nov. 11, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need two to three people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and six to seven volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

DRMP NEEDS YOU - Want to answer Jesus' call to love our neighbors? Want to use your skills to positively impact the lives of impoverished families in the Dominican Republic? Come see how you can participate with Village's DRMP, even if you aren't a medical professional or can't travel abroad. Check out information tables in Friendship Hall Sundays, Nov. 13 & 20, and join us at 6 p.m. on Nov. 20 after The Gathering to learn more.

STAR FAMILIES - Village Church Christmas "Star Families" will be available for adoption in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon today and Nov. 13. Return unwrapped gifts to the Operation Breakthrough truck 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday, Dec. 11. Each child receives three new unwrapped gifts, and the parent receives a \$25 gift card to either Target or Walmart. Monetary donations to Village Church will be accepted for Star Family holiday meals now through Dec. 11. Please note "Operation Breakthrough" in the memo of your check. Contact Marilyn Borel at rmborel@sbcglobal.com or 913-708-1917 for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

TE DEUM CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT NOV. 13 - Te Deum Chamber Choir presents "Audacity," an exploration of hope, defiance, scriptures and love. Matthew Christopher Shepard will conduct the concert at 3 p.m. next Sunday, Nov. 13, in the Village Sanctuary. A \$15 donation is suggested. Free child care is available by contacting Marjean Lindquist at 913-671-2322 or marjean.Lindquist@villagepres.org. Te Deum is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance. Visit te-deum.org to learn more.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

TAIZÉ IS NEXT SUNDAY – Everyone is welcome at 6:30 p.m. next Sunday at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road, Overland Park for the Taizé worship service. Experience song, silence, scripture, prayer and communion.

PC&C VOLUNTEER EVENT IS THIS FRIDAY – Pastoral Care and Counseling appreciates our volunteers who provide care and compassion to so many. We look forward to seeing you at the Pastoral Care and Counseling Volunteer Appreciation Event at 7 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 11. RSVP NOW to Linda Alley at 913-671-2367 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

KEEP THE POINSETTIA TRADITION GOING - Delivering a poinsettia 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. 4. If you would like to know more, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT invites you and anyone you wish to bring to join us as we explore the Strength of Vulnerability through the wisdom of Village's Rev. Jenny McDevitt. We will meet next Sunday, Nov. 13, from 3:30-5 p.m. in Room 126. Coffee and homemade cookies will be served. RSVP to Niki Krenzel at susannkrenzel@aol.com by Tuesday, Nov. 8. For child care, RSVP no later than tomorrow, Nov. 7, to pam.southerland@villagepres.org.

WOW LUNCH AT YA YA'S - Women of Wisdom, (WOW), welcomes all ladies to a noon lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Ya Ya's Euro Bistro in Corbin Park, at 135th and Metcalf. We will enjoy sophisticated dining in our private room and an eclectic menu of American, French, Italian and Greek cuisine. RSVP by Monday, Nov. 14, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

MISSION SEWING is low on large pieces of cotton and cotton-blend fabric suitable for large dresses and backings for "children's nappies." Check your stashes. Donations are appreciated! Knitters, be sure to pick up your red and green yarn for the Christmas baby hats. Call Edie Hultman for more information: 913-432-3515.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHT DINNER RESERVATIONS OPEN NOV. 13 - Presbyterian Women invite you to celebrate Advent, this holy season rich with hope and wonder, at the intergenerational PW Candlelight Advent Dinner on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6. Rev. Hallie Hottle will give the meditation on "Seeking the Sacred." Reservations (\$16/person) will be sold beginning at 9 a.m. next Sunday, Nov. 13, in Friendship Hall or online at villagepres.org. Plan to get your reservations early, seating is limited! Child care is available with advance reservation. Questions? Contact Sarah McKee at 913-439-0035 or sarahmckee810@yahoo.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

BIER AND BIBLE - Every Thursday night, 7 p.m., KC Bier Co. Every week this fall we'll learn to read the Bible together, while continuing to grow in all that it means to be community. All 20s and 30s welcome.

MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE FOR MOMS! 9:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings, in the Village Church Chapel. We'll pray for each other, then learn a little about the Bible together. How do you teach this book to kids, when we know we don't know enough about it ourselves? Let's learn together. All 20s and 30s moms welcome.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK - Sunday, Nov. 20, after The Gathering. Bring your favorite food to share to the small dining room for a meal together before the holiday!

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - Will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft Room 333/332.

CHEER - High school youth group tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All are welcome for a night of discussion, amazing people and a great time!

GPS - Middle school youth group, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. Join us for a great night of people, games and conversation. We hope to see you there!

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

LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY - Do you have leftover candy from Halloween, or maybe candy that just isn't your favorite? Donate it to the Youth Department! Every year we send care packages to our graduated youth in college or wherever they may be. Just drop it off at the front desk and label it "Youth Department." We know our former youth will really appreciate it!



UPCOMING VILLAGE CHURCH ADVENT ACTIVITY

CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT - 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 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 and games and cookies to decorate. Cost is \$15 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. Registration for church members is now open. Registration opens to the community Friday, Nov. 11. Registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 18. Sign up at 913-671-2352 or pam@villagepres.org.

Farewell to Andrea Huffman

This Friday, Nov. 11, Village says farewell to Andrea Huffman who will leave her job as director of international mission to pursue her calling into ministry. Andrea has returned to seminary to obtain her Master's of Divinity, and she also has accepted and started a part-time position as a youth pastor at a church in Liberty. Over the past two years, Andrea has given international mission at Village new life. She has refined the organizational structure of some of our ministries, defined criteria for mission work abroad and crafted orientation materials for service trips.



Andrea wants the Village Church congregation to know, "I have loved every moment that I've worked here at Village and I have learned so much from you about generosity, service and the role of the church in our changing world. Thank you for welcoming me into your Village family—I am proud to have been a part of this church."

We wish Andrea the very best on her new journey.

The Mission Office has begun the search process for a new director of international mission. If you know someone who may be interested in this part-time employment opportunity, the job description is listed on our website, villagepres.org.



SERMON SERIES

God's Beloved World - It is Beautiful, but Broken

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

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

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

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

Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org.

Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."

The 8 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available for worship. Ask an usher if you need these items.

Please note that additional parking is available across Mission Road in the Prairie School parking lots.

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