



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

June 25, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Sonata from "Die Bankelsangerlieder"
Anonymous c. 1684; Brass Quintet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

For the Lord is a mighty God,

and a great King above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are God's also.

The sea is God's, for God made it,

and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our maker!

For God is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

*Hymn, No. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we sing of your goodness and power. We sing of your wisdom and wonders. Yet if we are honest, we are reluctant to trust our lives to your goodness and power. We continue to act as if we know better for ourselves.

We call on you only when we are troubled and need you. We rely more on our decisions than your wisdom. Forgive us, mighty God. Help us to trust you more than ourselves. Help us to seek you in all times and in all ways. (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

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 Bruce Williams (9 a.m.); Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)
Scripture Romans 12:1-2 (pg. 1033)
Sermon *Why Church? Because we see God in science.*
Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 26 *Earth and All Stars!*
Why Village Matters Stephen Ministry
Commissioning of New Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders (9 a.m.)
Offertory Anthem *Be Thou My Vision*
arr. Kay Lovingood; Brass Quintet

*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. 12 (v. 1-3) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

Postlude

A Trumpet Minuet
by Alfred Hollins; Steve Burk, organ

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

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

Steve Burk, organ and piano; Paul Cornelson and Matt LaMar, trumpet;
Casey Chlapek, horn; Ryan Beck, trombone and Angie Thurmond, tuba

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



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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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Welcome Our New Stephen Ministers – Today we celebrate the commissioning of our new Stephen Ministers, Larry Evans and Cheryl Moormann, and two new Stephen Leaders, Anne Bayless and Karen A. Reimer. These faithful individuals have received more than 50 hours of training so that they may walk alongside those who are grieving and facing life’s transitions. We are truly grateful for the spirit of grace and truth in these members.

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 Beth Conner by Ed & Susan Conner.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Building Beloved Community – This committee typically meets from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month in Room 132 and is always open to new members. The next meeting will be July 9, followed by Aug. 6. The work of the committee will focus on diversity, equity and inclusion specifically around race and ethnicity but also including gender, sexual orientation and identity, age and ability. Contact rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org.

Progressive Pilgrimage to Holy Land – Join Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from April 10-20, 2024 on a journey to the Holy Land for close encounters with the land of ancient Judaism and Christianity. Watch the scriptures come to life as you walk through the wilderness and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Experience modern religious traditions, worshiping with Palestinian Christians and walking down the Mount of Olives. Registration is now open at progressivepilgrimage.com/village424. Space is limited. Visit villagepres.org/holyland2024 for details.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday Funday (Summer Lighthouse) – 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.

Please note that there will be no child care Sunday, July 2, for both morning and evening services due to the holiday weekend.

FOOD PANTRY

Independence Day is around the corner and the Food Pantry is requesting items for a cookout: salt & pepper, mustard, catsup, barbecue sauce, baked beans, pickles, etc. Fourth of July paper napkins would be fun. The Clothes Closet has a need for CLEAN new or gently used bath towels, washcloths, bath mats and kitchen towels.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Ice Cream Social – You're invited to our 48th annual Ice Cream Social celebration at the Mission Campus from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, June 30, featuring Kaleidoscoops ice cream, hot dogs and activities for families. Come for the free fun and to learn more about our Mission Partner organizations. Please park in the north lot or the Prairie Elementary School parking lot across the street.

Blood Drive at the Antioch Campus – Come donate blood between noon and 4 p.m. Thursday, July 6, in Fellowship Hall at the Antioch Campus. Donors will receive two ticket vouchers to see the Kansas City Royals. Walk-ins welcome!

MUSIC

Summer Choir starts 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. All are welcome!

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Flower Ministry Needs Vases – Each Sunday, small arrangements are made from the Chancel flowers and taken to Village Church members who are in area hospitals, recovering or simply under the weather. We are requesting vase donations of any size, preferably 6-8 inches tall with 3- to 4-inch openings. Drop them at the south entrance reception desk. Thank you for your support of this outreach ministry. Email Hillary.Mackowski@villagepres.org with questions.

No Faith & Grief Gathering in July – Due to the 4th of July holiday, there will be no Faith & Grief lunch in July. Join us for the next gathering at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 1, in Friendship Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mission Sewing – Calling all knitters and crocheters! Mission Sewing has an abundance of yarn; and we need people to make hats, mittens, scarves, baby hats and blankets. You will need to supply your own needles or crochet hooks, but we have patterns, if needed. We meet in Room 115 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and we look forward to seeing you. Contact Sallie Veenstra at reesveenstra@aol.com for more information.

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

Happy Hour – 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, at Social in Waldo. Join us for eats, drinks and casual conversation. If you're looking for an easy way to meet other people in this community, this is for you! RSVP: VillagePresYA.org/upcoming

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Summer Programs – 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.

High School Montreat Trip – We head for the mountains of North Carolina again this year on July 8-15, and invite all completed 9th-12th graders to join us for a trip that students consistently hail as both fun and life-changing. More information and registration can be found at villagepresyouth.org/montreat.

MS Mission Trip to Denver – Our middle school service trip this year is heading to Denver (July 28-Aug. 2) where we will serve in various areas as well as explore the city. Join us for what is always an incredible trip for service, connection and fun! For information and registration, visit villagepresyouth.org/ms-mission-trip.

Village Golf – We play on a Monday in July! Register now for the July 10 outing at Tomahawk Hills in Shawnee, Kansas. Tee time is 8 a.m. The green fee with cart is \$33 for seniors. Email Brad Steil (bradsteil@everestkc.net) by July 1 to reserve your spot.

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. Starting in July 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.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

In Joy

Human beings need joy. Joy can result from the positive circumstances in our lives, but if positive circumstances are required, then joy will be elusive. No life escapes disappointment. No life escapes suffering. Yet, Christ teaches us that aided by courage and some practice, joy can find us even in hard times. To be in Christ is to learn to be in joy. Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaches this series.

- July 2 The Source
- July 9 The Practice
- July 16 The Community
- July 23 The Secret

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 Breyspraak, 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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