

75
YEARS

VILLAGE
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Feb. 18, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Vater Unser im Himmelreich (Our Father in Heaven), BuxWV 291
by Dieterich Buxtehude; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*Call to Worship (Psalm 42)

Rev. Alice Whitson

As the deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

When shall we come and behold the face of God?

Our tears have been our food day and night,

while people say to us continually, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul.

Hope in God; for I shall again praise God, my help and my God.

*Hymn No. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

you are our friend and it is a privilege to carry everything to you in prayer.

Yet we confess that in the midst of our busy lives,

we do not pray to you as often as we should.

School and work and family consume our attention.

We move through our days neglecting our friendship with you.

Forgive us, precious savior.

Turn our hearts and minds to you.

Help us to pray to you with our very breath.

Draw us near to you so that we find our solace in you alone. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is
near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

Lord, Hear Our Prayer
by Mark Patterson; Morning Stars & Youth Bells (9 a.m.);
Lauren Stokke, soprano (11 a.m.)

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer
by Alfred C. Malotte; Trent Green, tenor (9 a.m.);
Dr. Ron Witzke, bass (11 a.m.)

Prayer for Illumination

Ruling Elder Donna Patton (9 a.m.)
Ruling Elder Ron Witzke (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 6:5-15

Sermon

The Practice of Prayer

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 470

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Teach Me, O Lord
by Thomas Attwood; Village Choir

*Response

Glo-ry to our Cre - a - tor, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit, as it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now and will be for - ev - er.
A - men! A - men! A - men!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

I Waited Patiently for God
by John Bell

**I waited patiently for God, for God to hear my prayer,
And God bent down to where I sank and listened to me there.**

**God raised me from a miry pit, from mud and sinking sand,
And set my feet upon a rock where I can firmly stand.**

**And on my lips a song was put, a new song to the Lord.
Many will marvel, open-eyed, and put their trust in God.**

**Great wonders you have done, O Lord, all purposed to our good:
Unable every one to name, I bow in gratitude.**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

A Blessing of Grace
by Mark Patterson; Morning Stars & Youth Bells (9 a.m.);
Village Choir (11 a.m.)

*Postlude

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux
by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

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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, I invite you to meet one of our pastors at the top of the ramp in the corner of the Welcome Center. As you leave the back of the sanctuary, turn right. We have cookies and coffee for you! We would love to know more about you and to share more about Village Church. Soon, you might also be calling this place, "home."



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
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.

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Long and short sleeve Village Church 75th Anniversary t-shirts and 4-inch round stickers are available for purchase. The shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton and available in unisex sizes for adults and youth. Shop online at villagepresmerch.com. Orders ship after March 8.

Intergenerational Lenten Experience on March 3

Join us for this immersive, contemplative Lent experience for all ages from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at the Mission Campus. The experience begins with all-ages activities in Room 232 followed by a self-guided journey through several rooms, ending in the Chapel. Come and go as you please, and child care is available. We hope you join us!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Men's Breakfast and Bible – 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 20-March 26, Friendship Hall, led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Start your day off being fed in body and soul. Enjoy a continental breakfast provided by our kitchen staff then engage in a study on significant men in the Bible. To make a reservation for breakfast, register online. Cost: \$7. Pay in person.

Village Forum Adult Sunday Morning Class – Join us from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rooms 126/127 for a six-week Lenten series starting today that combines the book/video series "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Jewish New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine with "The Last Week" by religion and culture scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Meneilly Visiting Scholar – 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 8, and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 9, Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Learn from Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston on how best to "Fight Like Jesus: How Faith Can Inform Conflict." Register today at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

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.

No Elementary Lighthouse today, Feb. 18, due to the Presidents' Day holiday. Kids ages 5 and up are invited to worship with us in "big church."

FOOD PANTRY

We are asking this week for pasta (all shapes and sizes) and rice (all kinds - jasmine, brown, white, wild rice). Crackers are also requested - to accompany all the donated cans of soup from Souper Bowl Sunday last week. The Clothes Closet would like to have clean gently used, or new, kitchen towels, bath towels and washcloths.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – Chef Andrea Bradley's last day is tomorrow, Feb. 19. Please join us at 4:30 p.m. to wish her well. We're hoping to find an interim chef or an alternative plan so that dinners can resume as soon as possible.

Be The Church with Hillcrest – Learn about Hillcrest Transitional Housing and the work they do to address homelessness in our community. Leave knowing how you can get involved. Sunday, March 3 from 10:10-10:50 a.m. in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Contact Sarah Dunne Pickrell for more information: sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org.

New Member Luncheon – We are celebrating new Village Church members at a luncheon following the 11 a.m. service on Feb. 25. If you are interested in joining Village Church, contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce at dionne.boyce@villagepres.org.

Cross-Lines Volunteer Opportunity – Every other month, Village Church serves a meal to 100-150 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Join us on Friday, March 8, to serve lunch to our neighbors in need. Learn more and sign up at villagepres.org/cross-lines-kitchen or contact Jim Bolton at jcb3823@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ – 7 p.m. Friday, March 1, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Celebrate Village Church's 75th anniversary with an evening that will include works by Bach, Barber, Weaver and a brand-new piece by Brenda Portman. Free admission.

Kansas City Chorale presents Duruflé's "Requiem" – 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 8, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Tickets available at kcchorale.org.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Share A Smile – Deliver An Easter Lily! Volunteers say delivering a lily to a homebound member is something they love. Experience this joy by signing up for the number of lilies you can deliver and the zip code area you want by contacting Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org. Come between 9-11 a.m. to the north entrance on March 23 and then deliver anytime during Holy Week.

An Easter Lily Can Honor Your Loved One – Consider donating towards an Easter lily in memory of your loved one(s). Your donation will also help purchase a lily that will be taken to a homebound member. Visit the Village Store at shop.villagepres.org/pastoral-care-counseling to make your \$15 donation or contact Janice Gill at 913-671-2362. Your loved one's name will be in the Palm Sunday bulletin. Orders must be received by March 12.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Join Women of Wisdom (WOW) for lunch at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, at Hereford House, 5001 Town Center Drive, Leawood. RSVP to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net by Feb. 28.

All women in our church are Presbyterian Women. Please explore a detailed list of the many ways you can engage with other women in our church at villagepres.org/pw.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Antioch Campus. Come for dinner and a chance to get to know Rev. Anna Owens, site pastor at Village on Antioch.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Weekly Programs – Join us in the Youth Loft for any of our weekly events: **Sunday Brunch** (all youth, 9-10 a.m.), **SNL** (high school youth group, Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.), **Lofternoons** (middle school afterschool program, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.), and **GPS** (middle school youth group, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.).

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!

Lenten Devotionals

Journey with us through Lent with a series of short video devotionals offered by our pastors and church leaders. Sign up to receive these devotionals in your email inbox each morning at villagepres.org/subscribe or subscribe to our YouTube channel @ [villagepresbyterianchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvillagepresbyterianchurch) where they will be added daily. All are invited to 'meet' on our Village Church Facebook Page at 8 a.m. Wednesdays mornings for a time of real-time reflection and prayer offered by Rev. Alice Whitson.

SERMON SERIES

Practicing Lent

The season of Lent in the Christian year begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lencten" which refers to the lengthening daylight of the spring season. Lent is a time of contemplation and preparation for the days of Holy Week leading up to the arrest, torture, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During this time, we are invited to engage in practices that will help shape our lives as we journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb.

Feb. 18	The Practice of Prayer
Feb. 25	The Practice of Fasting
March 3	The Practice of Letting Go
March 10	Rev. Scott Black Johnston preaching
March 17	The Practice of Holding On
March 24	The Practice of Welcoming (Palm Sunday)
March 31	The Practice of Rising (Easter)

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

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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.

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