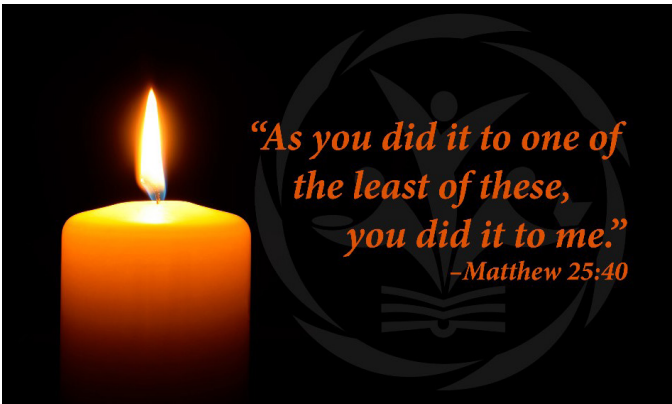




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

April 30, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Passacaglia in D Minor, BuxWV 161
by Dieterich Buxtehude; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters: Presbyterian Association of Musicians

Kelly Abraham

Call To Worship (Micah 6:8)

Rev. Sally S. Wright

With what shall we come before God to worship God?

Shall we come with sacrifices of animals?

Shall we come with sacrifices of possessions?

Shall we come with sacrifices of time?

Shall we come with sacrifices of talents?

God has told us what God requires of us:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*Hymn, No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

*Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

you used your hands to heal, to lift up, to bless, and to show kindness and tenderness in wounded lives.

Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides when we could be reaching out in love.

Lord Jesus,

you used your hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

Forgive us when we use our hands only to take care of ourselves without any thought for those who are hungry or in need.

Lord Jesus,

you used your hands to welcome and to include those who were considered outcasts.

Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people simply because they are different from us.

Lord Jesus,

open our hands and our hearts to love as you loved and to care as you cared.

Lord Jesus,

forgive us when we fail to see you in the faces of all peoples around us and around the world. (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

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

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Beth Winetroub (9 a.m.); Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-40 (pg. 904)

Sermon

Jesus and the Least of These

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 762

When the Poor Ones

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace

arr. Linda Maxey; Theodore Musick, marimba

*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. 295 (v. 1-3)

Go to the World!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go to the world! Go as the ones I sent, for I am with you till the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Postlude

Minuet I in G Major

by J.S. Bach; Theodore Musick, marimba

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

A "passacaglia" is a piece of music improvised or composed upon a repeated musical idea. In this case, Buxtehude repeats the same musical theme in the pedal, while the hands play different variations as the piece progresses. When we consider our role as Christians, we must keep the job description always in our minds, on repeat: serve, love, seek out, lift up. Serve, love, seek out, lift up. Atop that familiar calling we should always discover new ways to live it out. What ways of serving the least of these are still effective? What ways could stand to be updated?

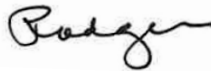
WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

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.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

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 3-17, 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 for new users or those needing a basic overview of the features of the Apple computer. Registration is required.

Intermediate Apple Computer – Taught by Dee Couch, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 13, 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Road. Explore some of the little-known features found in Notes and Numbers. Registration is required.

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

The Food Pantry is asking for cake, brownie, cookie, muffin mixes as well as frosting, small bags of flour and sugar, vegetable oil, etc. The Clothes Closet is asking for new or gently used bed linens: sheets (top and fitted, all sizes) and pillowcases.

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.

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.

Cross-Lines Volunteer Opportunity – Every other month, Village Church serves a meal to 150-250 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Join us on Friday, May 12, to serve lunch to our neighbors in need. Learn more and sign up at villagepres.org/cross-lines-kitchen or contact Jim Bolton: jcb3823@gmail.com.

MUSIC

Light Eternal – 3 p.m. today in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Village Choir & Chamber Choir will perform Philip Glass' "Echorus" & James Bingham's Requiem. Free admission and love offering for Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

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.

Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert – 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Mission Campus Sanctuary.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Faith & Grief Support Gathering Meets this Tuesday – Dennie Oades-Souther is our guest speaker at this month's Faith & Grief gathering. If you have experienced the loss of someone from suicide, or know someone who has, join us when Dennie shares how she felt when her friend committed suicide. Register for a boxed lunch at faithandgrief.org/gatherings. We meet at noon on Tuesday, May 2, in Friendship Hall.

Learn More about Alzheimer's – Prisca Asaro, program director at the Alzheimer's Association, Heart of America, is the guest speaker at the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in Rooms 132/133. You do not have to be a Stephen Minister to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW Mid-spring Lunch Gathering – Join us at noon, Wednesday, May 3, LongHorn Steakhouse, 9551 Metcalf. RSVP to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net by Tuesday, May 2.

Amazing Graces – Join us for a casual gathering from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Meadowbrook Park, Shelter #2. We'll have cookies and ice cream treats for you as we enjoy some of our favorite music performed by local guitarist Mike Ashley. You may want to bring a chair and a (non-alcoholic) beverage. The event is free. Please RSVP to becky.anderson418@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Final Week of Programs is May 7-11 – Our last week of school-year programs is the first full week of May. Join us in our last days of regular-year programs (for a full list, visit villagepresyouth.org). Weekly summer programs start on June 11.

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

Service of Ordination & Installation for Alice Whitson – 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Reception following in Friendship Hall. All are invited.

Village Golf – Our May outing is at the Sunflower Hills golf course on May 16. Email Brad Steil at bradsteil@everestkc.net by May 12 to reserve your spot on a four-player team. Men and women from the Mission and Antioch campuses and their friends are welcome.

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. Send recommendations by May 5.

UPCOMING 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.

- May 7 It’s Not Good in the Garden.
- May 14 I Have a Better Idea.
- May 21 Even God Can Be a Troublemaker.
- May 28 They All Had One Language. (Sure they did.)

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

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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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