

75
YEARS

VILLAGE
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



*Look at the birds
of the air....Are
you not much more
valuable than they?
Matthew 6:26*

Service of Worship

March 3, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

With All I Am
by Taylor Davis; Village Voices & Jenny Hull, cello (9 a.m.)

A Lenten Walk
arr. Hal H. Hopson; More Love Chorale (11 a.m.)

*Call to Worship (Psalm 46)

Rev. Melanie Hardison

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

God utters God's voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Hymn No. 450 (v. 1-3)

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession

Lord of our hearts,

you are our vision and our best thought by day or by night.

Waking or sleeping, your presence is our light.

**Even though we sing that you and you only are first in our hearts,
we confess that we do not always live that way.**

We do not always follow your will for us.

We do not always do the good that is ours to do.

We hold on to worry and anxiety and fear.

We hold on to control and comfort and complacency.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Help us to let go of all that hinders us from being your faithful disciples.

(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 - afraid. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Ruling Elder Kathy Ray (9 a.m.)

Ruling Elder Christine Lewis (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon

The Practice of Letting Go

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 684

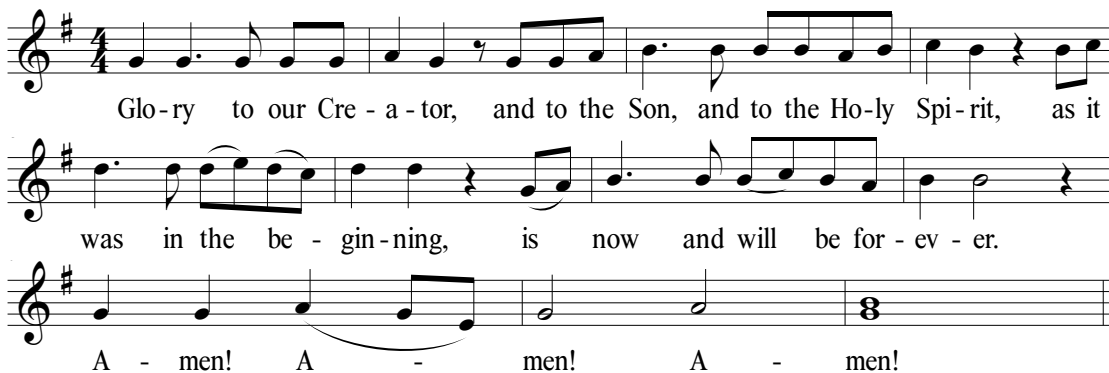
Faith Begins by Letting Go

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee
by Johannes Brahms; 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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we give you thanks...

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.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn No. 70

What Does the Lord Require of You?

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Postlude

Bless Now, O God, the Journey
arr. Walter L. Pelz; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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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Intergenerational Lenten Experience Today

Join us for this immersive, contemplative Lent experience for all ages from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. today, 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.

Giving – You may give to Village Church at villagepres.org/giving or scan the QR code to the right.

Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at bob.sperry@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.



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.

A Complex Faith* – 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, now-March 20, in Room 132 at the Mission Campus. Join Rev. Anna Owens for a class discussing topics kicked off by visiting scholar Rev. Dr. William Yoo and his book "What Kind of Christianity." Child care is provided. *note time change

How to Read, Understand & Interpret the Bible – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, March 4, 11 & 18, Room 233 taught by Biagio Mazza, pastoral associate St. Sabina Parish, Belton, Missouri. Explore the history, culture, politics, literary styles, context and origins that are integral components of all biblical texts.

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.

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

We are focusing on dental hygiene this week and are asking for: toothbrushes (adult and children size), toothpaste & floss. The Clothes Closet is asking for gently used accessory items: purses, handbags, wallets, belts, costume jewelry, etc.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

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

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.

Linen Drive for Hillcrest – Support our Mission Partner, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, in the month of March by donating new full-size bed linens, pillows & bath towels. All donations go to formerly houseless families and youth. Find donation tables at the north and south entrances. Contact Sarah Dunne Pickrell at sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Easter Lily Donations Accepted Through March 12 – An Easter lily is a lovely way to remember your loved one. Your \$15 donation also provides an Easter lily for a homebound member. Visit shop.villagepres.org or send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person to the Janice Gill, Village Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208. All names will appear in the Palm Sunday bulletin.

Help Deliver Easter Lilies On March 23 – Each of our homebound members will receive a lily to remind them that their Village family is thinking about them this Lenten season. Delivering is easy—choose how many, what zip code, pick up the lilies on Saturday, March 23 then deliver throughout Holy Week. Contact Linda Alley at 913-636-2020 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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.).

Program Break, March 8-17 – All youth events will be on hold during Spring Break. Weekly programs will return after Spring Break, on March 18. Visit villagepresyouth.org for more information.

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!

New Paraments and Coordinating Stoles

The new paraments on the pulpit and lectern, along with the coordinating stoles worn by pastors, were made by Jeff Wunrow Designs in St. Louis. The liturgical arts committee collaborated with him to obtain five custom sets for our sanctuary and chapel in celebration of Village Church's 75th anniversary. Parament colors are changed to reflect the season of the Church Year. If you are interested in joining the liturgical arts committee, contact laura.hobbs@villagepres.org.

Get Village Church 75th Anniversary Merchandise

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.

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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