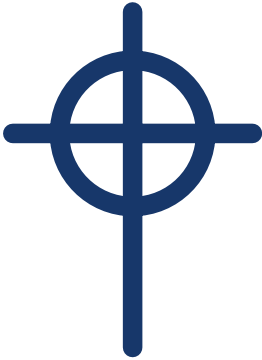




# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

May 28, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

The story claims that there was a day when all the people of the earth spoke one language. That would surely aid communication. It would certainly benefit unity. If we all spoke the same language and used the same words, it would obviously be easier for everyone to be on the same page. Why did God confuse their language and scatter the people?



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Chorale Prelude on "Munich"*  
by Aaron David Miller; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Call To Worship

Open my lips, O God,  
**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
May you be praised by all people,  
**in every language throughout all of time.**

\*Hymn, No. 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,**  
**You call us to be a light to the world,**  
**and a demonstration of your promised day.**  
**But our dreams are much smaller.**  
**Forgive us when our hope is timid,**  
**and our faith is fragile.**  
**May we see in each other that which you see in us all.** (Silent Prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

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

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for a hymn. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with the first system ending on a whole note chord and the second system ending on a whole note chord.

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination	Sandy Linson (9 a.m.); Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)
Scripture	Genesis 11:1-9 (pg. 8)
Time with the Children	
Anthem	<i>In Christ Alone</i> by Keith and Kristen Getty; Elena Green, piano
Scripture	Acts 2:1-13 (pg. 992)
Sermon	<i>They All Had One Language. (Sure they did.)</i> Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 288	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>
Offertory Anthem	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> arr. Richard Walters; Bonny Green, soprano and Trent Green, tenor

\*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

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.)

Prayer of Response

\*Hymn, No. 610 (vs. 1-4)

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

Postlude

*Toccata*  
by John Weaver; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*  
© A-705103 for all hymns

## 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](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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**Church Entry Will be Impacted by Mission Road Construction** – Prairie Village is raising the height of Mission Road between Tomahawk Road and 67th Terrace to protect the houses on the west side of Mission Road from occasional flooding. The church will be impacted by this construction. In the next week and running until Sept. 1, Mission Road will be closed from Tomahawk to the entrance into our south parking lot just north of the 67th Terrace intersection. That means no access to the church from the south on Mission Road. Access will only be from the north.

**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@villagepres.org](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**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 June 11. Look for the “BELIEVE” sign!

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**No Lighthouse Today.** Children are encouraged to worship with their families.

**Sunday Funday** (Summer Lighthouse) begins June 4. All elementary schoolers (ages 5-incoming 6th graders) meet in our big room (307/9/11.) Ages 2-4 meet in Room 107. Babies and toddlers combine in the nursery (Room 114). Feel free to wear summer play clothes because we might get dirty and messy with paints, etc.

**Inviting you to Family VBS at the Mission Campus** – This intergenerational Vacation Bible School will be held three Wednesday in June (June 7, 21 and 28) from 6-7:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall. We will eat dinner and work with a unique nonprofit each evening. Register at [villagepres.org/summer](http://villagepres.org/summer).

## FOOD PANTRY

This week we are focusing on dental hygiene: toothpaste, toothbrushes (adult and children) and floss. The Clothes Closet requests gently used accessory items: purses, wallets, handbags, belts, costume jewelry, hats and caps, sunglasses, etc. Thank you.

## MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

**Emergency Assistance** – Each month, Village Church gives thousands of dollars in emergency rent and utility assistance to support our neighbors in need. Learn more and donate at [villagepres.org/emergency-assistance](http://villagepres.org/emergency-assistance).

**Community Garden Volunteers Needed** – The Village Church Garden offers opportunities for people of all ages and experience levels to serve. All produce collected supports the Village Food Pantry. Learn more and sign up at [villagepres.org/community-garden](http://villagepres.org/community-garden) or contact Jim Porter at 913-634-5880.

## MUSIC

**Te Deum presents Monteverdi’s Venetian Vespers of 1641** – 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Mission Campus Sanctuary. In collaboration with the Kansas City Baroque Consortium. We will bring to life for the first time in Kansas City this music of deep faith, infectious charm and musical virtuosity. Tickets at [te-deum.org](http://te-deum.org).

**Summer Choir** is back July 9, 16, 23 and 30! Arrive to the Mission Campus Chapel at 10:10 a.m. to get your music and enjoy a short rehearsal of the day’s anthem. Sit with the congregation in the pews and come to the front steps when invited to share a choral anthem for the 11 a.m. service (usually offertory). All are welcome!

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Cindy Obenhaus is our Guest Speaker at Faith & Grief Support Gathering** – Join us at noon on Tuesday, June 6, in Friendship Hall for our next Faith & Grief Gathering. Cindy Obenhaus, a NICU nurse, shares how she found herself in the midst of heartbreak with the death of her own granddaughter, Grace. Facilitated small group discussions follow her presentation. A box lunch is provided for those who pre-register; register at [faithandgrief.org/events](http://faithandgrief.org/events). All are welcome.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW Horizons Bible Study Workshop** – All women are invited to participate in a workshop from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12, in Friendship Hall, Mission Campus, with this year's Bible study author, Rev. Olive Mahabir. Registration is now open at [villagepres.org/pw](http://villagepres.org/pw). The \$25 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Any registration after the July 29 deadline will incur a \$10 late fee. Child care is available. Contact [laura.hobbs@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.hobbs@villagepres.org) with questions.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** for people in their 20s & 30s

**Stay up to date at:** [VillagePresYA.org](http://VillagePresYA.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Intern Meet & Greet** – Come and meet our summer interns from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, June 1, in the Youth Loft. And yes, there will be snacks. Our summer interns start on Tuesday and will both learn and plan a lot in their first week. They are most excited to meet students and parents!

**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).

**Scripture Readers Needed** – We are signing up volunteers to read Scripture in the services during the summer and fall. If interested, email [theo.musick@villagepres.org](mailto:theo.musick@villagepres.org)

**Village Golf** – Join us at the Sycamore Ridge golf course on June 13. Email Brad Steil at [bradsteil@everestkc.net](mailto:bradsteil@everestkc.net) by June 6 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.

**AARP Safe Driver Course** – Learn research-based safety strategies to help keep you safe while on the road. After taking this newly updated course, you may be eligible for a multi-year discount on your car insurance! (Consult your auto insurance agent for details.) Saturday, June 3, Village Church Mission Campus. Call Alan Shirling to register at 913-608-4299.

**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)

# UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

## Why Church?

The Pew Forum on Religion in Public Life reports that nearly a quarter of American adults say that they have no religious affiliation, an all-time high. The majority of these persons say they are “spiritual, but not religious.” American young adults, persons in their 20s and 30s, share common critiques of “organized religion.” A majority of them say the church is full of people who are judgmental and hypocritical. Further, they say the church is anti-gay, anti-women, and anti-science. In this preaching series, we will explore these criticisms as we seek to answer the question: Why Church?

- June 4     Because we’re trying to be real. - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
- June 11    Because love is God’s gift. - Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyice preaching
- June 18    Because women are called. - Rev. Anna Owens preaching
- June 25    Because we see God in science. - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching

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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

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. 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](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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