



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

June 4, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Prelude and Sarabande (9 a.m.)
by Archangelo Corelli; Brady Hull, trumpet
Intermezzo from String Quartet in A minor (11 a.m.)
by Felix Mendelssohn; Evelyn Holmes & Gabi Griggs, violin;
Hazel Ecklund-Johnson, viola; Sarah Powers, cello

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship (Psalm 36)

Rev. Melanie Hardison

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.

God's faithfulness to the clouds.

God's righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

God's judgments are like the great deep oceans.

How precious is God's steadfast love!

that all creation may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.

So rejoice for God is King!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

*Hymn, No. 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that the actions of our lives do not always match the words of our mouths. We say one thing and do another. We give you praise and then talk badly about a friend. We sing songs of thanksgiving and complain about small things. We ask for your grace and then are quick to judge others. Forgive us, O God, for our hypocrisy and our tendency to judge. Hold us in your love and let us live as you call us to live. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

**This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!' The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second line.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

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

Dee Couch (9 a.m.); Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Romans 14:1-12 (pg. 1034)

Sermon

Why Church? Because we're trying to be real. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 822

When We Are Living

Offertory Anthem

Allemande (9 a.m.)

by Archangelo Corelli; Brady Hull, trumpet

Fuga in g minor (11 a.m.)

by Jan Adam Reincken; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*Sung Response

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 300 (vs. 1-3)

We Are One in the Spirit

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**All praise our creator, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!**

Postlude

Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"

by Brenda Portman; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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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.

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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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 or scan the QR code.

Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at bob.sperry@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Fix for Fast Fashion: Clothing as a Spiritual Practice with Rakmi Shaiza – 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 5, Room 126. The class will focus on the environmental impact of the overproduction, overconsumption and rapid discarding of cheap clothes. What are the impacts of fast fashion on workers who make our clothes? Who profits from this business model? What can we as citizens do to support garment workers and change this exploitative system?

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? Join the discussion from 10:15-10:45 a.m. June 11 in Friendship Hall, Mission Campus. Or 10:30 a.m. Aug. 20 at the Antioch Campus. Look for the “BELIEVE” sign!

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday Funday (Summer Lighthouse) begins today. 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.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is requesting CEREAL – Hot, cold, sweet, whole grain. Your favorite or your child's favorite – our shoppers will love to try it. The Clothes Closet is looking for baking dishes, mixing bowls, kitchen utensils like wooden spoons, spatulas and measuring cups. Thank you.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

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 or contact Jim Porter at 913-634-5880.

MUSIC

Te Deum presents Monteverdi's Venetian Vespers of 1641 – 3 p.m. today in the 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.

Violin Favorites – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join Village Players leader and violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen for a Duo Recital with world-renowned pianist Hyunsoon Whang. Music of Brahms, Kreisler & Vieuxtemps. Featuring the Village Players Youth String Quartet debut. Free admission.

Summer Games in the Welcome Center & Cup Courtyard – Starting this Sunday, come to the Welcome Center & Cup Courtyard to play summer games like cornhole, ladder golf, Jenga Giant, Connect 4 and sidewalk chalk. Games will be available every Sunday morning through Aug. 27.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Join Us this Tuesday for Faith & Grief Gathering – All are welcome to join us at noon this Tuesday, June 6, in Friendship Hall, when Cindy Obenhaus, a NICU nurse, will share her story of 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.

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. 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 with questions.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Week is This Week – All week long we have events happening for all students who have finished 6th-12th grade. We are heading to Worlds of Fun, a Monarch's game, playing pickleball, having fun at Main Event and more! Come to any or all the events. To sign up, visit shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries.

Summer Programs Start June 11 – Weekly summer programs begin on Sunday, June 11. This summer, each week we have **Post-Gathering Gathering** (Sundays, 6-7:30 p.m., finished 6th-12th grade, discussion and dinner at the Village shops), **MS Evenings** (Mondays, 7-9 p.m., youth group for finished 6th-8th grade), **HS Late Nite** (Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m., youth group for finished 9th-12th grade), Service Days (Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., finished 6th-12th grade). Sundays meet by the south entrance; all others meet in the Youth Loft.

Come and Hear About Haiti – Join church member Dr. Ted Higgins from 10:10-10:50 a.m. on Sunday, June 18, in Friendship Hall for an update the Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope in Haiti. Dr. Higgins built and opened this pay-what-you-can surgicenter in 2016. It has grown to include maternity, dental and staff housing. Hear how the dire situation in Haiti is impacting the surgicenter and innovative ways that they continue to serve the world's most underserved people.

June is Pride Month across the globe. It is a time to recognize and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. Village Church will be present at this year's KC PrideFest, June 9-11, at Theis Park (across from the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art). Come say hello! More information about the festival can be found at kcpridealliance.org.

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.

Village Golf – Join us at the Sycamore Ridge golf course on June 13. Email Brad Steil at 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.

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

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.

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

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