



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

July 2, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Hymn to Joy

Arr. Wayne L. Wold; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call To Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn, No. 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,**once again, we must admit that we have forgotten who we are.****We have forgotten what life is for.****We have come to this moment to be reminded****that we are your children.****To live as your children is the purpose of this and every day. (Silent Prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.); Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 15:3-10 (pg. 952)

Sermon

The Source

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 340

This Is My Song

Offertory Anthem

American Anthem

by Gene Scheer; Dr. Ron Witzke, bass

*Sung Response

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,

with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,

and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 611

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.**

**The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

Postlude

America the Beautiful
arr. John Dixon; 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
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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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 Dianne Eidson by Al Eidson & family.

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.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

No Preschool or Elementary Sunday Funday or child care today due to the holiday weekend.

FOOD PANTRY

Beverages are the requests from the Food Pantry this week: all varieties - (no glass, please) - juices, juice boxes, flavored or plain water, soda pop - all kinds, iced tea, tea bags, coffee (instant or ground), etc. The Clothes Closet has had many requests for pots, pans and cooking utensils - spatulas, scoops, ladles, etc. and baking equipment - cookie sheets, cake pans, cupcake pans and cooling racks.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

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. Walk-ins welcome!

Welcome, New Members – We welcomed 18 new Village Church members and families on Sunday, June 25, at the new member luncheon following worship. Our next luncheon and opportunity to join will be in August. Contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyice if you are considering becoming a member: dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

MUSIC

Summer Choir begins next Sunday through the end of the month. 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

No Faith & Grief Gathering This Week – 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.

Growing through Grief Class Starts July 12 – Growing through Grief is a five-week series that offers support and comfort to those who have lost a loved one. The next class will be held at 6 p.m. every Wednesday from July 12-Aug. 9 in Room 124. This class series is open to both members and the community. There is no cost, but registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

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 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

KC Current Game – 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22. Come cheer on the Current as they play the Houston Dash. Kids of young adults welcome. \$10 per ticket. RSVP required: 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.

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.

Prepare for baptism – For infants and children, contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org. For adults, contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org

Add someone to the prayer list – Contact pastoral-care@villagepres.org

Join the church – Contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org

SERMON SERIES

In Joy

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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

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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