



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

April 2, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

It was a parade which lasted most of the day.
There was singing and people spread their cloaks
on the ground to prepare the way for the king.
Like all parades, this one came to an end.
But the truth of this day will never stop.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Trumpet Tune and Air

by Henry Purcell; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call To Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

They went out to meet him shouting "Hosanna!"

They carried palm branches in their hands**and they carried hope in their hearts.**

The parade was for a day,

but the Hosannas continue. Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn, No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Anthem

A Joyful Hosanna (9 a.m.)

by Becki Slagle Mayo; Morning Stars Choir

Time with the Children: The Story of Jesus Riding into Jerusalem

Hymn, No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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 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.

Prayer for Illumination Elder Katie Hull (9 a.m.); Elder Esperanza Lemon (11 a.m.)

Scripture Luke 19:29-40 (pg. 957)

Sermon *There Is No Stopping This* Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 200 *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem *All Glory, Laud and Honor*
by Caleb French; Village Choir

*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. 198 (v. 1-3) *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

*Postlude

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

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

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

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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

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. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

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

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

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.

Transgender Persons, Faith, the Bible and the Church – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 12-26, Rooms 132 & 133. 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.

Everyday Earth Day with Environmental Theologian & Author Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull – 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 22, Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull will discuss what it looks like to make creation care integral to everything we do as Christians and why it matters so urgently now.

Electric Car Expo – noon-3 p.m. Saturday, April 22, south parking lot of Mission Campus. Local electric car enthusiasts will display their all-electric and plug-in hybrid/electric vehicles. Email apphs58@yahoo.com for more info.

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 – Join us from 10:15-10:45 a.m. today 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

This week we are asking for non-alcoholic beverages: juices, flavored water, soda, juice boxes, coffee (K cups, instant or ground), tea. Please no glass! Plastic or cans preferred. The Clothes Closet asks for your gently used clothing. We also need kitchen items: pots, pans and cooking utensils.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

One Great Hour – Today, 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 – There will be no dinner on April 5. Join us for the next meal from Chef Andrea Bradley on April 12. \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon on Monday, April 10, at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

MUSIC

2nd Thursday Recital with Horn Player David Gamble – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Mission Campus Sanctuary. David is a member of Village Church and plays with the Kansas City Symphony. 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. Free admission. 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.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

"The Caregiver's Path-Anxiety And Love" – Pamela Manning is the guest speaker at this week's Faith and Grief gathering when she will talk about caring for her mother for five years after her mother suffered a stroke. Join us at noon on Tuesday, April 4, in Friendship Hall. A box lunch is provided. Registration is helpful but please come even at the last minute.

Easter Lily Donations Accepted Through Easter Sunday – Your \$15 donation in memory of a loved one honors that person, whose name will be printed in a future Good News edition. Your donation also helps the Flower Ministry. Visit the Village Store 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.

Growing through Grief is a five-week series that offers support and comfort to those who have lost a loved one. The next class will be held at 6 p.m. every Wednesday from April 12-May 10 in Room 124. This class series is open to both members and the community. There is no cost but registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

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

Cabin Campout: April 14-16, Clinton State Park. Join us for a cabin campout as we explore the "wilderness" of Clinton Lake together. Read more and sign up: VillagePresYA.org/camp.

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.

Village Golf – Tees off the 2023 season at Fred Arbanas/Longview on Tuesday, April 25 (first tee time 8 a.m.). Email bradsteil@everestkc.net by April 14 to reserve your spot on a four-player team. Men and women from the Mission and Antioch campuses and their friends are welcome. Join the Village Golf Facebook Group by scanning the QR Code.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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. If church parking lots are full, you may park 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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