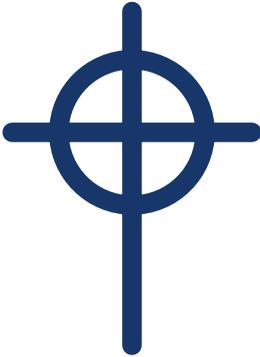




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Aug. 21, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Of the five classic senses (tasting, touching, hearing, smelling, seeing), smelling is the strongest trigger for emotion and memory. Dr. Jordan Gaines Lewis, a science communicator and postdoctoral researcher at Penn State University College of Medicine, says this is due to the brain's anatomy. Incoming smells are first processed by the olfactory bulb, which starts inside the nose and runs along the bottom of the brain. The olfactory bulb has direct connections to two brain areas that are strongly implicated in emotion and memory: the amygdala and hippocampus. The other senses do not pass through these brain areas which is why smell, more than any other sense, is so powerful at triggering emotions and memories. The writer of the letter to the Ephesians calls upon us to be a "fragrant offering" to God and to the world. Today we will explore how we smell faith.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Gabriel's Oboe (9 a.m.)
by Ennio Morricone; Anne Sneller, oboe

Be Thou My Vision (11 a.m.)
by Brant Adams; Bob Abbott, oboe; Ruth Abbott, piano

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call to Worship

Rev. Melanie Hardison

With all our senses

we join together to worship God.

With our sense of taste,

we taste and see that God is good.

With our sense of sight,

we see the living Christ in our midst.

With our sense of smell,

we come to offer ourselves as a pleasing fragrance.

So let us worship the King, all glorious above.

*Hymn, No. 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

your creation fills us with awe and wonder.

Your care for us is bountiful and generous.

Your mercies are tender and never ending.

Your steadfast love fills us with scents of grace.

We smell your kindness in fresh mountain air.

We smell your faithfulness in rich garden soil.

We smell your love in fresh baked bread, tortillas on the griddle, and steamed rice.

Yet we confess that too often we take your care for us for granted.

We confess that we fail to breathe in the smell of your mercies.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Help us to love you as our maker, defender, redeemer and friend.

(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 and the Blessing of the Backpacks

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

**Lord, let my prayer ascend like incense in your sight;
see in my hands to heaven above my morning sacrifice.**

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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (pg. 1066)

Sermon

Smelling Faith

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

God, We Sense Your Peace and Power
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**God, we sense your peace and power in this place we love so much.
We are moved by gentle fragrance; we are blessed by healing touch.
In these pews we hear the gospel; we see life beyond compare.
Here we gather at your table, tasting love in meals we share.**

**Once a woman came to Jesus, pouring ointment on his head.
Some complained, "She could have sold this — should have helped the poor instead."
Yet the Lord knew well the value of that perfume that she poured.
In that way she said, "I love you" to her Savior, friend and Lord.**

**God, your world is filled with fragrance; smells surround the things we do.
Sweat from work and smoke in cooking both are offerings to you.
Oils of healing, scented flowers carry with them love and care.
All the smells of potluck suppers bring the joy of life we share.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

by Duane Funderburk

Anne Sneller, oboe (9 a.m.); Bob Abbott, oboe (11 a.m.)

*Sung Response

**All Praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Mother and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

*Postlude

Nun Danket Alle Gott

by Egil Hovland; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Thank you to today's oboists, Anne Sneller and Bob Abbott. Anne sings in the Village Choir, and plays oboe and English horn in the Village Players and the Kansas City Wind Symphony. Bob sings in the Village Choir, plays in the Village Players and rings in the Village Ringers. Thank you for sharing your time and talents in worship today, Anne and Bob!

Today's middle hymn, "God, We Sense Your Peace and Power," is by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, a PC(USA) minister. Her hymns focus on biblical stories, social justice and all of the topics in between.

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 flowers in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Joe Morris by Susan Morris and family.

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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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Registration opens for Fall Village U classes at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Aug. 22 – Find the course listings and register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Lighthouse Kids 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, they can come with you. We follow the Shawnee Mission School District calendar. Please contact Sandra Stephens at sandra.stephens@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322 if interested.

MISSION

The Food Pantry this week is focusing on dental hygiene and is asking for dental care items: toothbrushes (adult and children size), toothpaste (all kinds) and floss. The Clothes Closet has had requests for baking dishes, mixing bowls, cookie sheets, etc. Your generous donations are always appreciated.

MUSIC

The Village Choir resumes rehearsals at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, in the Sanctuary. Please email Will Breytspraak, director, at william.breytspraak@villagepres.org if you would like to join us. We would love to see you there! We are excited to sing in worship for the first time this fall on Sunday, Sept. 11.

PASTORAL CARE

Alice Carrott is Guest Speaker at Faith & Grief Support Gathering - The next Faith & Grief gathering is from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, in Friendship Hall at the Mission Campus. Alice will share her experience of suddenly losing her brother, Mac, in a car accident. Afterwards you may share or simply listen with your small table group. A boxed lunch is provided. Reservations are helpful but not necessary; go to faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

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 is located at 99th and Mission Road.

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.

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 through their summer experiences.

Weekly Programs Begin Sept. 6 – All youth programs for the year will start up on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Visit villagepres.youth.org for details on all weekly middle school & high school events.

Registration for Ski Trips and Dominican Republic Opens Sept. 7 – You can register for 3 trips – High School Ski Trip, Middle School Ski Trip, and High School Dominican Republic Spring Break Service Trip – beginning 4 p.m. Sept. 7. Registration is online and can be found at shop.villagepres.org/youth-events.

Farewell Reception for George Darrington 10-11 a.m. Today in Friendship Hall

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. For all those years, George 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 today. Join us to greet George and his family between 10-11 a.m. in Friendship Hall.

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.

Giving - You may give to Village Church online at villagepres.org/giving. Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at 913-671-2325 or bob.sperry@villagepres.org.

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)

Upcoming Sermons

Aug. 28 Youth Sunday led by our Village youth

Sept. 4 Rev. Zach Walker preaching

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

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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