



Lynell Diggs



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

Service of Worship

August 14, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

Seeing Faith



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Improvisation on "Adoro te Devote"
by David Lasky

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call to Worship (1 John 1:1-2)

Rev. Zach Walker

We declare to you what was from the beginning,

what we have heard,

what we have seen with our eyes,

what we have looked at and touched with our hands,

concerning the word of life—

this life was revealed in Jesus Christ,

and we have seen it and testify to it,

and declare to you the eternal life that was with God and was revealed to us.

So, now we come to worship the word of life,

now we come to see faith alive.

*Hymn, No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

we sing that you are God only wise.

We sing that you are most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.

We sing that you are almighty, victorious, whose great name we praise.

Yet, if we are honest with ourselves,

we too often trust our own wisdom.

We too often focus on our own blessings and glory.

We too often seek praise for ourselves.

Forgive us for our self-centered ways, O God.

Open our eyes, that we might see you more clearly.

Open our eyes, that we may love you more dearly.

Open our eyes, that we may see the faith you offer us

each moment of every day. (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

Call to Prayer

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee; ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 20:24-29 (pg. 989)

Sermon

Seeing Faith

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 256

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Spirit of the Living God
arr. Dan Galbraith; Tami Morrow & Carolyn Baruch, duet

*Sung Response

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with every joyful heart and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 450 (v. 1-3)

Be Thou My Vision

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Postlude

Fantasia on St. Denio
by J. Bert Carlson; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*
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ABOUT OUR ARTIST



Mr. Lynell Diggs joins us in leading worship today, helping us to "See Faith." He is a Kansas City native who began painting at the age of five. A self-taught artist, Mr. Diggs works in charcoal and acrylic, creating visually stimulating art using vibrant color and movement. His desire is that his work would honor his ancestors and inspire those who view it. He has exhibited his art at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, American Jazz Museum, and the El-Scari Harvey art gallery, as well as numerous businesses, libraries and schools. He believes that all of us were born to create in some form or fashion and that art is a part of our make-up. He has painted live in his home church and is excited to be here at Village Church. Some of his works on are display in the Welcome Center. Welcome, Mr. Diggs, and thank you for being with us this morning!

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Thank you to today's vocal duet, Tami Morrow and Carolyn Baruch, who became friends singing together in choir at Village Church, and have shared duets in worship and concerts here several times.

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.

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.

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Prepare for baptism – For infants and children, contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org. For adults, contact nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org.

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Add someone to the prayer list – Contact pastoral-care@villagepres.org

Join the church – Contact nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org

Giving - You may give to Village Church online at villagepres.org/giving. Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at 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.

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 for more information and to register. Contact 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.

Looking to add more happiness to your week? We are currently looking for part-time child care help during the Sunday services and school year for our Village U classes. This position offers flexible hours and days, including some evenings, if interested. If you have young children of your own, bring them along. We follow the Shawnee Mission School District calendar. Contact Sandra Stephens at sandra.stephens@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322.

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/ zip and enter the zip of 66208 and Aug. 16. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 for more info.

The Food Pantry this week is requesting canned vegetables of all kinds—peas, corn, carrots, beets, beans, etc. The Clothes Closet would like donations of clean, gently used or new, kitchen towels, bath towels and washcloths. Drop-offs can be made at either church or delivered to the Pantry between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you for all your donations.

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.

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.

PASTORAL CARE

Ushers and Reception Hosts Needed for Memorial Services – Helping families when they have lost a loved one is a gift from the heart. Either assist with ushering for a memorial service or serving as a host at a memorial reception. Volunteers serve as their schedules permit, helping for about 2-4 hours at the most. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more info.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women's Ministry Fall Kick-off – 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, in the Meneilly Center for Mission parking lot. Join us for tours of the Village Church Food Pantry and the Child & Family Development Center and treats from Ciao Bella ice cream truck. The Meneilly Center for Mission is located at 99th and Mission Road. In case of rain, we'll meet in the gym at the Child & Family Development Center.

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." Concludes Wednesday, Aug. 24, 7-8:30 p.m. Lesson: "Jesus & the Fig Tree - Honing your Holy anger." All 20's and 30's invited! RSVP and more info online: 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.

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.

Next Sunday: Blessing of all backpacks, bookbags, and brief cases!

Blessings for a new school year! Join us Sunday, Aug. 21, for a blessing of all backpacks, bookbags and briefcases at all worship services. As we begin a new school year, we remember together that God is with us, wherever we are—school classrooms, hallways, playgrounds and offices, too!

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 next Sunday, Aug. 21. Join us to greet George and his family in Friendship Hall between 10-11 a.m.

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)

Aug. 28 Youth Sunday

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

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

Will Breytspraak, director of music • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyice, director of mission & engagement
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications

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

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