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YEARS

**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Feb. 25, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters: Meneilly Visiting Scholar

Dee Couch

Introit

My Lord, What a Morning
arr. Robert Lau; Helen Hofmeister, organ

*Call to Worship (Psalm 44)

Rev. Chad Herring

God's goodness and God's wondrous deeds across the years are told
to generations yet unborn by faithful hearts of old.

By God's own hand the nations fell, new lands did come to be.

Through God's own might were foes subdued, and by God's word set free.

God knows the secrets of our hearts, the weakness of our wills;

we cry, "Awake!" God does not sleep, yet seeks to love us still.

God builds our hope and confidence that none can dare remove;

may we be steadfast in our faith as God is in God's love.

*Hymn No. 167

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

for forty days and forty nights you went without food in the wilderness.

You were tempted by Satan but you chose to fast and be faithful.

We confess that when we face temptation, we give in far too easily.

We are quick to judge and criticize others.

We are impatient and short-tempered.

We are unfaithful in our commitments.

We are irritable and resentful.

Forgive us, Savior of the world.

Grant us the strength to resist evil and to follow you

so that our fast may be worthy of your sacrifice. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



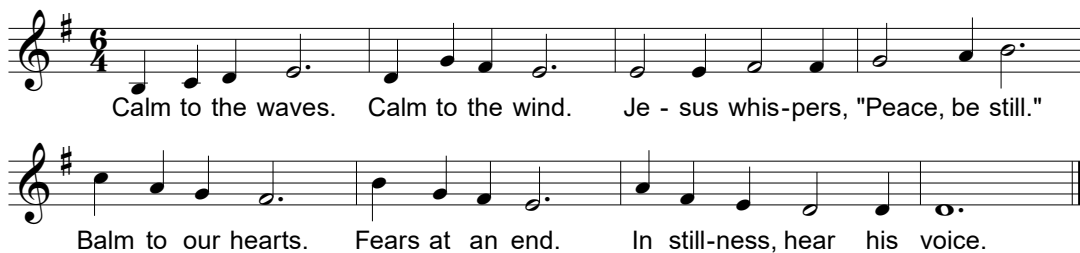
In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joyce! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is
near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis-pers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

Prayers of the People & 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

Fanfare Prelude on an Italian Hymn
by Tim Ramsey; Village Brass & Helen Hofmeister, organ

Prayer for Illumination

Ruling Elder Sharon Valasek (9 a.m.)

Ruling Elder Linda Stevens (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 6:16-18

Sermon

The Practice of Fasting

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 211

Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. Linda Spevacek; Village Choir & Evan Nelson, soloist

*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!

*Hymn No. 175

Seek Ye First

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

*Postlude

Thine Be the Glory

by G. F. Handel, arr. Richard E. Brown; Village Brass

**All who are able may stand*

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WORSHIP NOTE

The Call to Worship is adapted from "Psalter for Christian Worship" by Michael Morgan.

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.

Get Village Church news & updates – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka's weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

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You're Invited to the Service of Ordination for Hannah Ratliff Today at 2 p.m. in Friendship Hall

Hannah Ratliff is a child of Village Presbyterian Church. She discerned a call to ministry and received her MDiv from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2020. She began her first ordained call as pastor of New Hartford Presbyterian Church in New Hartford, New York this February.

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 for kids under four.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Sunday Morning Classes – Village Forum 9:30-10:30 a.m., Rooms 126/127; The Faith Journey 10:10-10:50 a.m., Room 124; Foundations of Faith 11 a.m.-noon online. Get more details at villagepres.org/sunday-morning-classes.

Men's Breakfast and Bible – 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 27-March 26, Friendship Hall, led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Start off your day 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.

Adult Faith Formation Environmental Action Class – 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 4, Room 126-Mission Campus. "EV's and Full Self Driving-Disruptive Change for Good!" features the screening of Tony Seba's 18-minute video that predicts how the transportation sector will be transformed. Learn about technology adoption cost curves and the phase change disruption of a legacy industry.

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.

Good Faith Network Committee – 12:15-1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, Room 126/127. This Johnson County interfaith group is composed of 25+ congregations across three faith traditions with a mission of pursuing justice in the local community. Contact jane.nana.goss@gmail.com.

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. Child care is also available during the 5 p.m. Gathering service. Bring infants through 4-year-olds to Room 109.

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-6 Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

FOOD PANTRY

This week we are asking for personal care items such as bar soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, adult-sized incontinence underwear. The Clothes Closet can still use long-sleeved shirts, blouses, sweaters and jeans. Thank you for your donations!

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – We hope to find an interim chef or an alternative plan so that Wednesday Family Dinners can resume as soon as possible. Dinners are on hiatus for now. Thanks for your patience.

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.

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

75th Anniversary Solo Recital: 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.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring Liberty North High School Choir – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 14, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Jennifer Greene is Our Speaker March 5 – Join us at Faith & Grief at noon on Tuesday, March 5, in Friendship Hall. Jennifer will share what happened in her initial counseling after her sister lost her life to suicide. A box lunch is provided for those who pre-register; register at bit.ly/3ske6ge. No need to register—just come!

Need Delivery Volunteers For 210 Easter Lilies – On March 23, 210 Easter lilies will go out to each of our homebound members. We need YOUR help in getting them delivered (This is a great service project for high schoolers!). It's easy—decide the number of lilies you can deliver, the zip code you'd like, then deliver anytime throughout Holy Week. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to find out more.

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.

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 devotions in your email inbox each morning at villagepres.org/subscribe or subscribe to our YouTube channel @villagepresbyterianchurch 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	The Practice of Empathy Rev. Dr. 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

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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