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**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

April 14, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Chad Herring

Introit

Butterflies

by Brendan Elligett; Janice Rawlings & Erika Wheeler, flute
& Chris Leaver, piano

*Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

We gather at the bold and bright sound of instrument and voice.

We come to worship the God of all creation.

We gather amidst the greetings of friends and strangers.

**We come to worship the God who makes us all one,
who loves us unconditionally.**

We gather in the solitude of reflection and the quiet of prayer.

We come to worship the God whose Word speaks to us, and through us.

Praise be to God! Let us worship God together.

*Hymn No. 366 (v. 1-3)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

we are amazed at your abiding care for us:

how you comfort us when we are troubled,

offer us rest when we are weary,

sustain us through grief and hardship and guilt,

and never give up on us.

We confess that we often fall short of what you ask of us.

We delight in the failure of the people we perceive as enemies.

We fail to extend compassion to our neighbor in need.

Come, Almighty: deliver us from our shortcomings

and help us find our way to you,

that we might find ourselves changed and enlivened

by being your people in this world that you love. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

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

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

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an-swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

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.

Anthem

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
by Karen Marrolli; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Kate Adams (9 a.m.)
Caroline Morrison (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Psalm 51:1-3, 6-12

Sermon

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Rev. Chad Herring

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 444

Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Sunflowers

by Grant Horsley;

Janice Rawlings & Erika Wheeler, flute & Chris Leaver, piano

*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

*Hymn No. 436

God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;

let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:

changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Postlude

Toccata on "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
by Alan Smith; Helen Hofmeister, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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Today's call to worship from Glen Rainsley, Adapted.

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.

Electric Car Show – 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 20, south parking lot, Mission Campus. Local electric car enthusiasts will display their all-electric and plug-in hybrid/electric vehicles and discuss how EVs are 10 times cheaper to operate and five times more efficient than gasoline vehicles.

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 today to reserve your spot on a four-player team.

Men's Breakfast and Bible...Continues! 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, in Friendship Hall. Join the Men of Village Church as they carry on with a monthly meeting for friendship, fellowship and prayer. Continental breakfast will be served. Donations appreciated. Contact Harry at hsspindrift@aol.com or Mark at winningoutlook@gmail.com for more information.

Miracles in the Bible: Signs of God's Presence and Power – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 1, 8 & 15 in Rooms 132/133. Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor. Explore miracles in the Old and New Testament and better understand what they meant then and now. Register at village.org/village-u-community-classes. Child care is available & registration is required: bit.ly/VPCChildcare.

Celebrate Mental Wellness – 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 1 & 8 in Room 230. May 1: From Stigma to Support: Strategies for Discussing Mental Health Jacob Means, CIT, PLPC. May 8: Prioritizing You: Making Self-Care a Non-Negotiable, Kelsey McLaurine, PLPC, LPC. Register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes. Child care is available & registration is required: bit.ly/VPCChildcare.

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.

Today is Family Worship Sunday – No Lighthouse today. Children are always invited to worship here at Village, but we give an extra welcome to kids on "Family Worship Sundays" when we don't have our usual Lighthouse programming.

6th Grade Move-Up Brunch – 9 a.m. May 5. All 6th Graders and their families are invited as we celebrate moving from Children's Ministry into Youth Ministry! We will have a brunch just for you in the Youth Loft (Room 333) and you'll hear about the Youth Ministry opportunities that begin this summer. RSVP at villagepresyouth.org/6th-grade-brunch to find out more.

FOOD PANTRY

We are requesting **peanut butter** this week and preferably in smaller (16-18 oz.) plastic jars. Each shopper can receive a jar on their visit so the Pantry can never have too much peanut butter. The Clothes Closet is asking for pots and pans of all sizes and a variety of cooking utensils.

MISSION

Blood Drive – Donate between 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in Rooms 132 & 133 at the Mission Campus. Sign up at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip and enter the zip code 66208 and April 23. Walk-ins are also welcome. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Would You Like To Receive Home Communion? If you are homebound, our deacons and elders would be happy to bring the bread and cup to you. Home communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. Contact Hillary at hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women – Calling all women to attend on April 23 at the Mission Campus in Friendship Hall. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6 p.m. Register online by April 18, at pw.villagepres.org or contact Laura Hobbs at laura.hobbs@villagepres.org.

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 17. Meet in the Young Adult Room for dinner and a chance to get to know Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of Youth Ministries.

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 Today

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.

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	Create in Me a Clean Heart - Rev. Chad Herring preaching
April 21	Hymnody
April 28	Scripture & Proclamation
May 5	Sacrament of Communion - Rev. Sally S. Wright preaching
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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