



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

August 13, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Chorale from "Sonata I"
by Benjamin Cornelius-Bates; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship (Isaiah 40:28-31)

Brooke Brundige

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.

God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.

God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Even young people will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*Hymn, No. 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, from the clutter of our lives, we call out to you.

**It is not so much that we choose evil as that we pursue things
that do not really matter.**

**Our love has become too narrow, our excuses too wide,
our blaming too quick, our forgiveness too slow,
our gratitude too rare. Forgive us!**

**By your mercy, deepen our longing into trust,
our pride into compassion,
our fear into courage,
our frustration into creativity,
our timidity into boldness,**

our prayers into actions,

however small and simple, we pray. (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 & Blessing of the Backpacks

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.**

Prayer for Illumination Noah Stephens (9 a.m.); Miles Muelbach (11 a.m.)

Scripture John 11:28-36 (pg. 979)

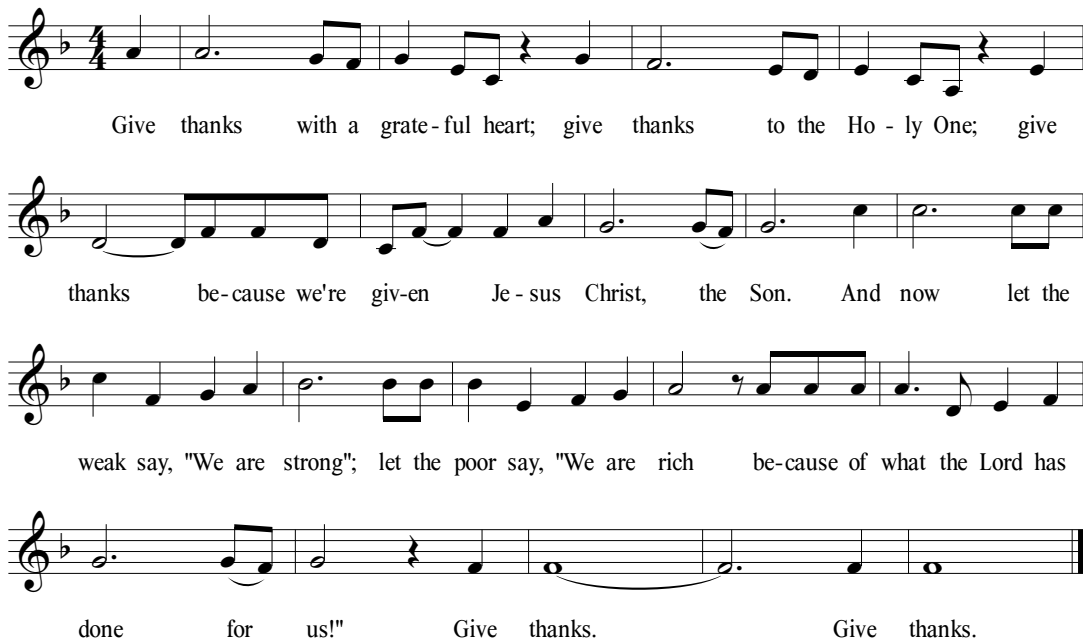
Sermon *On Being Family* Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Offertory Anthem *We Belong Together*
by Randy Newman; Caitlin Bowen and Alice McCabe, duet

*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

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

*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

Allegretto
by G. F. Handel; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*
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SERVICE NOTE

Confession of Sin was adapted from "My Heart in My Mouth – Prayers for Our Lives" by Ted Loder.

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 flowers in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Greg Colston by Ann Colston & family.

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 focusing on dental hygiene and are asking for: toothbrushes (adult and children's sizes), toothpaste and floss. We take these items for granted, but they are needed by our neighbors. The Clothes Closet is asking for gently-used accessory items: purses, handbags, wallets, belts, costume jewelry, etc. Thank you.

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, reserve your spot by contacting Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce: dionne.boyce@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.

MUSIC

Village Choir begins its new season Thursday, Aug. 24. All interested, new and returning singers are invited to a dessert potluck in the Welcome Center at 6:15 p.m., before the 7 p.m. rehearsal. Contact Dr. Joshua Maize at josh.maize@villagepres.org with questions.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Faith & Grief Meets Aug. 29 – Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next Faith & Grief gathering will be from noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, in Friendship Hall. Speaker Lori Hall will talk about how her faith was challenged through writing her book, "Birds Still Dance." All are welcome. A boxed lunch is served to those who sign up at faithandgrief.org.

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.



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

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.

Antiracism Book Study – Join us for a narrated driving tour on the history of segregation in Kansas City. 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. Meet in the north parking lot. RSVP: VillagePresYA.org/upcoming.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

A Progressive View of the Farm Bill with Jim Turner – 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, Room 126. This presentation will focus on how the upcoming Farm Bill can be redesigned to encourage contemporary soil science and sustainable farming methods.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Programs on Break – We are prepping for kick-off 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. today • 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.

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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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 Holding On and Letting Go

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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