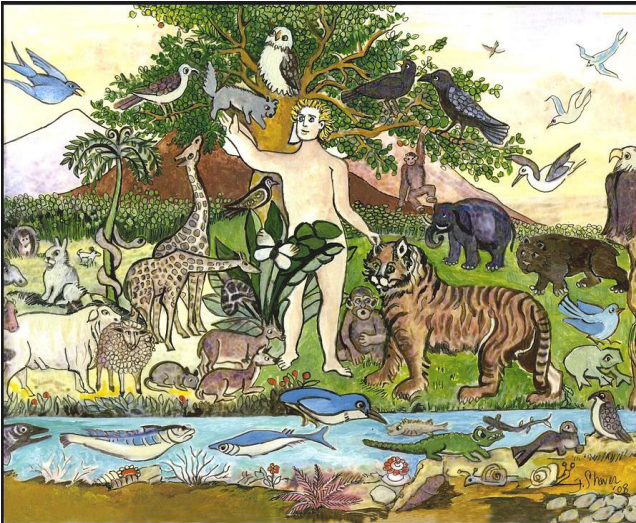




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

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Service of Worship

April 16, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

The Water Is Wide
arr. Daniel Kallman; Amy Jantz, clarinet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
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*Hymn, No. 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Gracious God,
in these days of Eastertide,
while we still sing, "Hosanna!"
while we celebrate the day of days,
while we break the bread of new creation,
while you have triumphed over death,
yet even now, the signs of sin and sadness are still around us.
Forgive us, O God, for our selfish ways.
Turn our hearts to you. Raise our spirits from the caverns of despair.
Help us to live as your Easter people. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



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*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (9 a.m.); Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Genesis 2:1-19 (pg. 2)

Sermon

You Name It, You Take Care Of It Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 14 (v. 1-4)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

For This Joy
by Susan LaBarr; Amy Jantz, clarinet & Village Choir

*Sung Response

**For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(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.)

Communion Anthem

Grant Us Your Peace (9 a.m.)

by Felix Mendelssohn; Village Voices

Give Me Jesus (11 a.m.)

arr. Tom Trenney; Elijah Tang-Spiegelman, tenor

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 15 (v. 1-4)

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Ride On, King Jesus (9 a.m.)

by Joe Cox; Village Voices

Amen (11 a.m.)

by Peter Lutkin; Village Choir

*Postlude

Lasst uns Erfreuen

arr. Thomas Pavlechko; 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, 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



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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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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

Giving – You may give to Village Church at villagepres.org/giving or scan the QR code.

Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at bob.sperry@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Everyday Earth Day with Environmental Theologian & Author Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull – 10 a.m.-noon this 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. There will also be an Electric Car Expo from noon-3 p.m. in the south parking lot.

Locating and Organizing Files, Folders and Pictures on an Apple Computer – Taught by Dee Couch, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22, Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Road. We'll explore how to manage your documents and pictures on an Apple computer. Topics include using proper naming conventions, Finder and Tags to easily find information. Registration is required.

Matthew 25: Jesus' Challenge to the Church – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka and leaders from the Building Beloved Community Committee of Village Church, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, Rooms 132&133. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has created a new initiative based on Matthew 25 to challenge us all to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty. Class participants will explore how Village Church will live out these goals.

The Gospel According to Ted Lasso – Join Rev. Melanie Hardison for informal conversation about the storyline, characters and life lessons learned in this Apple TV series. Although "Ted Lasso" may not be an explicitly Christian show, do you detect Christian themes? Let's gather over coffee from 10:15-10:45 a.m. in Friendship Hall and discuss on Sunday, April 23, May 14 and June 11. Look for the "BELIEVE" sign!

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.

New Quarterly Series for Parents: Raising Future Adults Together – Join Kim Knowle-Zeller, co-author of "The Beauty of Motherhood," from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, in Room 307 for readings and time to dive into scripture to explore how God is speaking in your early motherhood journeys. Her book provides refreshment, encouragement and empowerment—explore pregnancy, birth, body image, delight, loss and more.

Village Preschool-Mission Campus – Are you interested in returning to the classroom part-time? We are looking for part-time classroom teachers for our 4-year-old and 5-year-old classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year. If interested in learning more about the positions, contact Sarah McKee – sarah.mckee@villagepres.org or 913-671-2338.

FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet is moving to spring and summer clothing, so they are asking for all kinds of donations that reflect our warmer weather and are asking you to save the fall and winter clothing to donate later in the year. Thanks for all your donations. The Food Pantry no longer has a need for empty plastic water bottles. Please recycle them at home.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon on Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

Blood Drive – Donate between noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in Rooms 132 & 133 at Village on Mission. Sign up at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip and enter the zip code 66208 and April 25. Walk-ins are also welcome. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 for more info.

Art & Hors d'oeuvres – From 5-7 p.m. on Friday, May 5, come stroll through displays by artists of all ages and enjoy tasty food from Chef Andrea. Art will be displayed throughout the building at the Mission Campus.

Mission Sewing Needs Fabric & Blankets – We need cotton prints of assorted designs especially those suited for children or Christmas. Each print should be a minimum of 1 yard, clean and unused. Hospitals need blankets for adults receiving chemo. Mission Sewing also has free yarn for those who would like to knit or crochet a blanket. The Sewing Room, located on the first floor at the Mission Campus, is open from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday. Or you may call Mary Jo at 913-788-0712 to arrange another time to drop off your donations.

MUSIC

Piazzolla's Four Seasons of Buenos Aires – 3 p.m. Sunday, April 23, Mission Sanctuary Campus. Performed by Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi, piano. A reception will follow. Tickets are available at the door.

Light Eternal – 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Village Choir & Chamber Choir will perform Philip Glass' "Echorus" & James Bingham's Requiem. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be collected for the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Thank You to Those Who Delivered 220 Easter Lilies! On Saturday, April 1, and throughout Holy Week, 81 volunteers took Easter lilies to members all over the metro area, from western Shawnee to Lee's Summit, Kansas City, southern Overland Park and way up north past the airport. Receiving a lily from their church family means so much to our recipients, and we could not do it without you.

Update Your Emergency Contact Information – This information is extremely helpful when an injury or illness happens at the church, or if you are hospitalized and we need to locate you. Fill out an emergency information card or let Linda Alley know your contact person's name, phone number and relationship to you. Contact Linda at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.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. on Monday, April 24. Join us for a great night of celebration, and family is welcome. You can register at villagepresyouth.org/senior-dinner.

Youth Week is June 4-8 – Registration is open for all Youth Week Events! Join us on any or all the days as we visit Worlds of Fun, meet up to hammock, compete at Main Event, play pickleball and more. To sign up, visit shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries.

Summer Registrations Are Open – Believe it or not, summer is around the corner. Summer trip registrations are open for Middle School Float Trip (June 27-29), High School Montreat (July 8-15), and Middle School Mission Trip to Denver (July 28-Aug. 2). For more information and to register, go to villagepresyouth.org and click on Trips.

UPCOMING SERMONS

April 23 Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Darren Kennedy

April 30 Jesus and the Least of These – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching

MAY SERMON SERIES

Do I Have a Story for You!

The first stories in the Bible are both familiar as well as complicated. You know the names—Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, as well as that story of the Tower of Babel. These old stories are not about people who lived at the beginning of humankind. They are stories about the whole human family. The ancient wisdom found in these first stories points to our place as well as our responsibilities in God's world. In this series, we will walk with God "at the time of the evening breeze." We will see what we can learn from a talking snake. We will discover how familiar the first brothers can be to us. And we will discover the risk to us all when "the whole earth had one language and the same words." These are stories our ancestors in the faith loved to tell. After all these generations, they still reveal truth about ourselves that we need to know. Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaches this series that runs May 7-28.

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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