



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

July 9, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Joy is not limited to an experience. The deepest joy is the result of spiritual practice. There are many spiritual practices, and one practice is sabbath observance. When we remember what time is for, we remember what our lives are for. When we remember the purpose of each day, joy is easier to experience.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Song from "A Secret Garden" (9 a.m.)
by Rolf Lovland and Antti Hakkarainen; Erika Wheeler, flute
Fairest Lord Jesus (11 a.m.)
arr. Nigel Williams; Erika Wheeler, flute, and Anne Sneller, oboe

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call To Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

God who lives beyond time and space,
meet us at this time and in this place.
This is your day, O God; the day we set aside for you.

*Hymn, No. 393

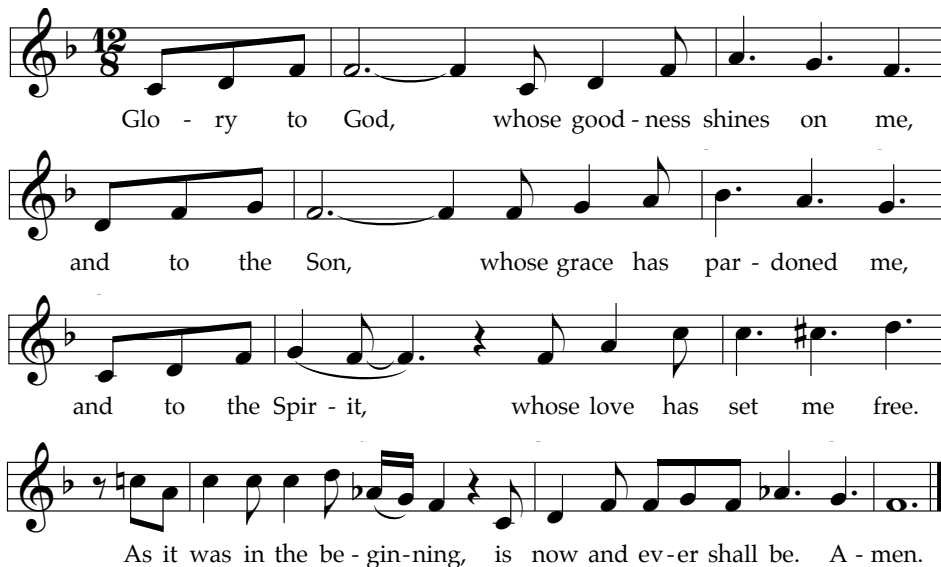
O Day of Rest and Gladness

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
our desire is to live each day shaped by your love.
Some days sharing love comes easily.
Other days are shaped by fear, anxiety or fatigue.
Our love for neighbor comes and goes,
but your love is steadfast and everlasting. (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.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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

Ron Witzke (9 a.m.); Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Exodus 20:8-11 (pg. 65)

Sermon

The Practice

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 402

How Lovely, Lord

Offertory Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing? (9 a.m.)
arr. Benjamin M. Culli; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

My Life Flows On (11 a.m.)

by Taylor Davis; Erika Wheeler, flute; Anne Sneller, oboe; Summer Choir

*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. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.**

**Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty 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

Postlude on "KINGSFOLD"
by Aaron David Miller; 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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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 committee will meet today, and again on 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

Sunday Funday (Summer Lighthouse) – During the 9 a.m. service, 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.

FOOD PANTRY

We're asking for peanut butter, all varieties – creamy, chunky, etc. (16-18 oz. plastic jars). Each shopper can choose at least one jar with their visit; that's a lot of peanut butter leaving our shelves. The Clothes Closet is looking for tableware items - plates, bowls, glasses, mugs, cutlery, etc. Your donations make our Pantry the success that it is. Thank you.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Cross-Lines Volunteer Opportunity – Every other month, Village Church serves a meal to 150-250 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Join us on Friday, July 14, to serve lunch to our neighbors in need. Learn more and sign up at villagepres.org/cross-lines-kitchen or contact Jim Bolton at jcb3823@gmail.com.

Summer Volunteering – Are you interested in volunteering this summer? Mission & Engagement can connect you to several opportunities to serve this summer in the church or at one of our many Mission Partner organizations. Contact Sarah Dunne Pickrell at sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org for more information.

MUSIC

Summer Choir continues July 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

You Can Still Register for Growing through Grief Class – Growing through Grief, a five-week series that offers support and comfort to those who have lost a loved one, starts this Wednesday, July 12. The 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.

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

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 Schoolers at Montreat – Pray for our high school students who are in Montreat, North Carolina 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 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

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

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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