



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

March 26, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Peter was following Jesus. That's a good thing. From their first encounter, Jesus called Peter to follow. Yet, the text states that Peter follows "at a distance." The distance shows up not in yards or miles on the ground, but in the kind of distance measured in the human heart. From that distance, fear is real, and denial is possible.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (9 a.m.)

arr. Aaron David Miller and Michael Burkhardt; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Joyful Celebration (11 a.m.)

by Sharon Elliott Cheek; Village Ringers

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call To Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Creator of the morning light,

we worship You, the giver of life.

Redeemer of the mourning heart,

we worship You, the giver of life abundant.

God of love,

we live for you, for you are our help, our hope and our home.

*Hymn, No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

Time and again you call us to follow you.

Sometimes we are so faithful it is like we are dancing on the waters.

Sometimes our faithfulness seems incomplete.

Other times we miss the mark completely.

We thank you, O God, that you continue to call us,

and that when we fail to follow, you come to us. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

The musical score is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The music features a mix of whole, half, and quarter notes, with some rests. The final measure of the bass part ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Prayers of the People and 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

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn; Lauren Stokke and Kailynn Byrne, soloists; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Christine Lewis (9 a.m.); Elder Bob Wilhelm (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 22:31-33, 54-62 (pg. 961)

Sermon

This is What Grace Looks Like

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

Hope in God give us courage for the struggle.

The people of God have sometimes misused God's promises

As excuses for doing nothing about present evils.

But in Christ the new world has already broken in
 and the old can no longer be tolerated.
 We know our efforts cannot bring God's promised day.
 But hope plunges us into the struggle
 For victories over evil that are possible now.
 Hope gives us courage and energy
 To contend against all opposition toward God
 That is in us and in the world,
 To live toward God's promised day.
 Jesus is Lord!
 He had been Lord from the beginning.
 He will be Lord at the end.
 Even now he is Lord.

*Hymn



What a friend we have in Je - sus, — all our sins and griefs to
 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y -
 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of
 bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in
 where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in
 care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our re - fuge; take it to the Lord in
 prayer! O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we
 prayer! Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows
 prayer! Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in
 bear, all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 share? Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Contemplation on Beautiful Savior (9 a.m.)
 by Matthew Compton; Morning Bells
Let All Things Now Living (11 a.m.)
 arr. Cathy Moglebust; Village Ringers

*Sung Response

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 649 (v. 1-4)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

*Postlude

Oh, Love, How Deep
arr. Healey Willan; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

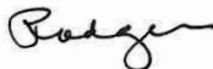
WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

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, stick around after the service. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors. We have tons of programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. Give us a try; soon you might also be calling this place "home."



Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Co-Pastor



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Co-Pastor

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Register for Spring Village U Classes at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

The Tortoise and the Hare: A discussion of the upcoming Farm Bill and the Inflation Reduction Act – With Josh Svaty, 7 p.m. Monday, March 27, Room 126. The historic Inflation Reduction Act and new Farm Bill have significant implications for agriculture and our environment.

Spiritual Journeys from the Saints – Bob Fletcher, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 12-26, Room 126. We will discuss the spiritual practices that St. Francis and St. Ignatius have given to us. We will take time in each class to experience and practice the spiritual journey gifts that both saints have lent to us and see where they might fit into our walk in life today.

Transgender Persons, Faith, the Bible and the Church – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 12-26, Rooms 132 & 133. A transgender person is someone whose gender identity does not correspond with their sex assigned at birth. Participants in this class will explore what the Bible says about transgender persons, what the church is saying and how transgender persons are seeking to live their faith.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during the 9 a.m. service. Infants to 2-year-olds can be dropped off in Room 114. **Preschool 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-6th Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are located outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

Easter Egg Hunt – 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 2. On Palm Sunday, join us between services on the south playground at the Mission Campus for an all-ages egg hunt. We will stagger the start to make it fair and fun for everyone!

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is asking for condiments this week: salt, pepper, mayo, mustard, ketchup, vinegar, other spices. The Clothes Closet has an ongoing need for new or gently used bath towels, washcloths, dish cloths and kitchen towels. Help restock the shelves and racks at the Clothes Closet!

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

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 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.

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Dine in before your Village U class or take it home. Activities for kids. \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

Last Call for Artists – Village's 17th Annual Art & Hors d'oeuvres event is Friday, May 5, and we are looking for local artists to display their work. Space is limited. Applications are due April 1. Email Sarah Dunne Pickrell for the application form: sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org.

MUSIC

Old, New, Borrowed & Blue – 3 p.m. today in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Kansas City Wind Symphony presents a program of favorites with guest conductor Dr. Amy Knopps. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital with Horn Player David Gamble – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, April 13. Mission Campus Sanctuary. A “Meet the Artist” reception will follow. Free admission.

Piazzolla’s Four Seasons of Buenos Aires – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Kansas City Premiere of Piazzolla’s “Four Seasons” will feature Village Players leader and violin soloist Destiny Ann Mermagen alongside cellist Michael Mermagen in a concert showcasing local talented Village Players Youth performing with orchestral professionals. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Consider Making an Easter Lily Donation – Your \$15 donation in memory of a loved honors that person, whose name will be printed in a future Good News newsletter. Donations are accepted up through Easter Sunday, April 9. Purchase online at shop.villagepres.org/pastoral-care-counseling or send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person to the Janice Gill, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208..

If You Are Grieving... Consider attending Growing through Grief, a five-week series that offers support and comfort, every Wednesday from April 12-May 10. You are welcome to eat at Wednesday Family Dinner and then come to class at 6 p.m. in Room 124. The series is offered at no cost and is open to both members and the community. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women is This Saturday, April 1 – We would like to start the program promptly at 10:30 a.m. (10:40 a.m. at the latest). Therefore, you are invited to begin gathering at 10 a.m. in Rooms 232/233 to pick up name tags and find your table assignment.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY for people in their 20s & 30s

For opportunities for connection in Lent, go to: VillagePresYA.org!

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Graduating Senior Dinner is April 24 – Calling all graduating seniors! We are having a dinner in your honor at the church at 6 p.m. Monday, April 24. Details will be coming in the mail and updated in this spot as well. Save the date on your calendar. Families are welcome.

Summer Registrations Are Open – Summer trip registrations are open for MS Float Trip (June 27-29), HS Montreat (July 8-15), and MS Mission Trip to Denver (July 27-Aug 2). For more information and to register, go to villagepresyouth.org and click on Trips.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 2 – 9 a.m. service with Children’s Palm Parade and 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary; 5 p.m. The Gathering in Friendship Hall

Maundy Thursday, April 6 – 5:30-7 p.m. The Gathering service and dinner, Friendship Hall; 7 p.m. traditional service in the Sanctuary. We encourage 7 p.m. worshipers to park in the north parking lot closest to the Sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 7 – 7 p.m. traditional service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 9 – 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. traditional services in the Sanctuary; 5 p.m. The Gathering service (alternative worship) in Friendship Hall

Child care is available during the 9:30, 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. services. Additional parking is available at Prairie Elementary School across the street from the church.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Get a Life

Walking in Peter's Footsteps

Feb. 26-April 9

This Lent, Rev. Tom Are, Jr. will journey with the Apostle Peter. Peter was the first disciple to be called and among the last to fall away. He had moments of brilliance as well as utter failure. Peter shows us that life is a gift which is both ordinary and a fathomless mystery. It can be as mundane as Monday, but it is also the space in which holiness shows up. The invitation of Jesus, to all he encountered, was to live a particular life. It is a life that God intends for us. Such a life is one that is centered in God and attentive to neighbor. Peter had the courage to follow this invitation, and he discovered that Jesus eventually gave his life that we all might get a life... a life that God intends for us.

Feb. 26	Where It All Begins
March 5	When the Best of Times are the Worst of Times
March 12	You Can't Avoid Chaos
March 19	Do We Ever Know Enough?
March 26	This is What Grace Looks Like
April 2	Palm Sunday – There Is No Stopping This
April 9	Easter

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., co-pastor • Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, co-pastor

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyce, director of mission & engagement

Will Breytspraak, director of music • Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry

Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications • Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry • Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music

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 • Alice Whitson, director 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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