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Service of Worship

March 10, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue
arr. Barbara Harbach; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*Call to Worship (Psalm 48)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.

We ponder God's steadfast love in the midst of God's temple.

God's name, like God's praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

*Hymn No. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

when we are weary, you offer us rest.

When we are thirsty, you offer us living water.

When we are lost, you offer us light.

Yet we confess to you that we do not always turn to you.

We prefer to run at a pace that cannot be sustained.

We prefer to quench our thirst with that which does not satisfy.

We prefer to stumble through the dark.


Forgive us, gracious God.

Speak to us again and call us to you.

Help us to rely more on you than on ourselves. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



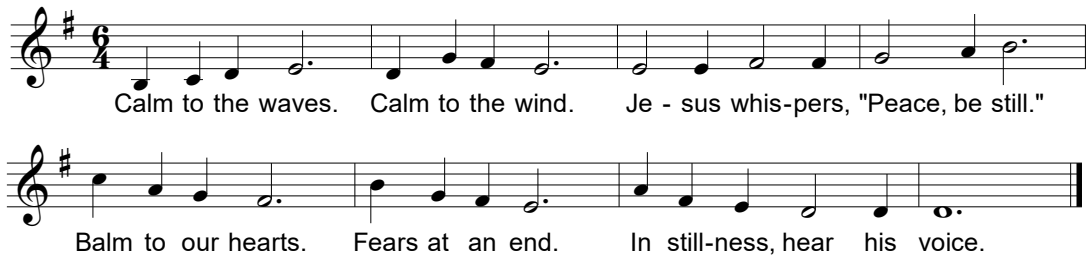
In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God; do not be a - afraid. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is
near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Annelise Anderson (9 a.m.)

Josie Green (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Romans 12:15-21

Sermon

The Practice of Empathy Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 379

We Shall Overcome

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Take Up Your Cross
by Howard Helvey; 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 No. 766 (v. 1-4)

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.**

*Postlude

Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"
by Carl Haywood; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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About Today's Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston is senior pastor at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City and was Village's Meneilly visiting scholar this weekend. He holds a B.A. in history and religion from St. Olaf's College, an M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Johnston was professor of homiletics at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

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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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.

Prepare for baptism – For infants and children, contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.
For adults, contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org

Add someone to the prayer list – Contact pastoral-care@villagepres.org

Join the church – Contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org

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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.

Good Faith Network Committee – 12:15-1:30 p.m. today, 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.

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

Climate Change: What Will Happen? 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 25, in Room 132. The class will highlight current and potential future impacts to thwart climate change, discuss alternative actions we might take and what might happen. Taught by Chick Keller. Register villagepres.org/village-u.

Village Votes – The Kansas House and Senate are now in session until May 3, 2024. Several pieces of legislation currently under consideration, if enacted, could result in limiting the voting rights of many Kansans. During this session the Social Justice Ministry at Village Church will share information through a "legislative watch" report. Visit villagepres.org/social-justice.

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 – No Elementary Lighthouse this Sunday due to the Spring Break. Kids ages 5 and up are invited to worship with us in "big church."

Palm Sunday – All Lighthouse kids are invited to join us for our annual Palm Sunday Parade! Kindergarten-6th grades will meet in Room 307 at 8:30 a.m.; kids preschool and younger will meet on The Bridge (outside of the senior pastor's office) with their grown-up at 8:50 a.m. (grown-ups will parade with their child and then drop off in their normal classrooms).

Easter Egg Hunt – On Palm Sunday, join us between services on the south playground for an all-ages egg hunt. We will stagger the start to make it fair and fun for everyone! Rain or shine. Bring your own basket!

Village Kids Summer Programs – Information is online at villagepres.org/summer. Registration for Kids Day Out and Summer Camps begins March 18; VBS registration opens April 15. Contact Sandra.Stephens@villagepres.org for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

Canned fruit is needed this week – Prunes, pineapples (sliced, diced, chunks), Mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, dried fruits (raisins, dates, Craisins®) & fruit juices in plastic bottles or cans (no glass, please). The Clothes Closet is asking for new or gently used bed linens, sheets, pillowcases & pillows.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

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.

Cherith Brook Volunteer Day – Spend the morning volunteering at one of our Signature Mission organizations, Cherith Brook, on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Space is limited and lunch is included. Sign up at bit.ly/cherithbrook or contact sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org.

One Great Hour – On Palm Sunday, Village Church collects for One Great Hour of Sharing. Offering gifts are distributed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) to rebuild communities after natural- and human-caused disasters, Self-Development of People (32%) to provide resources to disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and to our Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) to support initiatives that create sustainable food systems. Make checks out to Village Presbyterian Church and note “One Great Hour” in the memo.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

UMKC Choirs & Village Chamber Choir – 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 15, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Last Call for Easter Lily Donations – If you would like to honor a loved one or donate to support this ministry, your \$15 donation per lily is accepted until this Tuesday, March 12. The deadline allows all honorees’ names to appear in the Palm Sunday bulletin. Visit shop.villagepres.org 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.

Growing Through Grief Starts April 10 – If you or someone you know is grieving, consider attending Growing through Grief. This five-week session is from April 10-May 6, every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. in Room 132. Email linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327 to register.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Calling all sewists & aspiring sewists! Mission Sewing meets on Tuesdays (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) and Thursdays (10 a.m.-noon) in Room 115. We accept all skill levels—even beginners. We provide machines, materials & fun conversations. Contact Sallie Veenstra at reesveenstra@aol.com with questions.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – No meeting this week. We’ll see you at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20. Meet in the Young Adult Room for dinner and a chance to get to know Sarah Dunne Pickrell, coordinator of mission & engagement.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Programs on 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!

Farewell Reception for Rosemary Marshall

Long-time director of the Village Church Child & Family Development Center, Rosemary Marshall, is retiring at the end of this school year. Join us for a farewell reception in her honor from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the Child & Family Development Center (9900 Mission Road). This is a “come and go” open house with a short program at 6 p.m. in the children’s gym.

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.

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