



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

## Service of Worship

Aug. 27, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

The unknowns of something new can be daunting. Yet, when we step beyond the comfort of our borders, we get to experience the mystery and beauty of God's faithfulness to us. Today, our students are sharing with us how they answered the call to step outside of their comfort zones this summer.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Trumpet Tune in D*  
by David N. Johnson; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker & Angel Patterson

Call To Worship

Margo Billingsley

Lord, we come to this place  
**to gather in your name.**

Lord, we come to this place  
**longing to hear your word.**

Lord, we come to this place  
**to answer your call and step out beyond our comfort zones.**

Lord, we come to this place  
**knowing that your Holy Spirit is always with us.**

Lord, we come to this place to worship the God who seeks us out  
even in times of uneasiness.

**We come to worship you, God, knowing that our worship for you  
is not contained within the walls of this place.**

\*Opening Song (congregation joins when invited)

*Come to the Altar*  
by Brown, Brock, Furtick & Joye; arr. Kevin Dolan

**O come to the altar,  
the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
the precious love of Jesus Christ.**

**O come to the altar,  
the Mother's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
the precious love of Jesus Christ.**

\*Prayer of Confession

Madi Moormann

**Compassionate God,  
Thank you for meeting us where we are.  
You guide us to places beyond our own borders.  
You have called us to be strong and courageous in the midst of unknowns.  
Yet we confess that we have been afraid in times of uncertainty.  
Forgive us for the times that we have been rebellious.  
Forgive us for the times that we have disregarded your calls on our lives.  
Help us to hear your call, O God,  
and follow you wherever you might lead us. (Silent Prayer)**

\*Assurance of God's Grace

William Mann

\*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

Julia Fisher & Molly Minor

Call to Prayer

**Quietly, peacefully let me rest in you.  
Quietly, peacefully lead me back to you.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Katie Hull

**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.**

Anthem

*Beloved*  
by Mark A. Miller; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

Ellie Crib (9 a.m.); Danny Dolan (9 & 11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 4:18-22 (pg. 879)  
Luke 6:12-19 (pg. 938)

Sermon

*Outside Your Comfort Zone*

Tula Richard &  
Jack Vaughan

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn No. 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

Call for Offering

Charlie Mann

Offertory Anthem

*Beautiful Things*  
by Gungor; arr. Kevin Dolan; Village Voices & Village Youth Band

\*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

Molly Minor

\*Closing Song (congregation joins when invited)

*Give Me Your Eyes*  
by Brandon Heath; arr. Kevin Dolan

**Give me Your eyes for just one second  
Give me Your eyes so I can see  
Everything that I keep missin'  
Give me Your love for humanity  
Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted  
The ones that are far beyond my reach  
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten  
Give me Your eyes so I can see  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Give Me Your Eyes* (chorus reprise)

\*Postlude

*And Again I Say, Rejoice!*  
by Brenda Portman; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Village Voices is directed by Dr. Josh Maize. The choir is open to current 7-12th graders and rehearses Sundays from 5-6:30 p.m. No audition required. Village Voices presents music for traditional worship services throughout the program year. For more information, contact Josh at [josh.maize@villagepres.org](mailto:josh.maize@villagepres.org).

The Youth Band is directed by Kevin Dolan. The group is open to current 7-12th graders who play any instrument. 7-8th graders rehearse at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. 9-12th graders rehearse at 6 p.m. Sundays. These groups perform at youth group and occasionally combine for other performances such as Youth Sunday. Instrumentation changes regularly, so you don't have to commit to every week. Contact Kevin at [kevin.dolan@villagepres.org](mailto:kevin.dolan@villagepres.org).

**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving) or scan the QR code to the right.

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

**A Progressive View of the Farm Bill with Jim Turner** – 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, Rooms 126/127. This presentation will focus on how the upcoming Farm Bill can be redesigned to encourage contemporary soil science and sustainable farming methods.

**Fall Village U Registration** – The Fall 2023 Village U catalog is a wide umbrella encompassing our adult learning opportunities in one easy-to-find location. Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes).

**Fall Kick-off Ministry Fair** – 10-11 a.m. & noon-12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Friendship Hall & Welcome Center, Mission Campus. Chat with Village Church staff and volunteers about our ministries, programs and events—and learn where you can plug in and use your own unique gifts!

## 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. Please note there will be no child care next Sunday, Sept. 3.

**Kids, we can't wait to see you!** The Lighthouse kicks off at 9 a.m. Sept. 17. See you there.

**Awesome Opportunity** to share your faith and the characteristics of Jesus with the next generation. Join our Sunday morning Lighthouse teaching team. All ages and stages welcome! Curious about what that entails? Email Brooke Brundige at [brooke.brundige@villagepres.org](mailto:brooke.brundige@villagepres.org).

## FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is asking for main dish items—easy to use ingredients to create a quick meal for both adults and children: canned tuna, canned chicken, ravioli, canned tamales, SpaghettiOs®, etc. The Clothes Closet has been using up your donations rapidly due to the increased number and size of families being served. Please check your closets and drawers for clean and gently used clothing. Thank you.

**September is Peanut Butter Month** for the Food Pantry. Starting next Sunday, please bring 16 oz. plastic jars of peanut butter for the Village Food Pantry.

## MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

**Front Porch Alliance Rise & Shine Breakfast** – 7-9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri. This event is an annual fundraiser that supports the FPA and their programs in Kansas City's urban core. Visit [frontporchalliance.org](http://frontporchalliance.org) to register.

**Food Truck Festival** – Village on Mission will host its 9th annual Food Truck Festival from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sep. 10, in the north parking lot, Mission Campus. Food, ice cream and live music. This is a free event; food truck purchases will be at your own cost. Contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyice for more information: [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@villagepres.org).

**DRMP Carnaval Dominicano** – Join the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church (DRMP) for a colorful evening of music, dancing & Dominican cuisine at our annual fundraiser held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Lodge at Ironwoods. Funds raised help provide free surgical, health care and health education services to approximately 3,500 Haitian sugarcane cutters and their families annually. Visit [villagepres.org/cd](http://villagepres.org/cd) for more info and tickets.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**2nd Thursday Recital featuring violinist Elizabeth Suh Lane** – 12:15 p.m. Sept. 14, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Accompanied by Elisa Bickers, this violin virtuosa will perform works by Bach, Kreisler and Mozart. Free admission.

**Are you interested in the music ministry at Village Church?** There are multiple opportunities for all ages and backgrounds to share their love of music with God and each other. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or want to learn, there's a place for you. Join any time. Contact Theo Musick at [theo.musick@villagepres.org](mailto:theo.musick@villagepres.org) to learn more.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Faith & Grief Gathering** – Join us from noon-1 p.m. this Tuesday, Aug. 29, in Friendship Hall. Guest speaker Lori Hall will talk about how her faith was challenged through the process of writing her book "Birds Still Dance." All are welcome. A boxed lunch is served to those who sign up at [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW Fall Kickoff** – 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. A community leaders panel will discuss faith when we face difficult and uncertain circumstances in our lives and in our world. Register at [villagepres.org/pw](http://villagepres.org/pw) by Sept. 11. Continental breakfast is included. This event is supported by free will contributions. Child care is available. Email [stephaniemorrison132@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemorrison132@gmail.com) with questions.

**PW Directories Coming Soon** – Find your people and learn about volunteer opportunities in 2023-24 Presbyterian Women's Directory, online and with hand-outs offered after church Sept. 10 at the Ministry Fair and Food Truck Festival. Visit [villagepres.org/pw](http://villagepres.org/pw).

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

**Parks & Picnics** – Young adults and your children: Come join us for a picnic at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at R Park, 5535 Juniper Drive in Roeland Park. You bring the family; we'll bring the food! RSVP required at [villagepresya.org/parents](http://villagepresya.org/parents).

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Program Kickoff Sept. 5** – Regular programs return next week! Lofternoons (middle school afterschool program, 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays), GPS (middle school youth group, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays), Sunday Mornings (all youth, 9-10 a.m.) and SNL (high school youth group, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays).

**Trip Signups Begin Sept. 6** – Open registration for HS Ski Trip (Jan. 12-16), MS Ski Trip (Feb. 17-21), and HS Spring Break in the Dominican Republic (March 9-16) begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6. Find online registration at [shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries](http://shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries).

**Village Golf** – On Tuesday, Sept. 12, we will play at Eagles' Landing in Belton, Missouri. Tee times begin at 8 a.m. The cost will be \$35 for seniors. Email [bradsteil@everestkc.net](mailto:bradsteil@everestkc.net) by Sept. 7 to join in this fellowship event.

**Aug. 27 Youth Sunday**

Sept. 3 Rev. Zach Walker preaching

## UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

### That's Asking a Lot!

When anyone is ordained as a pastor, elder or deacon; they are asked to make a series of promises. They are big promises. It would be hard to utter these promises in the quiet of one's prayers, much less in the presence of the gathered worshiping community; except, these promises say less about us than they do about God. In this sermon series, we will use the promises as springboards into exploring what these statements tell us about God.

- Sept. 10 Do you trust in Jesus Christ? - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
- Sept. 17 Do you accept the Scriptures? - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
- Sept. 24 Will you seek to serve? - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
- Oct. 1 Will you promise? - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
- Oct. 8 Will you be instructed and led by the confessions? - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
- Oct. 15 Will you be a friend? - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching

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## 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

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Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

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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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