



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Road to Emmaus by Chinese artist He Qi

## Service of Worship

April 23, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*A Carol for All Seasons* (9 a.m.)

by Terry Price; Village Ringers

*Love Divine* (11 a.m.)

arr. John Behnke; Morning Bells

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker (9 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka (11 a.m.)

Call To Worship

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

**The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

Holy, holy, holy is the God of the universe.

**For God alone is worthy of praise.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

**who was and is, and is to come.**

\*Hymn, No. 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful and mighty God,**

**we sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"**

**and we praise your name.**

**We know you are perfect in power and love and purity;**

**We know we are not perfect in using power for good.**

**We are not perfect in loving others.**

**We are not perfect in being pure in our thoughts and actions.**

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

**Lead us by your grace to live boldly as your children and as your church.**

(Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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

Anthem

*A Joyful Ring* (11 a.m.)

by Barbara B. Kinyon; Youth Bell Ringers

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come, Ho - ly Spir - it,

come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to make us one.

Come, Spir - it, come. Come, Spir - it, come.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer  
by Alfred Malotte; Village Ringers (9 a.m.)  
Dr. Ron Witzke, bass (11 a.m.)

Prayer for Illumination

Larry Sneegas (9 a.m.); Rachel Priest (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35 (pg. 964)

Sermon

*Mission Road*

Rev. Dr. Darren Kennedy

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 693

*Though I May Speak*

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Come By Here*  
by Kyle Pederson; Village Choir

\*Sung Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 761 (v. 1-3)

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

\*Postlude

*Fantasy on "Nicaea"*  
arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

*\*All who are able may stand*

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**Seeking Nominations for Church Officers** – Are you interested in serving as an Elder, Trustee or Deacon for Village Church? Do you know someone you would like to recommend? The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon and would welcome your suggestions. Email any recommendations to [Marsha.Hansen@villagepres.org](mailto:Marsha.Hansen@villagepres.org). Send recommendations by May 5.

## 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  
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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](http://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](http://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](mailto:kidsinfo@villagepres.org).

**Prepare for baptism** – For infants and children, contact [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org). For adults, contact [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@villagepres.org).

**Plan your wedding** – Contact [weddings@villagepres.org](mailto:weddings@villagepres.org)

**Add someone to the prayer list** – Contact [pastoral-care@villagepres.org](mailto:pastoral-care@villagepres.org)

**Join the church** – Contact [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@villagepres.org)

**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving) or scan the QR code.

Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at [bob.sperry@villagpres.org](mailto:bob.sperry@villagpres.org) or 913-671-2325.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Register for Spring Village U Classes** at [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes).

**The Gospel According to Ted Lasso** – Join Rev. Melanie Hardison for discussion of the storyline, characters and life lessons in this series. Although “Ted Lasso” may not be an explicitly Christian show, do you detect Christian themes? 10:15-10:45 a.m. in Friendship Hall today, May 14 and June 11.

**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 PC (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.

**Basic Apple Computer** – 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, and 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, taught by Dee Couch. Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Road. This class is designed for new users or those needing a basic overview of the features of the Apple computer. Registration is required; choose only one of the date options.

## 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.

## FOOD PANTRY

Peanut butter is the request for this week, preferably in smaller (16-18 oz.) plastic jars. The Clothes Closet, besides requesting spring clothing, asks for clean pots and pans and cooking utensils.

## 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](http://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](http://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 enjoy art displayed throughout the building by artists of all ages and enjoy tasty food from Chef Andrea. Mission Campus.

**Mission Sewing Needs Fabric & Blankets** – They are asking for cotton prints of assorted designs (a minimum of 1 yard), clean and unused. Hospitals need blankets for adults receiving chemo. 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.

## MUSIC

**Classic Jazz in Four Hands** – 3 p.m. today in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. 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. Free admission.

**Bachathon** – 2-5 p.m. Sunday, May 7, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents a concert of J. S. Bach’s solo, chamber and choral works. Come when you can, leave when you must! Free admission. A free will offering will be collected.

**Invitados Especiales y Favoritos** – 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Mission Campus Sanctuary. This Kansas Wind Symphony concert features guest violinist Dunia Navarro and guest conductor Juan Jose Navarro. Free admission.

**2nd Thursday Recital with Navo Arts Ensemble** – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Mission Campus Sanctuary. A “meet the artist” reception will follow. Free admission.

## **PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING**

**Grieving a Suicide** – Join us for Faith & Grief Support Gathering at noon on Tuesday, May 2, in Friendship Hall when guest speaker Dennie Oades-Souther shares how she felt when her friend committed suicide. A boxed lunch is provided; registration is helpful but not required. Everyone is welcome. To register, go to [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings).

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**WOW Mid-spring Lunch Gathering** – Join us at noon, Wednesday, May 3, LongHorn Steakhouse, 9551 Metcalf. We would love to share conversation, fellowship, and tasty food with you and perhaps a friend of yours. RSVP to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or [dianelee@att.net](mailto:dianelee@att.net) by Tuesday, May 2.

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Graduating Senior Sunday** – Our graduating seniors will lead us in worship at the 5 p.m. Gathering service on April 30. Join us for the service and support our seniors as they reflect on God’s presence in their lives and invite us to reflect on our own spiritual journeys.

**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](http://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](http://villagepresyouth.org) and click on Trips.

### **About Today's Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Darren Kennedy**

Darren grew up in Village Church and is currently serving as a professor of theology and the academic dean at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt. He worked as a summer intern at Village Church in 1991-1993, full-time as director of senior-high ministries from 1993-1996 and was ordained at Village. Village Church has supported his work as a PC(USA) mission co-worker in Egypt since 1999. Darren studied the politics and economics of the Middle East as an undergraduate at Princeton University. He earned his M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary and later his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh. He is married to Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Kennedy. Their two boys were born in Cairo (Calvin in 2000 and Sammy in 2003).

## UPCOMING SERMONS

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.

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## 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. Boyice, 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

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We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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