

75 | VILLAGE CHURCH  
YEARS

*The Ways We Worship*

**scripture &  
proclamation**

**Service of Worship**

April 28, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters: Stephen Ministry

Introit

*Rondeau Classique* (9 a.m.)

by Arnold Sherman; Morning Bells & Helen Hofmeister, director

*Jubilant Procession* (11 a.m.)

by Jane McFadden; Village Ringers

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 119)

Rev. Chad Herring

Happy are those whose way is blameless,

**who walk in the law of the Lord.**

Happy are those who keep God's decrees,

**who seek God with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.**

For God's word is a lamp to our feet.

**and a light to our path.**

\*Hymn No. 459

*O Word of God Incarnate*

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,**

**you call us to bear your true light to the nations.**

**You offer your word to us as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**

**Yet we confess that we too often hide your light from others.**

**We confess that we prefer to walk in shadows  
rather than on the path you set before us.**

**Forgive us, O God, for our selfish ways.**

**Help us to share your light with all of your beloved children so that they, too,  
may enjoy your light and walk in your ways. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

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

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\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Anthem

*Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us*  
by Robert A. Hobby; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Dornbusch (9 a.m.)  
Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Nehemiah 8:1-12

Sermon

*Ways We Worship:*  
*Scripture & Proclamation*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn No. 451

*Open My Eyes*

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (9 a.m.)  
arr. Frances Callahan; Morning Bells  
*Fantasy on Southern Folk Hymns* (11 a.m.)  
by Margaret R. Tucker; Village Ringers & Helen Hofmeister, organ

\*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. 679

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Congregational Meeting

That the congregation concur with the request of the Rev. Sally Wright that Heartland Presbytery dissolve her pastoral relationship with Village Church.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*  
arr. Paul Laubengayer; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*

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### **Congregational Meeting Today**

The Village Church Session has called a congregational meeting following each worship service at both campuses today for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with Rev. Sally S. Wright. Sally will be preaching at all worship services on Sunday, May 5. Join us for a churchwide Farewell Reception for Sally in Friendship Hall on May 5 following the 11 a.m. service at the Mission Campus.

## 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](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

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Subscribe to **Village Pres Sermon Podcasts** on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify & Stitcher.

**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](http://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](mailto: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](http://villagepres.org/sunday-morning-classes).

**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](http://village.org/village-u-community-classes). Child care is available & registration is required: [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](http://bit.ly/VPCChildcare).

**Village Golf** – Join us May 14 at the classic Swope Memorial golf course. Email Brad Steil at [bradsteil@everestkc.net](mailto:bradsteil@everestkc.net) by April 30 to reserve your spot on a four-player team. Men and women from the Mission and Antioch campuses and their friends are welcome in this fellowship group.

**One Voice One Night** – 6-7:30 p.m. May 7. Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Nall Ave, Leawood. Good Faith Network, a Johnson County interfaith group pursuing justice in the local community, is focusing its efforts on mental health, housing, and homelessness. You are invited to unite with this powerful voice of advocacy!

## 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.

**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! Enjoy 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](http://villagepresyouth.org/6th-grade-brunch) to find out more.

## ENGAGEMENT

**Art & Hors d'oeuvres** – 5-7 p.m. on Friday, May 3, come enjoy art displayed throughout the Mission Campus building by artists of all ages. Enjoy amazing food and grab some delicious desserts by J's D'Vine D'Lite. Admission is free.

## FOOD PANTRY

We are requesting **cereal** this week. Each family can receive at least one box or bag of cereal each time they shop (more if it's a large family). The Clothes Closet needs jeans! Clean, all sizes: men's, women's and children's.

## MISSION

**Village U Mission Sunday Series** – 10:15-10:50 a.m. Sunday, May 5, Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Learn about Habitat for KC their mission and the many opportunities to get involved with the organization. No RSVP necessary!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Kansas City Wind Symphony presents Bravo Broadway** – 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5, Mission Campus Sanctuary. A revue of some of the biggest hits of the Great White Way, including “Chicago” and “West Side Story.” Free admission.

**2nd Thursday Recital featuring Michael Bauer, organ** – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 9, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Faith & Grief Welcomes Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka on May 7** – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will talk about the seven lessons he has learned about death. Faith and Grief is in Friendship Hall from noon-1 p.m. Facilitated small group discussion happens after Rodger’s presentation. If you would like a boxed lunch, register at [faithandgrief.org](http://faithandgrief.org).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night** – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. Meet in the Young Adult Room for dinner and a chance hang out with Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for Media Ministry.

**Parks & Picnics** – Young adult families, come join us for food and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Mohawk Park, 67 St & Lamar. You bring the family, we’ll bring the food! RSVP requested - [VillagePresYA.org/spring24](http://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 Seniors Lead Worship Tonight** – Join us for the Gathering service at 5 p.m. tonight as our graduating seniors lead us in worship. It is always a great service and they love your support and encouragement!

**Confirmation Sunday on May 19** – Join us as we celebrate this year’s Confirmation class during the 11 a.m. service on May 19. We will welcome them as the newest members of Village, and pray for them as their faith journeys continue.

**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)

# 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.

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| April 7         | Called to Worship - Rev. Alice Whitson preaching         |
| April 14        | Create in Me a Clean Heart - Rev. Chad Herring preaching |
| April 21        | Hymns and Songs  |
| <b>April 28</b> | <b>Scripture &amp; Proclamation</b>                      |
| May 5           | Sacrament of Communion - Rev. Sally S. Wright preaching  |
| May 12          | Sacrament of Baptism                                     |
| May 19          | Pentecost  |

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyce, 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

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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](http://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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