



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

August 6, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Today we turn to Pixar's "Toy Story." Jesus calls us his friends because we do what he has commanded us to do. To be a friend is a wonderful gift, which is why it is so painful when a friendship is lost.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Gather Us In
arr. Jeffrey Honoré; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Here in this place

where by God's grace generations have gathered.

Here in this place

where by God's grace generations will follow.

Here in this place

where the Holy Spirit calls us together.

Here in this place

that extends beyond these walls to gather all.

We come to worship the God of the Universe.

**We come to worship the God who created us in God's image and
redeemed us through God's son.**

Friends, let us worship the living God!

*Hymn, No. 401

Here in this Place

*Prayer of Confession

Gathering God,

thank you for calling all peoples together in worship and praise.

You give us a commandment to love one another as you have loved us.

You show us what love looks like through your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Yet we confess that we do not love others as you love us.

Forgive us for our self-centered ways.

Forgive us for not laying down our lives for others.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

And renew a right spirit within us. (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

Anthem

A Piece of Cake
by W.T. Skye Garcia; Josie Green, piano

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Prayer for Illumination

Caroline Morrison (9 a.m.); Will Ruecker (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 15:12-17 (pg. 984)

Sermon

On Being a Friend

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

**He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
He's got everybody here in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands!**

Offertory Anthem

Humoresque
by Antonín Dvořák; Elena Green, violin

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body.

You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Prayer of Response

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**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

Fourth Kyrie
by André Raison; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns*

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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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.

FOOD PANTRY

This week we're requesting varieties of pasta: spaghetti, rotini, lasagna, fettuccine, penne, etc., and also varieties of pasta sauces with meat, meatless, garlic, Italian, etc., to serve with the pasta. The Clothes Closet is asking for CLEAN, gently used (or new) washclothes and kitchen, bath and hand towels. Please be generous in helping and feeding our neighbors.

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.

New Member Luncheon – There will be a luncheon for new Village Church members following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Aug. 20. If you are interested in joining, please reserve your spot by contacting Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyice: dionne.boyice@villagechurch.org.

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

If You Go To The Hospital, Let Us Know – If you or a loved one is hospitalized, we are here for you. Please have a family member or the hospital chaplain call the Pastoral Care Department at 913-671-2327 and add the name of the hospital, the room number and other pertinent information. After hours, call the church's main number 913-262-4200. A pastor will come and visit, listen, and offer comfort and prayers.

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.

Craft Putt – No golfing experience necessary to join us for miniature golf, food and fun from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Craft Putt in Overland Park. RSVP required: VillagePresYA.org/upcoming.

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.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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. 5-10! See villagepresyouth.org for more details.

Youth Sunday is Aug. 27 – 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.

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, a child of Village, and the new pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Church in Lee's Summit, will give the sermon. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Today we are beginning a new way to share **Home Communion** with our homebound church members. Following worship, deacons will use the baskets you see on the Communion Table to share The Lord's Supper in the homes of church members who are physically unable to get to church in person.

Home Communion is a joint effort between the deacons, Pastoral Care & Counseling, the Sacristy Guild and Mission Sewing. We are grateful to these teams for making the Sacrament available in this way. If your loved one is unable to attend worship in person and would like to receive Home Communion, email hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2341.

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 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

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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