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VILLAGE
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

"But as for Aslan himself, the Beavers and the children didn't know what to do or say when they saw him. People who have not been in Narnia sometimes think that a thing cannot be good and terrible at the same time. If the children had ever thought so, they were cured of it now. For when they tried to look at Aslan's face they just caught a glimpse of the golden mane and the great, royal, solemn, overwhelming eyes; and then they found they couldn't look at him and went all trembly."

C.S. Lewis writing in the "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"

Service of Worship

August 4, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

A Pleasant Thought
by Florence B. Price: Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Rev. Melanie Hardison

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains belong to God.

The sea is God's for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*Hymn No. 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, three in one,

we yearn to see the glory of your sovereign majesty.

We want to love and adore you for all eternity.

Yet if we are honest with ourselves, we confess that we want to rule our own lives.

We want to have control of our days.

And it is only when things go wrong that we turn to you.

**We expect you to bless us with all that is good and whole, and we are
dismayed when we encounter sadness and pain and suffering.**

Forgive us, loving God.

**Help us to know that even in the midst of our deepest struggle, you are with
us in the terrible and the good at the same time. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. — Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Caitlin Bowen (9 a.m.); Liv Ruecker (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Genesis 28:10-17 (p. 24)

Sermon

Good and Terrible at the Same Time

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Cantor:

We are climbing Jacob's ladder... Soldiers of the cross.

All:

Ev'ry round goes higher, higher... Soldiers of the cross.

Children, do you love my Jesus?... Soldiers of the cross.

If you love him, why not serve him?... Soldiers of the cross.

Rise, shine, give God glory!... Soldiers of the cross.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Climbing, Climbing
by Daphnia Portier; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*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

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

Anthem

Come to Me, All Who Labor
by John Purifoy; Dr. Ron Witzke, bass

Prayer of Response

*Hymn No. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long!**

*Postlude

Jubilate

by Fela Sowande: Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSICIAN

Dr. Ron Witzke is professor of voice at William Jewell College and long-time singer in Village's adult choirs. An avid opera and choral singer, he has shared his powerful instrument far and wide. He enjoys cycling, particularly in Colorado, and any and every song by Willie Nelson.

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

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Member Luncheon Aug. 18 – Joining as a member of Village Church signals your desire to grow in your faith and faithfulness with this community of believers. All interested persons are invited to a lunch (pizza and salad) immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. You will hear more about Village Church’s ministry and direction and be welcomed as new members. For more information, contact Rev. Chad Herring at chad.herring@villagepres.org or Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka at rodger@villagepres.org. All are welcome!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U Fall 2024 Class Catalog will be posted on our website tomorrow, Aug. 5. We will be kicking off our semester with a new class "College Admissions Strategies for Success" at both the Mission and Antioch campuses. Note that we have added all our youth programming as well as young adult opportunities. Registration opens at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19. Find the course catalog and register at villagepres.org/villageu

Pilgrimage to Alabama – Oct. 9-13, 2024. A handful of seats have become available. Contact Nancy Gatewood, trip leader, at nngatewood@gmail.com or staff liaison Hillary.Mackowski@villagepres.org or 913-671-2341 on or before Aug. 15.

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.

Today is Family Worship Sunday – No Lighthouse today. Children are always invited to worship here at Village, but we give an extra welcome to kids on “Family Worship Sundays” when we don’t have our usual Lighthouse programming.

FOOD PANTRY

This week the Food Pantry is asking for **canned fruit**, no glass containers. Cold, canned fruit (tropical mix, peaches, cherries, pineapple, pears–sliced, diced or chunks) are so refreshing on a hot summer day. The Clothes Closet asks for clean, gently used summer footwear–tennis shoes, sandals, etc. Thank you for your generous donations.

MUSIC

Village Voices Youth Choir Kick-Off! A new season begins with a lock-in at 2 p.m. on Aug. 17. Students in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend. No prior musical experience required. Email Josh at josh.maize@villagepres.org for more information.

Blessing of the Backpacks

At all worship services next Sunday, Aug. 11. Calling all kiddos of any age and stage! Bring your backpacks (or book bags of any kind) for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. During the Children’s Time, we will take a few minutes to pray and chat about the upcoming school year.

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

Mission Sewing Requests Donations of colorful kids' fabric in non-stretchy, woven cottons. They will use the fabric for constructing 'dream bags' for children in the foster care system to carry their belongings, as well as for children at Children's Mercy Hospital to carry their toys and other belongings at the hospital and going home. They hope these items will give our young neighbors a smile. To donate, contact reesveenstra@aol.com.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Brent Sledd Talks About His Son's Overdose – Brent Sledd will be our speaker for Faith & Grief at noon this Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Friendship Hall. Brent will talk about how one decision can change your life; his son, Brady, died from a one-time relapse from his heroin addiction. Register if you'd like lunch at faithandgrief.org/KC Gathering.

Home Communion will be Quarterly – We're delighted that the new process of bringing Home Communion to homebound members has been so well received. Home Communion will now be delivered once a quarter, with the next date being World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6. Homebound members can sign up to receive the sacrament on Oct. 6 by contacting hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org or 913-671-2341. As always, Home Communion is also available anytime, upon request.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Sunday is Aug. 25 – Join us as our students lead us in all worship services on the last Sunday of August! They will share the ways they have seen God moving in their lives over these summer weeks, and inspire us to recognize God's movement in our own lives as well.

Programs on Break! We are prepping for kickoff next month, so programs are on pause to allow time for rest and the start of the school year. Join us for Kickoff Week Sept. 3-8! See villagepresyouth.org for more details.

The Gathering – Join us for a modern, imaginative style of worship at Village Church offered at 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus.

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Kansas and Missouri Primary Elections, Tuesday, Aug. 6

Important issues and candidates are decided during Primary and General elections. Your voice and vote are vital. For more information; mainstreamcoalition.org (Kansas) and sos.mo.gov/elections (Missouri)

SERMON SERIES

Seeing God

Many people draw a clear distinction between the “sacred” and the “secular.” In their worldview, sacred things have to do with God and secular things have nothing to do with God. This view places limits on God’s activity in the world. The psalmist reminds us that “the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” This means that God is present in all times and places. In this sermon series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore how God is revealed in three films.

Aug. 4 Good and Terrible at the Same Time; The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe

Aug. 11 Remember Who You Are! The Lion King

Aug. 18 Good Worth Fighting For; The Lord of the Rings

Aug. 25 Youth Sunday

Sept. 1 Come and See - Rev. Zach Walker preaching

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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