



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

July 23, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

We conclude our series "In Joy" with some closing words from the most joyful letter in the Bible. Paul's letter to the Philippians ends less with a spirit of exuberance, and more with a sense of contentment. Perhaps, contentment is the soil in which joy blossoms.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*La Joyeuse*  
by Jean Philippe Rameau;  
Amy Jantz, clarinet; Janice Rawlings, flute

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call To Worship

Rev. Alice Whitson

Let the whole earth sing praise to Jesus Christ!

**In this place, in this moment, may Jesus Christ be praised.**

\*Hymn, No. 667

*When Morning Gilds the Sky*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,  
we have done what we thought we should do.  
But here, in your presence, we are reminded  
that you are the one who calls us  
to turn the other cheek,  
go the second mile,  
forgive seventy times seven,  
and rejoice always.**

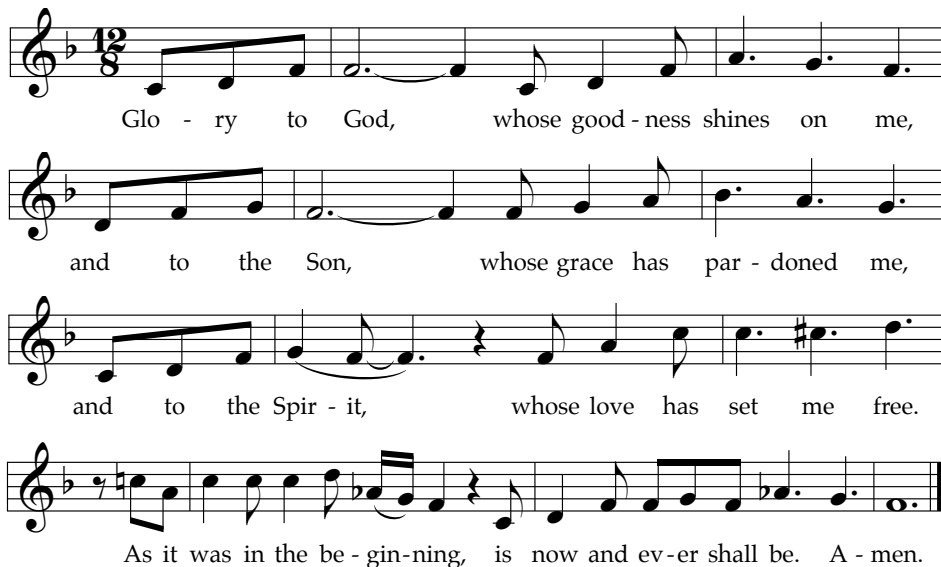
**In these, we have fallen short.**

**Forgive us and inspire us, that we might become who you call us to be.**

(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.**

Anthem (11 a.m.)

*Duo No. 2*

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart;

Amy Jantz, clarinet; Janice Rawlings, flute

Prayer for Illumination

Larry Sneegas (9 a.m.); Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-7,10-14 (pg. 1071)

Sermon

*The Secret*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 661

*Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

Offertory Anthem

*Duo No. 2 (9 a.m.)*

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Amy Jantz, clarinet and Janice Rawlings, flute

*Gloria from "Heiligmesse" (11 a.m.)*

by Franz Josef Haydn; 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. 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

\*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

*Pastoral Dance on "Simple Gifts"*  
by Andrew Clarke; Chris Leaver, organ

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Many thanks for today's musicians:

Chris Leaver, organ/piano; Amy Jantz, clarinet; Janice Rawlings, flute; Summer Choir

## 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](http://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](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

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



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Social Justice Ministry** – This committee meets from 6:30-8:30 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](mailto: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 this week: Preschool and Elementary Sunday Funday is on summer vacation! Enjoy worshiping with your family today-Sept. 10. Fall Lighthouse will kick off on Sept. 17.

## FOOD PANTRY

This week we're asking for personal care items: bar soap, body wash, body lotion, hand lotion, shampoo, hair conditioner, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, baby lotion, baby powder, shaving cream, etc. Summer is here in force, and warm weather clothing is needed - shorts (especially men's shorts), short sleeved shirts (men, women and children), sandals, sneakers, etc. Clean, gently used clothing is needed in all sizes, and will be so appreciated.

## 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](mailto:sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org) for more information.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Suzanne Willey Rumold is our Guest Speaker** – Join us for our next Faith & Grief support gathering when Suzanne will talk about the wonderful quality time she shared with her father and the special memories she has of those times. Faith & Grief will meet at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 1, in Friendship Hall. It is open to anyone in the community who is grieving. If you would like a boxed lunch, register at [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings). You are also welcome to come at the last minute.

**Home Communion Available on Aug. 6** – 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 if you know someone who would, contact Hillary at [hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:laura.hobbs@villagepres.org) with questions.

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

**Antiracism Book Group** – Join us to discuss Kansas City's past and present. 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, and Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the Young Adult Room. RSVP: [VillagePresYA.org/upcoming](http://VillagePresYA.org/upcoming).

**Happy Hour** – 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Strange Days Brewing Co. 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](http://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](http://villagepresyouth.org/ms-mission-trip).

**Village Golf** – We play Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Fred Arbanas / Longview. Email Brad Steil at [bradsteil@everestkc.net](mailto: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](mailto:kidsinfo@villagepres.org).

**Prepare for baptism** – For infants and children, contact [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org). For adults, contact [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@villagepres.org).

**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)

**Join the church** – Contact [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@villagepres.org)

## UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

### The Gospel According to Pixar

Pixar Animation Studios is an American computer animation studio that has produced 27 feature films and has won numerous awards and recognition. Ultimately, Pixar is known for finding and developing great stories and using computer animation to tell them. The Gospel (gospel means “good news”) of Jesus Christ is the great story of Jesus of Nazareth who shared the good news of God’s love for all and helped people love God and love each other. The story of how Jesus has changed the world. In this preaching series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore how four Pixar films (Finding Nemo, Toy Story, Inside Out, Up) demonstrate Jesus’ Gospel truths for our lives of faith today.

July 30	On Finding Home
Aug. 6	On Being a Friend
Aug. 13	On Being Family
Aug. 20	On Letting Go and Holding On

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### 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. Boyce, 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

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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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