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VILLAGE
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Jan. 14, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Reflection on "I Love to Tell the Story"
by Emma Lou Diemer; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

*Call To Worship (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

Rev. Chad Herring

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your might.**

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

**Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home
and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,
and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*Hymn, No. 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

we are thankful for the story of Jesus and his glory.

We are thankful for the story of Jesus and his love.

Yet if we are honest, we confess that we do not always live the story.

We do not always show the love of Jesus to others.

We do not always enact the story of your love for your creation.

We do not always tell the story of Jesus to all.

Forgive us, loving God.

Help us to live and show and enact and tell the story

of your love to all and for all. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



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

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on Earth.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Caroline Morrison (9 a.m.); Emmett Langdon (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-8

Sermon

We've Come This Far by Faith

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 543 (v. 1-3)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Gracious Spirit
by K. Lee Scott; Village Choir

*Sung 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

SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

We are ordaining and installing the following to serve as Elder/Trustees in the class of 2026:

Donna Patton
Linda Stevens
Stan Woodworth

We are ordaining and installing the following to serve as Elders in the class of 2026:

Ann Flanders
Diane Lawson
Dane Manis
Amy Nunnelee
Cindy Parks
Sharon Valasek

We are ordaining and installing the following to serve as Deacons in the class of 2026:

Kate Beebe
Reed Beebe
Anika Brim
Miriam Frey
George Heymach
Sharon Marsh
Steve Morrison
Lana Strickfaden
Walt Tegtmeier

We are installing the following to serve as Elder in the class of 2025:

Jan Creidenberg

The Constitutional Questions for Officers

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Work and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbor and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

(For Elders) Will you be a faithful Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Deacons) Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

The Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these brothers and sisters as Elders or Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Concluding Prayer

*Hymn, No. 656

We've Come This Far by Faith

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.
Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me!**

*Postlude

Andante in D Major
by Felix Mendelssohn; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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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, stick around after the service. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors. We have tons of programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. Give us a try; soon you might also be calling this place "home."



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Senior Pastor

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

“Elusive Grace, Loving your Enemies While Striving for God’s Justice” – Scott Black Johnston book study, facilitated by Rev. Chad Herring, 10:10-10:50 a.m., Sundays, Jan. 28, Feb. 11 & 18, Heritage Dining Room. This study will prepare our hearts for the Meneilly Visiting Scholar on March 8-10. Rev. Scott Black Johnston is senior pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Faith Journey Sundays Jan. 14-28, 10:10-10:55 a.m. Room 124 – We’ll discussing Kate Bowler’s book, “No Cure for Being Human: (And Other Truths I Need to Hear).” Bowler examines living in a culture that says anything is possible when a diagnosis conflicts with that idea and doesn't fit reality.

Village U Mission & Engagement Sunday Series – 10:10-10:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Friendship Hall. Learn about CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, our mission and the many opportunities to get involved with our organization! Specifically, we will talk about our Advocacy Program and the upcoming trainings, and what to expect that process to look like.

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. Bring infants through 4-year-olds to 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.

Enrollment at Village Church Preschool–Mission Campus for the 2024-25 school year! Open enrollment for 3-, 4-, & 5-year-old students is on the following dates: Current Village Preschool families–Tuesday, Jan. 16. Current Village Church Childcare weekday program attendees and Village Church members–Thursday, Jan. 18. Former Village Church Preschool families–Friday, Jan. 19. Community members–Monday, Jan. 22. See website for link to our Enrollment Application at villagepres.org/preschool

FOOD PANTRY

Winter is here and children are back in school. This week we are asking for cereal–all kinds to start out the day–hot or cold. The Clothes Closet is asking for children's winter clothing in all sizes–coats, scarves, gloves, hats, boots, shoes and warm sweaters.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – Break bread with your church family in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Dine in before your Village U class or take it home. Buffet-style meals are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon on Monday at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

Blood Drive – Donate between 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, in Rooms 132 & 133 at the Mission Campus. Sign up at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip and enter the zip code 66208 and Jan. 23. Walk-ins are also welcome. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jane Austen’s Piano Lesson – 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Mission Campus Sanctuary. A discussion and performance of some of the works written for piano by Jane Austen, the music she performed and the music instruction she might have received during her lifetime. Presented by Dr. Jacob Hofeling and Linda Mannering. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Growing Through Grief Starts this Wednesday – Grief is hard—come for support and comfort. You can still join the first session of Growing through Grief which starts this Wednesday, Jan. 17. This 5-week session is every Wednesday through Feb. 14 and starts at 9:30 a.m. in Room 132. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women with Spirit will be hosting a cooking class with cooking instructor and Village member Rachel Ciordas from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 28. We will be making a traditional Spanish meal at the Merc CoOp Classroom in KCK. RSVP or send questions to Meredith Reynolds at 913-708-1045 by Jan. 21. The cost is \$22.

PW Retreat – We invite all women to join us from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at Fiorella's Event Space in Overland Park to explore HOPE with a panel of Village pastors and Ginger Rothhaas from Compassion Fix. An optional social hour will follow. For more details or to register, visit villagepres.org/pw. The fee is \$75, and registration closes Feb. 14. Financial scholarships are available. Contact stephaniemorrison132@gmail.com with questions.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Weekly Programs – Join us in the Youth Loft for any of our weekly events: No **Sunday Brunch** and no **SNL** this week (see below), but we do have **Lofternoons** (middle school afterschool program, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.), and GPS (middle school youth group, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.).

No Sunday Programs Today – We are away on the high school ski trip this weekend, so there is no Sunday Brunch (9 a.m.) and no high school youth group (Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.). Both will return next Sunday, Jan. 21.

Confirmation Begins Next Week! The class begins Jan. 21, focusing on the building blocks of faith and offering students the opportunity to become a member of the church. Students who are in 9th grade or older are eligible. Register at villagepresyouth.org/confirmation.

Summer Trip Registration – All of our summer trips are open for registration! Information for HS Boundary Waters, HS Montreat and MS Mission Trip can be found under the trips tab at villagepresyouth.org – join us for a great summer experience!

Job Opening – P/T Receptionist. Tuesday & Thursday. If interested contact Kristin Dillon at kristin.dillon@villagepres.org or Karen Reimer at karen.reimer@villagepres.org

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

75 Years of Faithfulness: The Stories We Carry with Us

Village Presbyterian Church was officially founded on Feb. 13, 1949. We give thanks to God for the faith and faithfulness of all those who have gone before us, those who are with us now, and those who will come after us. Our anniversary celebration will happen on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13, 2024. In the Sundays leading up to that day, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will share stories of how God has led this congregation from a beginning with 282 charter members to over 4,500 today.

Jan. 14	We've Come This Far by Faith
Jan. 21	All Are Welcome
Jan. 28	Sing Praise to God
Feb. 4	Go to the World!
Feb. 11	Rev. Sarah Are Speed preaching

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. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

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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