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YEARS

The Ways We Worship

communion

Service of Worship

May 5, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Let Thy Holy Presence
by Pavel Tschesnokoff, arr. Bill Holcombe;
Village Brass, Dr. Langston Hemenway, conductor

*Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God that made us, and we belong to God;

we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God; bless God's name.

For God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn No. 611

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call to us, but we have not listened.

**We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of mercy,

help us to admit our sin and sinful ways,

so that as we come to your table of grace,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ who gave his life for the world. (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 simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below each staff.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Liv Ruecker (9 a.m.)

Gloria Baker (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

Keep Questioning

Rev. Sally S. Wright

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 157

I Danced in the Morning

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
by Hubert Parry, arr. Alun Cook; Village Brass

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body. You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.

Communion Anthem

Bread of the World
by Austin Lovelace; Village Choir

Prayer of Response

*Hymn No. 100

Canticle of the Turning

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

*Postlude

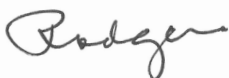
Variations on "A Mighty Fortress is our God"
arr. Kevin Kaisershot; Village Brass

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

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

Farewell Gathering for Rev. Sally Wright following the 11 a.m. Worship Service Today

Join us in Friendship Hall to give thanks for Rev. Sally Wright and her five years of ministry at Village Presbyterian Church.

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.

Environmental Action Class – 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 6, Room 127, Mission Campus. Dr. Thomas Grant, PE, of KU will discuss attending COP28 (the UN Conference on Climate Change) as an onsite observer in December 2023 in Dubai, UAE. He'll discuss the accomplishments and pledges of COP28 and give his view of the possibility of achieving net zero by the year 2050.

One Voice One Night – 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Nall Ave, Leawood. Good Faith Network, a Johnson County interfaith group pursuing justice in the local community, is focusing its efforts on mental health, housing and homelessness. You are invited to unite with this powerful voice of advocacy.

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.

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.

Lighthouse – Three-year-olds meet on the first floor in Room 107. Pre-K and 4-year-olds meet in Room 106. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106.

Elementary Lighthouse – K-6 Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are outside of Room 307.

FOOD PANTRY

May is fruit month at the Food Pantry. Consider a donation of any kind of canned or bottled shelf-stable fruit (please no glass jars). Consider donating one can with every visit to the church in May. The weather has warmed up and the Clothes Closet is requesting spring and summer clothes for all sizes and ages.

MISSION

Village U Mission Sunday Series – 10:15-10:50 a.m. today, May 5, Friendship Hall, Mission Campus. Learn about the mission of Habitat for Humanity KC and the many opportunities to get involved with the organization. No RSVP necessary.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Kansas City Wind Symphony presents Bravo Broadway – 7 p.m. today, May 5, Mission Campus Sanctuary. A revue of some of the biggest hits of the dazzling NYC theatre district, including “Chicago” and “West Side Story.” Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring Michael Bauer, organ – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 9, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Faith and Grief: Don't miss Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka this Tuesday – Join us this Tuesday, May 7, when Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will talk about the seven lessons he has learned about death. Faith and Grief meets in Friendship Hall from noon-1 p.m. Facilitated small group discussions follow Rodger's presentation. If you would like a boxed lunch, register at faithandgrief.org and sign up for the KC Gathering.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. Meet in the Young Adult Room for dinner and game night. Bring your favorite game or play one of ours!

Parks & Picnics – Young adult families, come join us for food and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Mohawk Park, 67 St. & Lamar. You bring the family, we'll bring the food! RSVP requested: villagepresya.org/spring24

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

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Final Week of Programs – This is the final week of school year programs: **Sunday Brunch** (all youth, 9-10 a.m.), **SNL** (high school youth group, Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.), **Lofternoons** (middle school after-school program, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.), and **GPS** (middle school youth group, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.). Visit villagepresyouth.org/summer to see the schedule in the coming weeks.

Confirmation Sunday – Join us as we celebrate this year's Confirmation class during the 11 a.m. service on May 19. We will welcome them as 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 for more information and registration details.

Giving – You may give to Village Church at villagepres.org/giving or scan the QR code to the right.

Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at bob.sperry@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.



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
May 12	Sacrament of Baptism - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
May 19	Pentecost - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

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 mission & 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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Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.

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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