



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

Jesus said:



I am the Bread of Life.    I am the Light of the World.

## Service of Worship

January 15, 2023 | 9 and 11 a.m.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Giga* from *Partita No. 2 in D Minor*  
by J.S. Bach; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

We are children of the God of the universe.

**And we join together to worship God, for God alone is worthy.**

We bring our hopes and dreams for this world to God.

**We seek to see the world not simply for what it is,  
but for what it can be.**

We rise, for God's light has come.

And we are here to obey the Spirit's call.

**We rise to show forth God's glory that shines on us all today.**

\*Hymn, No. 744

*Arise, Your Light is Come*

\*Prayer of Confession (Psalm 139)

**O God, you have searched me and known me.**

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

**Search me, O Lord, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.**

**See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.** (Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Time with the Children (9 a.m.)

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn, No. 488

*I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry*

Anthem

*Morning Has Broken*; Gaelic Melody  
arr. Stan Pethel; Village Players

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 8:12-20 (pg. 975)

Sermon

*I am the Light of the World*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn, No. 137

*He Came Down*

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Shine Like the Sun*  
words by John Ylvisaker, arr. Karen E. Black; Village Choir;  
Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin & Will Breytspraak, baritone

\*Sung Response

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 630 (v. 1-3)

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Beautiful Savior*  
Village Choir

\*Postlude

*"Allegro con brio"* from *Sonata IV*  
by Felix Mendelssohn; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*

*© A-705103 for all hymns*

## VILLAGE PLAYERS

Will Breytspraak, piano; Bruce Williams, violin; Lynda Kreienheder, viola;  
Erika Kauffman, flute; Anne Sneller, oboe; Bob Coleman, sax;  
Stan Chappell & Wayne Bates, trumpet

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism Today** – Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children: **9 a.m.:** Anna June Trost (Kara and Brad Trost, parents).  
**11 a.m.:** Carly Regan Cross (Sara and Chase Cross, parents).

**Co-Pastor Proposal Conversation today** – All are invited to an open conversation from 10:10-10:50 a.m. today in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Pastors Tom and Rodger and members of the personnel committee will be present to respond to any questions about the co-pastor proposal and to share ideas about the way forward. Please come or watch online at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online).

## 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. Tom Are, Jr.  
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. Learn more at [vpcthegathering.org](http://vpcthegathering.org).

**Get Village Church news & updates** – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Tom Are Jr.'s weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at [villagepres.org/subscribe](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

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**The flowers in the Chancel today** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dottie & Deke Harberts by their children Amy, Mardie & Deke Harberts.

**Congregational Meeting next Sunday on Jan. 22** – The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Jan. 22. The purpose is to vote on Session’s recommendation to change the terms of call for Rev. Tom Are, Jr. and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from senior pastor and senior associate pastor to co-pastors. The meeting will follow the 9 a.m. service in the Mission Campus Sanctuary, the 9:30 a.m. service in the Antioch Campus Sanctuary and the 5 p.m. Gathering service.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Registration is Now Open for Spring Village U Classes** – Find the full course listings and register at [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes).

**Parents' Night Out** – 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 21 & April 18. Take a night out without your children. Register for child care for each date and each child separately. Class fee is \$20 per child (maximum of \$60 per family), per session. Deadline to register is one week prior to each date of Parents' Night Out. Contact [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org) for more info.

**Beauty in the Beast–Artist as Outcast** – Taught by Dr. Ron Witzke, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 25 -Feb. 15, Room 127. Participants will read and study Chaim Potok's novel, "My Name is Asher Lev," exploring important contemporary themes embedded within the narrative.

**Study of Ephesians: Saved by Grace Through Faith** – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, Rooms 132 & 133. The Apostle Paul encourages the new community of believers to live in unity as one in Jesus Christ. We will read through the six chapters together and explore what Ephesians has to say to us today.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**No Lighthouse Kids today, Jan. 15**, due to the holiday weekend. Children are invited to worship with their families. There is child care at the 9 a.m. service.

## FOOD PANTRY

We are calling this week "Peanut Butter Week" and are hoping with each visit to the church, you will donate a jar (or more) of peanut butter, all varieties, preferably in 16-18 oz plastic jars. The Clothes Closet needs new or gently-used bed linens: sheets (all sizes) and pillowcases.

## MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

**Blood Drive** – Donate between noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Rooms 132 & 133. Sign up at [savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip](http://savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip) and enter the zip code 66208 and Jan. 24. Walk-ins are also welcome. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 for more information.

**Wednesday Family Dinners** – Weekly dinners from Chef Andrea Bradley resumed this week; \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Mondays at [villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners) or call Karen at 913-262-4200. We are seeking volunteers to help in the kitchen and dining room and you get to eat free! Contact [dionne.boyce@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyce@villagepres.org) to help out.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Join Us for Growing Through Grief Next Wednesday, Jan. 18** – If you are grieving the loss of a loved one or know someone who is, come to this five-week series starting next Wednesday through Feb. 15, which meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 132. There is no fee and all are welcome. To register, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Quarterly PW Book Club** – 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, in the Village Food Pantry Conference Room-Tillotson Building. Sue Monk Kidd’s “The Book of Longings” should make for a great discussion. Refreshments will be served.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**No Youth Programs Today** – We are currently away on the high school ski trip; programs resume this Tuesday. Pray for safe travels and safe skiing out on the mountains, and we’ll see you soon!

**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 [nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org](mailto:nancy.gatewood@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 [nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org](mailto:nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org)

**Giving** - You may give to Village Church online at [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving). Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at [bob.sperry@villagepres.org](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325.

**Thank you** for all the ways you’ve supported the missions and ministries of Village with your time, talents and financial support. We appreciate you making Village Church part of your giving plan for the new year. You can pledge or donate on our secure site, [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving), or call Bob Sperry at 913-671-2325. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex. Know that we are grateful for all you continue to do for Village Church!

## SERMON SERIES

### I am... Bread. Light. Way. Life.

Jan. 8-Feb. 12

We make the bold claim that we are the “Church of Jesus Christ” and that “Jesus is the cornerstone upon which the Church is built.” But who is Jesus really? In the Gospel of John, there are seven times when Jesus tells us who he is; seven times Jesus says, “I am...” In this sermon series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore each of these seven “I am” statements and together, we will discover what it says about Jesus Christ and what it says about us.

- Jan. 8 I am the Bread of Life.
- Jan. 15 I am the Light of the World.**
- Jan. 22 I am the Gate. I am the Good Shepherd.
- Jan. 29 I am the Resurrection and the Life.
- Feb. 5 I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- Feb. 12 I am the True Vine.

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyice, director of mission & engagement • Will Breytspraak, director of music  
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications

Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music • Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate 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 • Alice Whitson, director of media ministry

Rev. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care • 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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