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**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

April 7, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Alice Whitson

Introit

Reverberations
by Sallie Lloyd; Village Ringers (9 a.m.)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
by Barbara Kinyon; Morning Bells & Helen Hofmeister, director (11 a.m.)

*Call to Worship

Rev. Chad Herring

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*Hymn No. 509 (v. 1,3)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Prayer of Confession

Living God,

**We have journeyed with you once again
from the parade to the last supper,
from the cross to the empty tomb.**

**We have been reminded once again
of your power, your love, your goodness and grace.**

Forgive our short memories.

Forgive our small faith.

**Forgive us for living for ourselves
even after you have shown us the better way.**

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new
that we may know the joy of life abundant
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating the syllables are spread across the notes.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Miles Muehlbach (9 a.m.)

Gloria Baker (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Psalm 34:1-10

Sermon

Called to Worship

Rev. Alice Whitson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 404

What Is This Place

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Prayer

by Englebert Humperdinck,
arr. Janet Linker & Jane McFadden; Village Rings (9 a.m.)

Festival Capriccio
by Barbara Kinyon; Morning Bells (11 a.m.)

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen!**

*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. 37

Let All Things Now Living

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good!

*Postlude

Holy Manna
arr. Dale Wood; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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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, 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

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.

Shawnee Indian Mission Pilgrimage – 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at 3403 W. 53rd St., in Fairway. Learn about human rights, slavery, Manifest Destiny, land use and the life of indigenous children who were educated at this Kansas State Historic Site. RSVP by April 24 to lorenzenandsons@yahoo.com.

Village Golf – 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, at Fred Arbanas/Longview. The 2024 season is here! Men and women from the Mission and Antioch Campuses and their friends are welcome in this fellowship group. Email Brad Steil at bradsteil@everestkc.net by April 14 to reserve your spot on a four-player team.

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.

FOOD PANTRY

We are requesting cereal this week: hot (Cream of Wheat, oatmeal, instant oatmeal) and cold (Raisin Bran, Oatmeal Squares, Grape-nuts). We all know the importance of a good breakfast to start out the morning. As you're cleaning and organizing your closets and dresser drawers, the Clothes Closet can use warm-weather clothes: shorts, t-shirts, short-sleeved shirts and blouses.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Be The Church with Kanbe's Markets – Learn about Kanbe's Markets and the work they do to address hunger in our community. Leave knowing how you can get involved. 10:10-10:50 a.m. today in Friendship Hall. Contact hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org.

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

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

75th Anniversary Hymn Festival: Celebrating The Journey – 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Featuring the Mission & Antioch Campus choirs. "God's Promised Day" by Anthony Maglione and Ron Witzke is a 75th anniversary commissioned anthem that will premiere at this concert. Dr. Maglione is director of choral activities at William Jewell College. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Need A Little Help? Would a meal brought to you at home as you recover be helpful? Need assistance with a household task? The Helping Hands ministry can help with short-term needs like these. (We cannot provide rides to Sunday morning worship.) Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women – Calling all members and non-members for a time-honored tradition, the Celebration of Faithful Women, on April 23 at the Mission Campus in Friendship Hall. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6 p.m. Register online at pw.villagepres.org or in person this morning, April 7, at both campuses.

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 – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10. Meet in the Young Adult Room for dinner and a chance to get to know Angel Patterson, Associate Director of Youth Ministries.

Parks & Picnics – Young adult families, come join us for food and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Wassmer Park, 67 St & Roe Ave. RSVP requested - VillagePresYA.org/spring24

Love Your City Saturday-KC Wheel & Putt Putt – Let's have fun exploring our city together! Join us Saturday, April 27, 7-9 p.m. as we ride on KC's new 150 ft. observation wheel and play mini golf. 2485 Jefferson St, Kansas City, MO 64108. RSVP required at VillagePresYA.org/spring24

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

The Ways We Worship

We are a busy church. Across our ministries, we do many things: mission, education, fellowship, caregiving. But the one thing the church does that sets us apart from all other groups and organizations is worship of the Living God. But different churches worship God in different ways. In this sermon series, we will explore the different elements of our worship. From the call to worship to the confession of sin to our hymns and sacraments, we will explore how and why we worship the way we do.

April 7	Called to Worship - Rev. Alice Whitson preaching
April 14	Confession & Pardon - Rev. Chad Herring preaching
April 21	Hymnody
April 28	Scripture & Proclamation
May 5	Communion
May 12	Baptism
May 19	Pentecost

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. 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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