

Match the symbol with Jesus' "I Am" statement.



I am the True Vine.



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



I am the
Good Shepherd.



I am the Gate.



I am the
Resurrection
and the Life.



I am the
Bread of Life.



I am the
Light of the World.



**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)

Service of Worship

February 12, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Salvation Is Created
by Pavel Chesnokov; Village Brass (9 a.m.)

It Is Well With My Soul (9 & 11 a.m.)
arr. T. Baber; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship

Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyice

We gather together to worship the Bread of Life
who feeds and sustains us.

We gather together to worship the Light of the World
who illumines our path.

We gather together to worship the Gate for the Sheep
who gives us life abundant.

We gather together to worship the Good Shepherd
who calls us each by name.

We gather together to worship the Resurrection and the Life
who offers us life everlasting.

We gather together to worship the Way, the Truth, and the Life
who goes before us to prepare the way.

*Hymn, No. 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
you are the vine, and we are the branches.
You call us to remain in you.
You call us to stay in you.
You call us to abide in you.
Yet we confess that we stray from you.
We confess that we seek our own way.
We confess that we choose our own path.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength
to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen. (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

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (9 a.m.); Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 15:1-11 (pg. 983)

Sermon

I am the True Vine.

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 836 (v. 1-3)

Abide with Me

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me (9 a.m.)

by Philip Wilby; More Love Chorale

Praise His Holy Name (11 a.m.)

by Keith Hampton; Elijah Tang-Spigelman, conductor; 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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

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

In Remembrance of Me (9 a.m.)
by Buryl Red; More Love Chorale

Salvation Is Created
by Pavel Chesnokov; Village Brass (11 a.m.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 742

We Will Walk with God

*Benediction

*Postlude

Sing Praise to God Medley
arr. Charles Mandernach; Village Brass

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Many thanks to organist Chris Leaver for sharing his gifts in worship today! Chris accompanies the More Love Chorale and sings with the Village Choir, Chamber Choir and Alegría Choir. He's frequently guest organist at the Antioch Campus.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Join us for Ash-n-Dash drive-up ashes and prayer in the Antioch Campus parking lot. Enjoy hot coffee and donuts from 7-8 a.m. and again from noon-1 p.m. Or come to our Morning Ashes service from 8-8:40 a.m. in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. We will also have Ash Wednesday services at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary at both campuses. At the Mission Campus, Drs. Elisa Bickers and Josh Maize will offer a pre-service organ meditation starting at 6:40 p.m.

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.

No Gathering at 5 p.m. tonight as we cheer on our Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl.

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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Village Church Turns 74 on Feb. 13! On Feb. 13, 1949, Village Church held its very first Sunday worship service; 282 charter members filled the Chapel to hear a young Rev. Robert H. Meneilly spread the good news.

As we begin to look forward to the 75th anniversary of Village Church in 2024, the Heritage Committee is asking you to share some of your favorite stories during your time at Village. You may write them and leave them at the Mission Campus south reception desk addressed to Judy Cooper, call Judy at 913-268-8719, or email judycooperjc@gmail.com.

Tibetan Sound Bath & Meditation – 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 & March 21, Antioch Campus. Join Dorothy Tannahill-Moran, certified sound therapist, for a sound bath & meditation. Bring a mat to lay on and a blanket and pillow for your comfort. The cost is \$25 if you sign up for both sessions or \$15 if you sign up for one, payable by Venmo in advance, to @Dorothy-Tannahill-Moran-1, (phone digits: 1657). Questions: dorothyfrmkansas@gmail.com, 503-260-1657.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study Led by Rev. Tim Soule - 6 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 23-April 6. Antioch Campus-Fellowship Hall. Pastor Tim will lead this Lenten Bible Study curriculum developed by Cynthia M. Campbell & Christian Coy Fohr. A soup & salad dinner is included. Books are available at the Antioch Campus for \$10 or order an e-book online. Register by calling 913-681-8180 or emailing lisa.harrison@villagepres.org.

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

Joy Even On Your Worst Days – Led by Rev. Tom Are. From 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 1-22, in Rooms 126 & 127. The most joyful writing in the New Testament is found in Paul's letter to the Philippians. Philippians was written while Paul was in Caesar's prison. How did Paul discover joy in such a difficult circumstance? In this course we will focus on Paul's wisdom regarding the practice of joy.

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.

Feb. 19 is Family Worship Sunday. No Lighthouse or Morning Stars choirs rehearsals. Children are encouraged to worship with their families.

Kids Day Out Enrollment – **Feb. 13**-Enrollment opens for current KDO families. **Feb. 15**-Enrollment opens for former KDO families, current Village members & current Preschool families. **Feb. 20**-Enrollment opens for the community. Complete the enrollment application online at villagepres.org/kdo. Contact Sandra Stephens, child care director, with questions at 913-671-2322.

Early childhood teachers wanted at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center for full-time and part-time positions during center hours, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Please consider joining our team. Call Peggy Tingle or Julie Jones at 913-671-2310.

FOOD PANTRY

Today is SOUPER Bowl Sunday. If you brought soup to donate, be sure to leave it at either the north or south entrances as you leave. If you forgot to bring soup, it's not too late! You can leave cash or a check with a pantry volunteer as you exit the building or donate online here: shop.villagepres.org/souper-bowl-Sunday. Help fill the Food Pantry shelves and support our neighbors in need.

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

Jan Kraybill's 24th Annual Super Bowl Sunday Concert will take place at 2 p.m. today 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

Easter is coming and so are Easter lilies – When you make a \$15 donation in memory of a loved one, your gift honors that person and brightens a homebound member's life with an Easter lily. Visit shop.villagepres.org/pastoral-care-counseling or send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person to Janice Gill, Village Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208. Donations are accepted up through Easter Sunday, April 9.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women: 10:30 a.m. April 1 – Online registration for this event in Friendship Hall at the Mission Campus opens Monday, Feb. 13, at villagepres.org/pw. There will also be registration tables at church beginning Sunday, Feb. 26. The cost, including brunch, is \$25. You can request child care when you register.

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

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 MINISTRIES

See the list of all programs at villagepresyouth.org.

No Programs This Afternoon – Due to the Chiefs in the Super Bowl, we will not have any programs this afternoon/evening. Go Chiefs!

Annual Congregational Meeting-Dinner/Potluck Brunch – This year an annual meeting will take place at both the Mission and the Antioch campuses. You are welcome to attend the meeting at either location. Rev. Tom Are, Jr. will lead the meeting at the Mission Campus and will provide a review of 2022 and plans for 2023. The Session will present the budget for 2023. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead the meeting at the Antioch Campus.

Mission Campus – The annual meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, March 14. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, contact Marsha Hansen no later than Wednesday, March 1, at 913-671-2341 or marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.

Antioch Campus – The annual meeting begins with a potluck brunch in Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 26. No RSVP is required.

UPCOMING SERMON

The best baby gift I received was a retired pediatric nurse offering to stay overnight and keep watch over my twin 3-month-old babies. What a gift to have someone remain present with my children for one whole, uninterrupted night of sleep for me. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asks his disciples to stay awake with him and pray. The poor disciples cannot seem to stay awake, unlike the nurse who kept my kids all night. There is a close connection between presence and prayer. If Jesus can ask for disciples to be present and to pray, we can take his example and ask for it, too. Let's explore together. —Rev. Sally S. Wright

Feb. 19 Stay and Pray: God's Invitation to Human Connection

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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