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"Entry into the City" by John August Swanson

Palm Sunday **Service of Worship**

March 24, 2024 • 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Fanfare for the Prince of Denmark
by Jeremiah Clarke; arr. Jean-Michel Defaye; Andrew Bishop, trumpet

*Call to Worship (Zechariah 9:9-10)

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain: **All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,**

to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.** (Refrain)

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.** (Refrain)

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.** (Refrain)

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!** (Refrain)

Time with the Children

Anthem (9 a.m.)

Look! Someone's Coming!

by Jayne Southwick Cool; Lighthouse Kids

Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Ruling Elder Ann Flanders (9 a.m.)

Ruling Elder Ron Witzke (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

The Practice of Welcoming

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Call for the Offering

Offertory

When, His Salvation Bringing

by Howard Helvey; Andrew Bishop, trumpet & 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. 209

My Song is Love Unknown

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Ride On, King Jesus
arr. Mark Ball; Village Choir

*Postlude

Love Unknown
arr. Benjamin M. Culli; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7 p.m.* Gathering service with footwashing, Friendship Hall, Mission Campus

7 p.m. Tenebrae service with communion, Antioch Campus

Good Friday, March 29

7 p.m.* traditional service in the Sanctuary, Mission Campus

Noon-3 p.m. Good Friday Vigil, the Antioch Campus Sanctuary will be open to spend time in silence and prayer. Scripture will be read on the hour.

Easter Sunday, March 31

8, 9:30*, 11:15 a.m.* traditional services in the Sanctuary;

5 p.m.*. The Gathering service (alternative worship) in Friendship Hall, Mission Campus

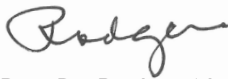
9:30 a.m.* Antioch Campus

**Child care is available during these services in Room 109.*

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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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.boyce@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.boyce@villagepres.org

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.

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 through March 26, Friendship Hall, led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Enjoy a continental breakfast then engage in a study on significant men in the Bible. To make a reservation for breakfast, register online at shop.villagepres.org/cl004-mens-breakfast-and-bible. Cost: \$7. Pay in person.

Climate Change: What Will Happen? 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 25, in Room 132. The class will highlight current and potential climate-change impacts and discuss actions we can take. Register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

"Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" Book Study Groups – 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, April 2-30 with Rev. Chad Herring Interim senior associate pastor in Room 132 or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, April 4-25 & May 2, with Jim Marshall in Room 127. Village Church is engaging in a lively conversation about race, community, equity and asking how we can be agents for building God's beloved community. Register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

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. 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. Kids ages 6 weeks and up are welcome in 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.

Easter Egg Hunt – Join us today between services on the south playground for an all-ages egg hunt. We will stagger to make it fair and fun for everyone! (Rain plan - Friendship Hall)

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

Flowering the Cross – Join us to spread some Easter cheer! Sign your family up to hand out flowers to create our beautiful crosses. Seats will be reserved in the Sanctuary for those families volunteering to help. Contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

This week we are asking for main dish items, the kinds that are easy to prepare – just open the can and eat cold or warm: ravioli, tuna, beef stew, canned chicken, Spaghetti-O's, etc. The Clothes Closet needs new underwear for children and adults, all sizes.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

One Great Hour – Today we will receive for One Great Hour of Sharing. Offering gifts are distributed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), Self-Development of People (32%) and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%). Make checks to Village Church and note "One Great Hour" in the memo.

Village Community Garden – By supporting the garden, you are supporting the Village Food Pantry. Serve for one to two hours from the end of March through October. Sign up for a shift at bit.ly/villagecommunitygarden or contact Jim Porter at portersonkessler@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Kansas City Wind Symphony presents Audissey – A Musical Journey – 3 p.m. today, March 24, Mission Campus Sanctuary. A tour of music from around the world, featuring music by legendary wind composers Frank Ticheli and Percy Grainger. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring Kyle Jones, saxophone & Jessica Koebbe, piano – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Grief Knows No Age – When you are blessed to have a loved one in your life for many, many years, their death is that much harder. Join us for Faith and Grief at noon on Tuesday, April 2, in Friendship Hall. Guest speaker Linda Alley shares stories about her Gram who lived to almost 107. If you would like a boxed lunch, make a reservation at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

Widowers' Support Group Meets Thursday Mornings – Find understanding, comfort & support if you are grieving the loss of your wife with other men who know what you are going through. Every Thursday at 9 a.m. in Room 132.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women – Come honor the three newest inductees: Becky Anderson, Carole Pugsley and Suzanne Rumold at the Celebration of Faithful Women on Tuesday, April 23, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Register online at villagepres.org/pw or in person today. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m., program begins at 6 p.m.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Weekly programs – **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.).

Graduating Senior Dinner – All graduating seniors and their families are invited to join us for dinner from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 22. Visit villagepresyouth.org/senior-dinner to RSVP.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, April 14

Following the 11 a.m. worship service at the Mission Campus

Following the 9:30 a.m. worship service at the Antioch Campus

All are invited to share a lunch in Friendship Hall at the Mission Campus or potluck brunch in Fellowship Hall at the Antioch Campus, to reflect on our ministry in 2023, hear a report about the 2024 budget and envision how God is calling us to action. If you would like to come to the Mission Campus meeting, RSVP to laura.hobbs@villagepres.org.

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. Boyce, director of mission & engagement
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Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music • Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor
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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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