



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

Jesus said...



I am the
Bread of Life.



I am the
Light of the World.



I am the Gate.



I am the
Good Shepherd.



**I am the
Resurrection
and the Life.**

Service of Worship

January 29, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Allegretto from Sonata No. 4
by Felix Mendelssohn; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters

Children & Family Ministry

Call To Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
in the city of our God, on the mountain of God's holiness.
Beautiful in elevation
is the joy of all the earth.
Mount Zion in the far north
is the city of the great King.
Then sings my soul,
my savior God to thee.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

*Hymn, No. 625

O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

*Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God,
our souls sing of your greatness.
We hold you in awesome wonder.
We see your power throughout the universe.
Yet even as we sing how great thou art, we confess that we do not live with
you as the center of our lives.
We do not care for your creation.
We do not care for one another.
We do not love you with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, grace-filled God.
Help us to live the resurrection and the life you offer to us all. (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

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Call to Prayer

Quietly, Peacefully
arr. Lori True

**Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our 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

What Wondrous Love is This (9 a.m.)

arr. Eugene Oldham; Village Voices

Rejoice, the Lord is King (11 a.m.)

by Charles Wesley and Malcolm Archer; Alegría

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (9 a.m.); Dee Couch (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 11:17-27 (pg. 979)

Sermon

I am the Resurrection and the Life.

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
by Gilbert Martin; Village Choir

*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. 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You (excerpt)
by John Rutter; Village Choir

*Postlude

Postlude on *Joyful, Joyful*
by Brenda Portman; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Composer Gilbert Martin dedicated his arrangement of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" to the 1968 graduating class of the Westminster Choir College (Princeton, New Jersey), where he had earned his Bachelor of Music degree. Martin's dramatic setting of Isaac Watts' text (1707) and Lowell Mason's unremarkable tune (1824) ponders God's gift of divine love in a series of escalating and modulating realizations of what transpired on the cross, culminating in what ultimately feels like the only response possible: the realization that, "Love, so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!"

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.

Today's Gathering service is at 4 p.m. so folks can get home in time to cheer on our Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC Championship game.

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.

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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.

Prepare for baptism – For infants and children, contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org. For adults, contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org

Add someone to the prayer list – Contact pastoral-care@villagepres.org

Join the church – Contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Register for spring Village U Classes – Find the full course listings and register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

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. Ephesians is recognized as one of the more practical letters in the Bible. 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.

Men's Breakfast and Bible with Rev. Tom Are, Jr. - 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7-28 and March 7-28, Room 228 (Friendship Hall East). Join Rev. Tom Are, Jr. for a morning Bible study. Chef Andrea Bradley will prepare a hot breakfast. Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from scripture. There will be time for discussion as well. To make a reservation for breakfast, please register online. Cost: \$7. Pay in person.

Kids Are the Best, But... - Rev. Hallie Hottle, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12 & May 10, Friendship Hall & Young Adult Room. We hear this a lot. So, we've created some opportunities to connect with other young adult parents in their 20s and 30s, read some Bible and encourage each other for the journey ahead. Register online for child care one week prior to each date.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during the 9 a.m. service. Infants to 2-year-olds can be dropped off in Room 114. **Preschool 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-6th Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are located outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

FOOD PANTRY

No matter who is playing in the Super Bowl, the SOUPER Bowl is a great way to celebrate and support the Food Pantry at the same time. Bring some cans of hearty soup to church that Sunday, Feb. 12, to help stock the shelves with meals for our neighbors in need. There will be drop off locations at both the north and south entrances. If you prefer to make a financial donation instead, visit shop.villagepres.org/souper-bowl-sunday.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall at Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Dine in before your Village U class or take it home. Activities for kids. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

MUSIC

Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert – 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, Mission Campus Sanctuary. This concert features chamber wind ensembles from the KCWS. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital with Mezzo-Soprano Patricia Thompson - 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. A "Meet the Artist" reception will follow. Free admission.

Trio Barn Burners - 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission. Join Village Players leader and violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen for a concert of Trio Barn Burners with world-renowned pianist Hyunsoon Whang and cellist Michael Mermagen. Featuring Paul Schoenfield's Cafe Music, Piano Trio, Mendelssohn's Trio No. 2, Rachmaninov's Trio élégiaque and other favorites. Special guest performance by Village Players Youth members.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Nicole Staab is our Guest Speaker on Feb. 7 - Join us for the Faith & Grief Support Gathering at noon Tuesday, Feb. 7, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus when Nicole shares her story about becoming an end-of-life doula, someone who provides care, guidance and education for families and their loved ones from terminal diagnosis through bereavement. A reservation is helpful but not required; visit faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Craft Night – 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Fellowship Hall at Antioch Campus. Bring your current craft project and make great progress while chatting with friends. This is the night to get it done. We'll also have several card-making stations so you can leave with several cards to send out. And we'll learn how to repurpose plastic shopping bags into sleeping mats for persons experiencing homelessness.

Cooking Class - Join Women with Spirit for a hands-on, gluten-free Italian cooking class at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5, with Chef Rachel Ciordas at the Merc Co+op Classroom Kitchen. RSVP by Feb. 1 by emailing rachelciordas@gmail.com and Venmo \$20 to @Rachel-Ciordas to cover the cost of ingredients. Email rachelciordas@gmail.com with questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

All our weekly programs are back! You can view a list of all programs at villagepresyouth.org.

Confirmation Registration – Register for this year's Confirmation class, which is open to students who are in 9th grade, or older, who have not yet taken the class. Go to villagepresyouth.org/confirmation.

Join us for Spring Break! Registration is open for our Spring Break trip to the Dominican Republic, March 11-18. Join us for an amazing week of service, meaning and time at the beach. Go to villagepresyouth.org/dominican-republic.

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, 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.

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

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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