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VILLAGE  
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



"Even the Dogs" by Cara B. Hochhalter

## Service of Worship

July 7, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Anna Owens

Introit

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
arr. Jan Kraybill; Dr. Elisa Bickers, piano

\*Call to Worship (Isaiah 35)

Rev. Alice Whitson

The prophet Isaiah declares:

**"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God."**

The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

**then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

**the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.**

\*Hymn No. 504

*We Come as Guests Invited*

Prayer of Confession

Maggie Johnson Phillips

**Gracious and holy God,**

**we confess to you that we are not always kind, not always welcoming,**

**not always helpful. We choose the easier thing - the easier option,**

**the easier person, the easier outcome.**

**We look away, pretending not to see what's right in front of us.**

**Forgive us for all the times we've failed to live up to your calling.**

**Help us to remember the good that is ours to do.**

**In Jesus' name we pray.** (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

\*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- ing, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men!

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (9 a.m.); Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Mark 7:24-37 (p. 917)

Sermon

*Table Scraps*

Rev. Anna Owens

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn No. 340

*This Is My Song*

Offertory

*Prayer*

by George Walker; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Call for the Offering

\*Response

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be; all  
 that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we give you thanks...

**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

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Response

\*Hymn

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;**

**for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;**

**to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word!**

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.**

**Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.**

**In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned!**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.  
You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind.**

\*Postlude

*The Stars and Stripes Forever*

by John Phillip Sousa; arr. E. Power Biggs; Drs. Elisa Bickers & Josh Maize, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*

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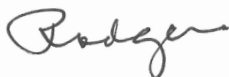
## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The prelude and postlude are offered as reflections on and celebrations of America's birthday. "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was arranged by Antioch Campus organist Dr. Jan Kraybill; she sensitively paints the insistent hope captured in this beloved African-American anthem. "The Stars and Stripes Forever" is the official national march of the United States of America. Written on Christmas Day, 1896, Sousa emphasizes the best values of this country: "Sing out for liberty and light, sing out for freedom and what's right. Sing out for unity and might, O patriotic band!"

## 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, I invite you to meet one of our pastors at the top of the ramp in the corner of the Welcome Center. As you leave the back of the sanctuary, turn right. We have cookies and coffee for you! We would love to know more about you and to share more about Village Church. Soon, you might also be calling this place, "home."



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka  
Senior Pastor

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Child Care** is available on the first floor during the 9 a.m. service. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2 and 3 to Room 109. Child care is also available during the 5 p.m. Gathering service; Kids ages 6 weeks and up are welcome in Room 109.

**Sunday Funday–Summer Lighthouse** – 9 a.m. now-July 21, Room 307. All elementary schoolers (ages 5-incoming 6th graders) meet in our big room (307). Ages 2-4 meet in Room 107. Babies and toddlers combine in the nursery (Room 114). Wear summer play clothes because we might get messy with paints, etc.!

## FOOD PANTRY

This week the Food Pantry is asking for **main-dish** items that make a quick meal for children and adults: canned tuna and chicken, ravioli, beef stew, Spaghetti-O's, hearty soups and meals in a can. The Clothes Closet is asking for new underwear and socks—all sizes for children and adults. These are items that are really needed. Thank you!

## MISSION

**Cross-Lines Volunteer Opportunity** – Six times a year, Village Church serves a meal to 150-250 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Join us on Friday, July 12, to serve lunch to our neighbors in need. One volunteer is needed to help with preparation from 10-11 a.m. and five volunteers are needed for serving from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit [villagepres.org/cross-lines-kitchen](http://villagepres.org/cross-lines-kitchen) or contact Jim Bolton at [jcb3823@gmail.com](mailto:jcb3823@gmail.com).

## MUSIC

**Summer Choir is July 14, 21 and 28** – Arrive at 10:10 a.m. to the Mission Campus Chapel to rehearse an easy anthem for the 11 a.m. worship service. The Summer Choir sits with the congregation for the service. New this year: Come to the optional Summer Choir rehearsal from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, in the Sanctuary for fellowship and to get a head start on learning the summer anthems (attendance is not required to participate in Summer Choir). All are welcome.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW Horizons Bible Study Workshop** – Join us from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 17, in Friendship Hall, Mission Campus, as we learn from the Bible study author, Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull, in person. The cost is \$25 per person and includes coffee and a continental breakfast. Register at [villagepres.org/pw](http://villagepres.org/pw) by Friday, Aug. 2.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**No Home Communion Today** – We're glad that the new process of bringing home communion has been so well received. After reviewing everything, the decision has been made to deliver home communion once a quarter. The next home communion date will be on World Communion Day, Oct. 6. Anyone who is interested or knows someone who'd like to receive this sacrament, contact Linda at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org). Home communion is also available anytime if requested.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Meet & Greet with Maggie Johnson Phillips** – If you're between 18 and 40, stop by the Young Adult Space on the lower level of the Welcome Center before or after worship today to grab some refreshments and to introduce yourself to Maggie, our director of young adult ministry and worship arts, and the Young Adult leadership team. Times are 10-11 a.m., noon-1 p.m. or 4-4:30 p.m.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Summer Programs** – Each week this summer we have **Post-Gathering Gathering** (Sundays, 6-7:30 p.m., finished 6-12th 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 9-12th grade), **Service Days** (Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., finished 6th-12th grade). Sundays meet by south entrance; all others meet in the Youth Loft.

**High Schoolers at Montreat** – Pray for our high school students who are in Montreat, NC this week meeting other students, living in community and worshipping with 1,000+ other students from all over the country. We look forward to hearing about the trip when they return!

**MS Mission Trip to Memphis** – Our middle school service trip this year is heading to Memphis (July 26-31) where they 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/summer](http://villagepresyouth.org/summer).

**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** – Contact [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org) for child baptisms and [chad.herring@villagepres.org](mailto:chad.herring@villagepres.org) for adult baptisms.

**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)

**Interested in joining Village Church?** – Contact [chad.herring@villagepres.org](mailto:chad.herring@villagepres.org)

**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving) or scan the QR code to the right.

Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at [bob.sperry@villagepres.org](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325.



# SERMON SERIES

## Table Graces

Throughout the Bible, the table holds a prominent place in the stories of God's people. From the directions to build a table around which the people may gather in Exodus, to God preparing a table for us in the presence of our enemies in Psalm 23, to Jesus overturning tables in the temple in Jerusalem, to his last supper around a table with his disciples, the table is place of power and hope and justice and righteousness and love. This summer, our pastors will be preaching on passages about the table as a source of grace for us all.

June 23	On the Way - Rev. Alice Whitson
June 30	Working with the Menu - Rev. Zach Walker
<b>July 7</b>	<b>Table Scraps - Rev. Anna Owens</b>
July 14	Tables Overturned - Maggie Johnson Phillips
July 21	A Table for Sinners & Saints - Rev. Chad Herring
July 28	This Table A Sanctuary - Rev. Melanie Hardison

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist  
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications  
Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Chad Herring, interim senior associate pastor  
Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music • Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor  
Maggie Johnson Phillips, director of young adult ministry & worship arts  
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. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

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Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

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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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