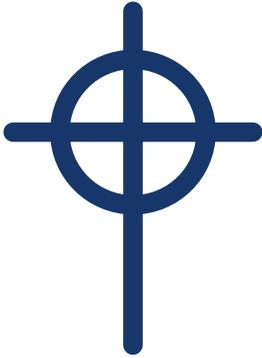




# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

August 7, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

A bitter pill to swallow, sour grapes, savor the moment, whisper sweet nothings... words about taste are infused in much of our language. Based on the information that is transported from the tongue to the brain, there are five basic qualities of taste: sweet, sour, salty, bitter, and umami, a Japanese word that is most closely associated with "savory." Throughout the Bible, there are many moments when people taste. From the Psalmist who invites us to "taste and see that the Lord is good" to the gifts of manna for the Hebrews wandering in the wilderness to Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fishes, the only miracle recorded in all four gospels, God invites us to taste faith.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call to Worship (Psalm 34)

Rev. Sally S. Wright

I will bless the Lord at all times.

**God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

**and let us exalt God's name together.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

**glad are those who take refuge in God.**

\*Hymn, No. 509

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Time and again, you call us to taste your goodness.**

**You give us quail and manna in the wilderness.**

**You invite us to sit at your banqueting table.**

**You offer us bread and wine in the sacrament of your supper.**

**Yet we hoard your gifts for ourselves.**

**We complain about you not offering us enough.**

**We exclude others from your table.**

**We neglect to taste the wonder of your sacrifice.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Help us to savor your goodness and taste the rich faith you offer to us.**

(Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Exodus 16:1-14 (pg. 62)

Sermon

*Tasting Faith*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 520

*Taste and See*

Call for the Offering

Offertory

\*Sung Response

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wonderous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

As we share in the Lord's Supper together, you will receive a plate from the server which holds different kinds of bread. These include Hawaiian sweet bread, pita bread, and mochi (Japanese rice cake). You are welcome to take one of each. Please wait until the pastor invites you to share in the "body of Christ" to eat together as a sign of our unity in Christ. Gluten free crackers are in the center in the cupcake holder. When the cup comes to you, please drink on your own as a symbol of your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Invitation

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

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Response

\*Hymn, No. 769 (v.1-4)

*For Everyone Born*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,  
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand*

*© A-705103 for all hymns*

## **ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC**

Today we welcome organist, Steve Burk, to morning worship services. Steve served as organist/choirmaster at Grace Cathedral in Topeka, for nearly two decades, leaving a legacy of deep artistry, involvement and professionalism. Thank you, Steve!

Today we are also thankful to have Village Music Intern, Cassandra Leon, cantoring for a hymn and singing throughout worship. Cassandra is entering her second year with us, and has already blessed Village Church so much with her singing, conducting, and collaborative spirit. Cassandra is doing graduate studies in voice and conducting at UMKC. Thank you, Cassandra!

## 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.  
Senior 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.'s weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at [villagepres.org/subscribe](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

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Subscribe to **Village Pres Sermon Podcasts** on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify & Stitcher.

**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 [nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org](mailto:nancy.gatewood@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 [nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org](mailto:nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org)

**Giving** - You may give to Village Church online at [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving). 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

**Registration opens for Fall Village U classes at 9 a.m., Monday, Aug. 22** – Find the course listings and register at [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes).

**The Feast** – You are invited to a spiritual journey that begins with an overnight retreat Friday, Aug. 26-Saturday, Aug. 27, followed by two Saturday morning gatherings on Sept. 10 & 24. Designed for all who yearn for a deeper and more vibrant faith in Jesus Christ, you will join others and grow in your spiritual life through learning new practices of prayer, silence, reflection and worship. The cost for the retreat and resources is \$129 per person. Go to [villagepres.org/the Feast](http://villagepres.org/the Feast) for more information and to register. Contact [laura.hobbs@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.hobbs@villagepres.org) with questions.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Kid's Lighthouse Sunday School resumes Sept. 11.** Children are encouraged to worship with their families until then.

## MISSION

**Give the Gift of Life on Aug. 16** – Join the Prairie Village Community Blood Drive from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, in Rooms 132 & 133. Sign up to donate at [donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/](http://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/) zip and enter the zip of 66208 and Aug. 16. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 for more info.

**The Food Pantry** is asking for all kinds of breakfast cereal—hot (Cream of Wheat, oatmeal, etc.) and cold (Cap'n Crunch, Life, Oatmeal Squares, etc.). The Clothes Closet is asking for kids' clothing in all sizes. Check your closets for your children's outgrown clothing, but we need new kids' underwear.

**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, Mo. If you'd like to learn more about being a caring mentor in a child's life, contact Charlotte Davison at [charlotteSdavison@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteSdavison@gmail.com).

## MUSIC

**Village Voices Fall Kick-Off Weekend** – Join us for a Retreat and Lock-In from 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, to 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. The event will begin with a parent/singer lunch and info session in Rooms 232/233 followed by a singers' retreat and lock-in. The day and evening will include rehearsals, games, food, worship, movies, a sleepover and more! Come check out what is in store for the 2022-23 season. Register at [bit.ly/villagevoicesretreat](http://bit.ly/villagevoicesretreat).

## PASTORAL CARE

**Volunteer Opportunities to Lend a Helping Hand** – Do you like to cook? You'd be perfect to bring a meal to someone who is recovering from a hospital stay. Handy around the house? Tackle things like yardwork or flipping a mattress. Volunteers are sent an email when there's a request; you respond if you're able to help. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

**Summer Bible Study** – "Not for Children, the Stories We Didn't Learn in Sunday School." Continues Wednesday, Aug. 10, 7-8:30 p.m. Next lesson: "Falling Asleep During the Sermon...You're Not the First." Rev. Hallie Hottle is leading. Snacks included. Bible expertise not required, but sense of humor helpful. All 20's and 30's invited! RSVP and more info online: [VillagePresYA.org/summer](http://VillagePresYA.org/summer).

**Second Sunday Worship & Dinner** – 6-7 p.m. Aug. 14. Every second Sunday this summer we'll worship together in the Gathering at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall, then gather in the Young Adult Room for pizza and conversation after. RSVP online: [VillagePresYA.org/summer](http://VillagePresYA.org/summer).

**Love Your City Event: Kansas City Current Game** – 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19. We love our new women's soccer team! Join us to cheer for the Current as they play LA's new team, Angel City FC. Kids of young adults are welcome at this event. RSVP required: [VillagePresYA.org/calendar/kccurrent](http://VillagePresYA.org/calendar/kccurrent).

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Youth Sunday is Aug. 28** – Join us for all services at our Mission campus on Aug. 28 as our youth lead us in worship and share the ways they are growing in their faith in and through their summer experiences.

**Weekly Programs Begin Sept. 6** – All youth programs for the year will start up on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Visit our website for details on all weekly middle school and high school events: [villagepresyouth.org](http://villagepresyouth.org).

### Farewell Reception for George Darrington

After serving Village Church for 40 years, George Darrington is retiring. He joined the staff as a custodian in 1982 thinking he would stay for a year or two. Three years later he was promoted to Director of Building and Grounds, a position he has held for 37 years. During his tenure, he has guided the care of Village Church as our ministry expanded to include two other campuses. For all of those years, he has been the first person to arrive every Sunday morning at 4:45 a.m. to be sure all was ready for worship. He will be honored during the worship services on Sunday, Aug. 21. Join us to greet George and his family in Friendship Hall between 10-11 a.m.

### Village Cup Coffee Shop Summer Hours

Sunday: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday: 8 a.m. -1 p.m.

Monday, Friday and Saturday: Closed

The Village Cup is located on the second floor of the Welcome Center on the northwest side of the church. Drinks are KC Roasterie espresso and drip coffee blends that rotate seasonally. Breakfast pastries, cinnamon rolls and muffins are available every day the café is open.

Lunch is served on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hot paninis are made to order with grab-and-go cold deli sandwiches, salad offerings and yogurt breakfast parfaits in the cooler.

## SERMON SERIES

### Sensing Faith

Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit and by God's grace, comes to us through a variety of ways. Sometimes faith comes through something we hear: a song, a sermon, a conversation. Sometimes faith comes through something we feel: a gentle touch, a hug, a fresh breeze on a hot day. In this sermon series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore how faith comes through taste, sight and smell.

**Aug. 7 Tasting Faith (Psalm 34:8)**

Aug. 14 Seeing Faith (John 20:24-29 and 1 John 1:1)

Aug. 21 Smelling Faith (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music • Brooke Brundige, director of children and family ministry

Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications

Nancy Gatewood, interim director of connectional ministries

Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music • Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

Robert Rumold, director of information technology • Bob Sperry, director of giving and endowment

Sandra Stephens, director of child care • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Alice Whitson, director of media ministry

Rev. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

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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](http://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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