



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

July 30, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Today we turn to Pixar's "Finding Nemo." The Gospel tells of a God who, when we are lost, will wait for us and then when we find our way home, will run and welcome us with open arms!



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Fanfare

by William D. Davis; horn quartet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship (Psalm 84)

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

Our souls long for the house of the Lord.

Our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Joyful are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

For all who are lost find a home in God's house.

God's grace has brought us safe thus far.

And grace will lead us home!

*Hymn, No. 649 (v. 1,3,5)

Amazing Grace

*Prayer of Confession

God of amazing grace,

you sent Jesus Christ to search for and save the lost.

We confess that we, too, have wandered away from you.

We have taken our inheritance.

We have squandered what you have given to us.

We have been consumed by our pride and selfishness.

We have failed to love the way you have loved us.

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

Forgive our sinful ways. Find us and bring us home to you.

Please hear us now as we pray our own prayers of confession. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

**God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; God's so good to me.**

**God loves me so; God loves me so;
God loves me so; God's so good to me.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

**Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.
Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.**

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.)

If Ye Love Me
by Thomas Tallis; arr. Steve Lewis; horn quartet

Prayer for Illumination

Sloane Weemhoff (9 a.m.); Quinn Weemhoff (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 15:11-24 (pg. 953)

Sermon

On Finding Home

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 771 (v. 1,2,4)

What is the World Like

Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me (9 a.m.)
by Thomas Tallis, arr. Steve Lewis; horn quartet

Home (The Arms of God) (11 a.m.)
by Heather Sorenson; Summer Choir

*Sung Response



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho - ly One; give



thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je - sus Christ, the Son. And now let the



weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has



done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (congregation joins when invited)

**You've got a friend in me. You've got a friend in me!
When the road looks rough ahead,
and you're miles and miles from your nice warm bed,
you just remember what your old pal said,
that you've got a friend in me. Yeah, you've got a friend in me!**

Postlude

Beyond the Sea
by Albert Lasry & Charles Trenet; Chris Leaver, piano

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Many thanks for today's musicians:

Chris Leaver, organ/piano; Horn Quartet: Matthew LaMar, Casey Chlapek, Brandon Thibodeau & Alaina Umscheidt; Katie Hull, soloist; 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
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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.

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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 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.

July 30-Aug. 20 are Family Worship Sundays. Children are encouraged to worship with their families. We are celebrating the Pixar sermon series with awesome worship bags for kids. They are unique each week based on that week's movie. We hope you enjoy them!

FOOD PANTRY

This week we're requesting canned fruit (NO glass containers, please): pears, pineapples, peaches, applesauce, mandarin oranges, apricots, prunes, fruit cocktail. Our shoppers love variety! The Clothes Closet requests NEW socks and underwear—all sizes, for children and adults. It sounds like an unusual request but underwear is a necessity.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Blood Drive – Donate between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, in Rooms 132 & 133-Mission Campus. Sign up at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip and enter the zip code 66208 and Aug. 15. Walk-ins are also welcome. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 for more information.

PALS Program Looking for Volunteers for Coming School Year – Village Church partners with Front Porch Alliance to offer the PALS (Partners in Active Learning) program, a tutoring program with Faxon Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri. Consider giving an hour or so a week to this meaningful program. If you'd like to learn more about being a caring mentor in a child's life, contact Charlotte Davison at charlotteSdavison@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Don't Miss Faith & Grief This Tuesday! – Guest speaker Suzanne Willey Rumold will talk about the wonderful quality time she shared with her father and the special memories she has of those times. Faith & Grief meets at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 1, in Friendship Hall. Everyone is welcome; if you would like a boxed lunch, register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings. You are also welcome to come at the last minute.

Home Communion Next Sunday – 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.

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

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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Final Week of 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.

Middle School in Denver This Week – Pray for our middle schoolers this week as they serve the people of Denver. They will return on Wednesday, and we are excited to hear about their trip when they return!

Rev. Anna Owens Service of Installation 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13 • Antioch Campus Sanctuary

All are invited to attend Heartland Presbytery's Service of Installation for Rev. Anna Owens as site pastor at the Antioch Campus (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas). Rev. Owen Gray, who grew up at Village Church, will be preaching.

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

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

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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We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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