



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

July 16, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Internationally renowned poet and author David Whyte has described joy as “a deep form of love...the fleeting presence of those we love understood as a gift.” Joy is not a solo act. Joy lives in me, but it is rooted in us.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Tribute

by Phil Snedecor; Wayne Bates, trumpet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call To Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

When the morning breaks,

we will rejoice in the Lord.

When our days are weary,

we will rejoice in the Lord.

In the face of the storm,

we will rejoice in the Lord,

for the Lord is our joy.

*Hymn, No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Prayer of Confession

God of power and God of love,

we must admit again that we have gotten wrapped up in ourselves.

We have thought too little of your ways,

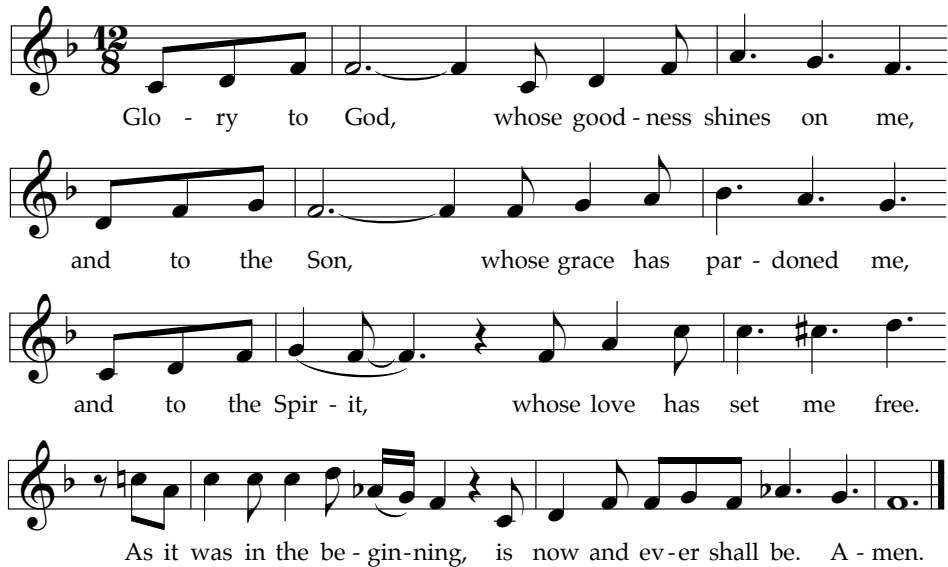
and placed too much confidence in our wisdom.

Wash away all failings and injuries,

that we might live this day shaped by your love. (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

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Sung Response

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**

Anthem (11 a.m.)

You'll Never Walk Alone

by Rodgers and Hammerstein; Stephanie Kneeman, mezzo-soprano

Prayer for Illumination

Linn Field (9 a.m.); Diann Markley (11 a.m.)

Scripture

2 Timothy 4:9-18 (pg. 1086)

Sermon

The Community

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 306 (v. 1,3,4)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Offertory Anthem

You'll Never Walk Alone (9 a.m.)

by Rodgers and Hammerstein; Stephanie Kneeman, mezzo-soprano

Down to the River to Pray (11 a.m.)

arr. Sheldon Curry; 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. 515

I Come With Joy

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, one forlorn, find wilderness reborn.**

**Hope blooms in a weary world
the promised green of Eden 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

Praeludium in C Major

by Georg Böhm; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's prelude is offered in honor of the life of Dan McIntire.

In the 1945 musical "Carousel," the familiar song "You'll Never Walk Alone" reminds the main character that, even when circumstances are dire, she'll find strength when she lets herself be carried by the light and love of others. Our Christian community is a gift: sometimes you are the care-er and sometimes you are the cared-for. Either way, we never walk alone.

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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Between morning worship services today, stop by the Village Kids’ lemonade and baked goods sale (in the Welcome Center and Friendship Hall). All proceeds benefit Answer ALS—a leader in ALS research. Thank you!

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 Daniel McIntire by Jan McIntire.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Social Justice Ministry – This committee meets from 7-9 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 127 and is always open to new members. The next meeting will be Aug 1. The committee seeks to identify priority areas for advocacy and responds through bold and faithful education and action in our church, denomination, city, state and nation. In all endeavors, we aim to live toward God's promised day. Contact rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org if interested.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during the 9 a.m. service. Infants to 2-year-olds can be dropped off in Room 114. Three and 4-year-olds meet in Room 107. Starting next week: Preschool and Elementary Sunday Funday is on summer vacation! Enjoy worshiping with your family July 23-Sept. 10. Fall Lighthouse will kick off on Sept. 17. Fall Lighthouse will kick off on Sept. 10. Stay tuned for more information.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism Today – Welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children at **9 a.m.**: Palmer Leighton Lyman (Amanda and Zach Lyman, parents) and Barnds Michael McLaughlin (Brittany and Seamus McLaughlin, parents). **11 a.m.**: August Allan Nelson (Jordan and Mark Nelson, parents).

FOOD PANTRY

We're asking for baking needs this week – small bags of flour, sugar (powdered, cane, brown), cake, cookie or brownie mixes, corn-muffin mixes, vegetable oil, etc. The Clothes Closet needs new or gently used bed linens: sheets and pillowcases—all kinds and sizes—top and bottom, flat and fitted, crib to King.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

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.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Would You Like to Receive Communion? Following Sunday worship on Aug. 6, deacons will be happy to bring the bread and cup to our homebound members. If you would like to receive communion, or know someone who would, email Hillary.Mackowski@villagepres.org.

MUSIC

Summer Choir continues through July 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!

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. Register 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.

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

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.

MS Mission Trip to Denver – Our middle school service trip this year is heading to Denver (July 28-Aug. 2) 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/ms-mission-trip.

Village Golf – We play Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Fred Arbanas / Longview. Email Brad Steil at bradsteil@everestkc.net by July 29 to reserve your spot on a four-player team. Cost is \$40 for seniors, and tee times begin at 8 a.m.

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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