



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

May 7, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

The Bible begins with some remarkable stories. They read like stories of people who lived at the beginning of time, but they are better understood as stories that describe what is true about all people. At the most basic level, these stories bear witness to what is good and what is not good.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Te Deum

by M. A. Charpentier, arr. Michael Stewart; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call To Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

God, you exalted Jesus and gave him the name above every name.

The life of Jesus stands for unconditional love, forgiveness and humility.

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

In Jesus we are loved, forgiven and humbled.

Jesus made himself nothing, by taking the very nature of a servant.

We, too, are called to be servants of love, forgiveness and humility.

We gather with the Spirit in joy and thankfulness for all that Jesus is.

We gather to praise the one who reveals the true nature of God.

*Hymn, No. 664

Morning Has Broken

*Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord,

we come before you at different stages in our lives,

but all with struggles to live the way you want us to:

we become distracted,

we look only to our own interests,

we fail to follow your guidance in our daily lives.

Forgive us when we fall short of your expectations.

We ask for patience from you and from one another

as we navigate the challenges of the paths before us.

Help us recognize ways to live our faith. (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

Welcoming the Confirmation Class of 2023 (11 a.m.)

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.**

Anthem

Draw the Circle Wide (9 a.m.)
by Mark Miller; More Love Chorale

Child of God (11 a.m.)
by Mark Miller; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

Margo Billingsley (9 a.m.); Lucinda Hendrickson (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 (pg. 2)

Sermon

It's Not Good in the Garden

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 459 (v. 2 choir only)

O Word of God Incarnate

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

All Glory, Laud and Honor
by Melchior Teschner; arr. Dana Emerson; Village Brass

*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. 462

I Love To Tell the Story

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Peace I Leave With You (9 a.m.)
by Amy Beach; More Love Chorale
The Lord Bless You and Keep You (11 a.m.)
by Peter Lutkin; The Village Choir

*Postlude

Saints Bound for Glory
arr. Dwight Gustafson; Village Brass

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
Co-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. 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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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.

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.



The flowers in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Russell A. Hasemeyer & Helen Rossiter Hasemeyer by their daughter Ruth Draper.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Intermediate Apple Computer – Taught by Dee Couch, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 13, and 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Road. This class is designed to explore some of the little-known features found in Notes and Numbers. Topics covered include combining multiple documents into one PDF file, document editing and using formulas to enhance spreadsheets. Registration is required; choose only one of the date options.

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: 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.

FOOD PANTRY

This week we are asking for personal-care items: bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine-hygiene products, adult-sized incontinence underwear (for men and women). The Clothes Closet requests warm-weather clothes: shorts, T-shirts, short-sleeved shirts and blouses (adult and children—all sizes).

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.

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

Bachathon – 2-5 p.m. today 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. today in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. This Kansas Wind Symphony Concert features guest violinist Dunia Navarro, guest conductor Juan José Navarro and the Ångström Brass. 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

Find Out More About Alzheimer's – Prisca Asaro, program director at the Heart of America Alzheimer's Association, will be the guest speaker at the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in Rooms 132/133-Mission Campus. You do not have to be a Stephen Minister to attend—all are welcome to come and listen to her presentation.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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. RSVP to becky.anderson418@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Final Week of Programs This Week! This week is our last week of school-year programs! Join us for high school youth group (tonight, 6:30 p.m.), Lofternoons (after-school hang out for middle school, Tuesday, 4 p.m.) and middle school youth group (Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.). For more details, visit villagepresyouth.org. Weekly summer programs start 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 – All are invited to come at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. A reception follows the service in Friendship Hall.

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.

Congregational Meeting – Session has called a Congregational Meeting to celebrate and give thanks for the ministry of Rev. Hallie Hottle and dissolve the pastoral relationship that she might be free to accept the call from First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, California. The meeting will be convened following the 9 a.m. service at the Mission Campus and repeated following the 5 p.m. Gathering Service on Sunday, May 21. A celebration of Hallie's ministry will follow the Congregational Meeting at The Gathering.

CURRENT 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

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.

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