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*The Ways We Worship*

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**Service of Worship**

May 12, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters: Worship & Music Committee

Jim Thornton

Introit

*Allegro*

by Joseph-Hector Fiocco; Reagan Solenberger, violin & Jan Cohick, piano

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 29)

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Give to the Lord the glory of God's name;

**worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

May the Lord give strength to God's people!

**May the Lord bless God's people with peace!**

\*Hymn No. 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,**

**making us part of the Body of Christ and claiming us as your own forever.**

**We confess that we are still prone to wander.**

**We confess that we leave you whom we love.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,**

**and show reluctance to welcome others.**

**We allow the past to hold us captive.**

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.**

**Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life**

**as we silently confess our sins to you now. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is a simple, joyful tune with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes on both staves.

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

The Sacrament of Baptism

Sung Response

**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 a.m.)

*The Blessing of a Mother's Love*  
by Becky Slagle Mayo; Morning Stars Children's Choir,  
Helen Hofmeister, piano, Jenny Hull, director

Prayer for Illumination

Oliver Gamble (9 a.m.)  
Cate Clark (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Romans 6:1-11

Sermon

*Ways We Worship:  
Sacrament of Baptism*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn No. 483

*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Vidi Aquam*  
by Mary Wheeler Burnett; Village Choir

*"I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, and all to whom that water came have been saved, and they will say, Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever." - Traditional Latin*

\*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn No. 490 (st. 1,2)

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!**

\*Postlude

*The Ash Grove*  
by Wayne L. Wold; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand  
© A-705103 for all hymns*

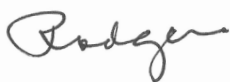
### **Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism Today**

Welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptism of the following children at **9 a.m.**: Parker Jay Browning (Sydnie and Sam Browning, parents) and Pratt James Murray (Rachel and Kurt Murray, parents); at **11 a.m.**: Grace Marie Burns (Lauren and Brennan Burns, parents), Rory Lee Hannawald (Cara and Derek Hannawald, parents), William Rivard Lindquist (Stacey and Bobby Lindquist, parents), Patrick Sedgwick Moran (Caroline and Matt Moran, parents) and Winnie Laura Mussman (Chloe and Ian Mussman, parents).

## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

Whether this is your first time at Village, or you come so often you call it “home,” we are blessed that you are with us today. No matter where you are in your faith journey or life stage, no matter what questions or burdens you carry, Village takes seriously the call to be welcoming; we are glad you are here. Every Sunday we gather to read the old story, sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world in which we live this minute through sermons and prayer. By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and even joy.

If you are new to us, I invite you to meet one of our pastors at the top of the ramp in the corner of the Welcome Center. As you leave the back of the sanctuary, turn right. We have cookies and coffee for you! We would love to know more about you and to share more about Village Church. Soon, you might also be calling this place, “home.”



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka  
Senior Pastor

**The Gathering** – Join us for an alternative style of worship at Village Church offered 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus.

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Adult Sunday Morning Classes – Village Forum** 9:30-10:30 a.m., Rooms 126/127; **The Faith Journey** 10:10-10:50 a.m., Room 124; **Foundations of Faith** 11 a.m.-noon, online. Get more details at [villagepres.org/sunday-morning-classes](http://villagepres.org/sunday-morning-classes).

**Human Rights Pilgrimage to Alabama Info Session** – 10:10-10:50 a.m. Sunday, May 19, Friendship Hall, Mission Campus. Learn about plans to journey to Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham for a Human Rights Pilgrimage Oct. 9-13, 2024 with the Building Beloved Community Committee. The trip will encourage study, reflection and prayer about the spiritual values that led to the great movement for equal rights and social justice, changing our country over 60 years ago. Contact Nancy Gatewood: [nngatewood@gmail.com](mailto:nngatewood@gmail.com).

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** – 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, Heritage Dining Room-Mission Campus. Enjoy continental breakfast and fellowship as we discuss retirement into aging. \$7 donation suggested, hosted by Mark Anderson and Harry Soyster.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Child Care** is available on the first floor during the 9 a.m. service. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2 and 3 to Room 109. Child care is also available during the 5 p.m. Gathering service. Kids ages 6 weeks and up are welcome in Room 109.

**Today is Family Worship Sunday** – No Lighthouse today. Children are always invited to worship here at Village, but we give an extra welcome to kids on "Family Worship Sundays" when we don't have our usual Lighthouse programming.

## FOOD PANTRY

May is **fruit month** at the Pantry. We are hoping for a variety of canned fruit: tropical mix, pineapple, peaches, cherries, pears, mandarin oranges, etc. (not glass containers please). Bring a can of fruit with you each Sunday in May. The Clothes Closet is asking for gently used summer footwear: tennis shoes, sandals, etc.

## MISSION

**Habitat for Humanity KC May Supply Drive** – Our mission partner, Habitat for Humanity KC, has asked Village to donate supplies during the month of May. Find the list of items needed and a link to Habitat KC's Amazon Wish List at [villagepres.org/habitat](http://villagepres.org/habitat). Drop off donations at the north or south entrances of the church.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**The Village Brass in Concert** – 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Including pieces performed at different services throughout the year, this concert will feature music by Handel and Tchesnekoff as well as wonderful brass choir arrangements of well-known and beloved hymns. Free admission.

**Te Deum Chamber Choir** – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Tickets available at [te-deum.org](http://te-deum.org).

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Do You Enjoy Gardening?** Consider helping to keep the church's memorial garden a peaceful and beautiful place. Share your time and talents by removing occasional weeds and maintaining our gardens. Contact Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327 to find out more.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night** – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. Meet in the Young Adult Room for dinner and a chance to get to know Jamie Rollheiser, director of facilities.

**Love Your City Saturday: Topgolf** – Let's have fun exploring our city together! Join us 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 25, at Topgolf. No golf skills required, just come have fun! RSVP is required: [villagepresya.org/spring24](http://villagepresya.org/spring24)

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Programs On Break** – All of our weekly programs are on break as school finishes and we prepare for summer. Youth Week (below) and summer programs begin June 9. Take a look at [villagepresyouth.org/summer](http://villagepresyouth.org/summer) for all the details!

**Confirmation Sunday on May 19** – Join us as we celebrate this year's Confirmation class during the 11 a.m. service on May 19. We will welcome 39 of the newest members of Village and pray for them as their faith journeys continue.

**Youth Week is June 3-7** – Join us as we kick off the summer in style with events every day of the week, June 3-7. We'll head to Worlds of Fun, The Rush and Chicken N' Pickle, do some hammocking, volunteer and more! Visit [villagepresyouth.org/summer](http://villagepresyouth.org/summer) for more information and registration details.

**Seeking Nominations for the Nominating Committee** slate for elders, deacons, the personnel committee and the nominating committee for next year. Send any suggestions or self-nominations to [laura.hobbs@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.hobbs@villagepres.org).

**New baby births** – We want to meet your little one and give them a gift. Come by the Children & Family Ministry office or email [kidsinfo@villagepres.org](mailto:kidsinfo@villagepres.org).

**Prepare for baptism** – For infants and children, contact [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org). For adults, contact [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@villagepres.org).

**Plan your wedding** – Contact [weddings@villagepres.org](mailto:weddings@villagepres.org)

**Add someone to the prayer list** – Contact [pastoral-care@villagepres.org](mailto:pastoral-care@villagepres.org)

**Join the church** – Contact [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@villagepres.org)

## SERMON SERIES

### The Ways We Worship

We are a busy church. Across our ministries, we do many things: mission, education, fellowship, caregiving. But the one thing the church does that sets us apart from all other groups and organizations is worship of the Living God. But different churches worship God in different ways. In this sermon series, we will explore the different elements of our worship. From the call to worship to the confession of sin to our hymns and sacraments, we will explore how and why we worship the way we do.

April 7	Called to Worship - Rev. Alice Whitson
April 14	Create in Me a Clean Heart - Rev. Chad Herring
April 21	Hymns and Songs - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
April 28	Scripture & Proclamation - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
May 5	Keep Questioning - Rev. Sally S. Wright
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Sacrament of Baptism - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka</b>
May 19	Pentecost - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyice, director of engagement

Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications

Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Chad Herring, interim senior associate pastor

Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music • Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor

Robert Rumold, director of information technology • Bob Sperry, director of giving & endowment

Sandra Stephens, director of child care • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor of media ministry

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

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You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service on our worship service phone line: 913-203-1301. You can opt-in to be called automatically at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

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

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