



# 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.



**I am the Way,  
the Truth,  
and the Life.**

## Service of Worship

February 5, 2023 · 9 and 11 a.m.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Rigaudon* (9 a.m.)  
by André Campra; Village Ringers

*Serenata* (11 a.m.)  
by Igor Stravinsky; arr. Piatigorsky; Evelyn Holmes, violin and Sarah Powers, cello

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Jesus said, "I am the way."

**So we come to worship as people of the way.**

Jesus said, "I am the truth."

**So we come to worship the truth that sets us free.**

Jesus said, "I am the life."

**So we come to worship the God of life.**

Let us worship Jesus who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

\*Hymn, No. 366 (v. 1-3)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,**

**in whom we live and move and have our being,**

**whose face is hidden from us by our sins,**

**and whose mercy we forget in the hardness of our hearts;**

**Cleanse us from all our offenses,**

**and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,**

**that with reverent and humble hearts**

**we may draw near to you,**

**confessing our faults,**

**confiding in your grace,**

**and finding in you our refuge and strength;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son. (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

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

**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

*Christus Paradox*  
by Alfred Fedak; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Anne Bowser (9 a.m.); Terri Piazza (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 14:1-7 (pg. 982)

Sermon

*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.* Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn, No. 822

*When We Are Living*

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* (9 a.m.)  
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski; Village Ringers

*Come My Way, My Truth, My Life* (11 a.m.)  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Kevin McChesney; Morning Bells

\*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. 772

*Live into Hope*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

\*Postlude

*Trumpet Tune on TRURO*  
by J. Wayne Kerr; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*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, 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).  
**There will be no Gathering on Feb. 12 due to the Super Bowl game with our KC Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles.**

**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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**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)

**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.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Register 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).

**Study of Ephesians: Saved by Grace Through Faith** - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 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-March 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.

## 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](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners) or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

## MUSIC

**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.

**Jan Kraybill's 24th Annual Super Bowl Sunday Concert** will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Community of Christ Auditorium, 1001 W. Walnut St., Independence, Missouri. The concert will be finished in plenty of time to get home for the big game! Come support our Antioch Campus' organist as she performs works by Howells, Bach, Kapustin, Sibelius and the world premiere of Daniel Gawthrop's "Requiem for Organ." Admission is free.

**Tenor Jonathan Pilkington** – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. Mission Campus Sanctuary. Jonathan Pilkington presents a song recital. Free admission.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Speaker Nicole Staab Will Be at Faith & Grief Support Gathering This Tuesday** – Join us for the Faith & Grief Support Gathering at noon Tuesday, Feb. 7, in Friendship Hall 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](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings).

**Widowers' Support Group Meets Thursday Mornings** – If you are grieving the loss of your wife, you can find support and fellowship with other men who know what you are going through. The Widowers' Support Group meets at 9 a.m. every Thursday in Room 132.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** is for people in their 20s & 30s

**Parents/Family Dinner Night** – 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. YA adult parents! Bring your kiddos for a (free) family dinner night. We'll eat together, then children can go to child care so parents can have some devotional time together. RSVP required: [VillagePresYA.org/parents](http://VillagePresYA.org/parents).

**Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner** – 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. All Young Adults! We'll gather in the young adult room and make pancakes together. We'll test our Lenten knowledge to prepare our hearts (and bellies) to journey the coming holy season together.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**See the list of all programs at [villagepresyouth.org](http://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](http://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](http://villagepresyouth.org/dominican-republic).

**Souper Bowl Sunday is Feb. 12** – You may have heard about some sort of football game called the Super Bowl. But the Souper Bowl is a wonderful event that helps support the Village Food Pantry's mission to feed and clothe our neighbors in need. It happens to be held on the same day as that football game, Feb. 12, when our Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles face off in Super Bowl LVII. To participate, all you need to do is bring one or more cans of any kind of hearty soup to church that day as a donation to the Food Pantry. Or you can let us do the shopping for you and donate at [shop.villagepres.org/souper-bowl-sunday](http://shop.villagepres.org/souper-bowl-sunday).

In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat," was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. Since that time, the Souper Bowl of Caring has evolved and grown into a national event, providing millions of cans of soup and millions of dollars to programs addressing food insecurity.

Please join thousands of participants, including churches, schools, youth groups, community partners, grocery partners, local businesses, media partners, NFL teams and passionate individuals who have experienced for themselves the joy of caring for our neighbors in need.

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

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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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