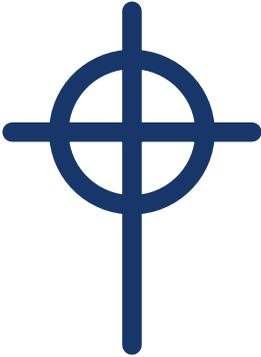




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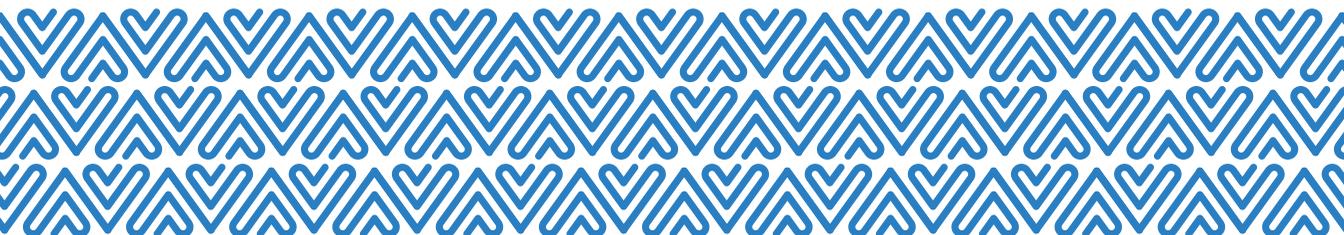


## Service of Worship

September 18, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

Jesus talked about truth, and even identified himself as the truth. One reason Jesus talked about truth so much is he knew that no community can live together apart from truth.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Praeludium in E Minor*

by Nicolaus Bruhns; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Here in this place,  
light streams in and music rings out.

**Here in this place,  
friends are greeted and strangers are welcomed.**

Here in this place,  
truth is discerned and promises are remembered.

**Here in this place,  
God welcomes all and we are home.**

\*Hymn, No. 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Redeeming God,  
Following the way of Jesus is a struggle.**

**When we have been faithful, strengthen us.**

**When we have disappointed you, forgive us.**

**When we have failed to know the difference, teach us.**

**It is our desire to follow in the way of Christ.** (Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!**

**Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!**

**And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

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

Beth Winetroub (9 a.m.)  
Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Exodus 32:1-6, 15-24 (pg. 77)

Sermon

*Out Came This Calf! (Of course, that's not the truth!)* Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn

*An Echo of the Voice of God*

(choir only)

This cry, this groan, this psalm pouring out,  
pouring out, an echo of the voice of God. *Hum.*

**This chant, this hum, this song rising up,  
rising up, an echo of the voice of God. *Hum.***

**This hush, this rest, this prayer, soft and still,  
soft and still, an echo of the voice of God. *Hum.***

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Micah Blues*

by Kyle Pederson; Trent Green, tenor & The Village Choir

Nathan Bliss, saxophone; Jack McClain, drums; John Garafalo, electric bass

Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with our God.

Show mercy, grow compassion, and live and love and humbly walk with God.

Let others be the clanging cymbal,

let others have their boast or brag,

let others claw and cling to the things their eyes see,

but let me walk humbly, so humbly. *Micah 6:8, adapted*

\*Sung Response

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

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

*Be Thou My Vision*

Congregational meeting (9 a.m.)

\*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

*Fantasy on ST. DENIO*  
by J. Bert Carlson; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

## **ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC**

This morning's prelude reflects the many kinds of interactions one might have as they seek truth: bold confidence, questioning dialogue and quiet conflict are all represented in the composition of this North German Baroque prelude. The piece steps among these differing conversations before finally arriving at a triumphant cadence. So, too, do the human heart and mind experience such meanderings as they journey towards truth in today's turbulent climate.

## 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).

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**Prepare for baptism** – For infants and children, contact [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).  
For adults, contact [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@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 [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@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 913-671-2325 or [bob.sperry@villagepres.org](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Register for Fall Village U Classes** – See full course listings and register at [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes).

### Upcoming Classes Include:

**Global Warming: God's Gift of the Milankovitch Cycles** – Taught by Jerry Rees, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, Room 232. With God's gift of these thousand-year cycles, combined with human action, there is a brief window of opportunity to slow, stop and reverse global warming and climate change. We'll discuss urgent effective actions.

**The Case for Reparations: A Way Forward in Racial Justice and Reconciliation?** Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 21 & 28, Rooms 132 & 133. Participants in this class will explore the emerging conversation around reparations for African Americans and how the church is helping to shape the way forward.

**Electric Car Expo** – 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, Mission Campus south parking lot. Join local electric car enthusiasts as they display their all-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles, answer questions and get you revved up to consider an EV. Contact [daw737@aol.com](mailto:daw737@aol.com) with questions.

**Men's Breakfast and Bible with Rev. Tom Are, Jr.** – 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 4-Nov. 1, Room 228 (Friendship Hall East). Join Rev. Tom Are, Jr. for a morning Bible study. Chef Andrea will prepare a hot breakfast and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from scripture. Invite a friend and join the fellowship on Tuesday mornings. Cost: \$7. Pay in person.

**How to Plan a Smart Home** – Taught by Tony Liu, 1-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, Room 316. This is the first of a two-part class. Tony will discuss and show the advantages and conveniences of creating a smart home. A smart home with smart devices can be added to make your house secure, save money and provide convenience. Using smart devices does require planning and preparation. Registration is required; child care is not provided.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Child Care** is available on the first floor during 9 a.m. & 5 p.m. services. Infants to 3-year-olds in Rooms 114 and/or 106.

**Preschool Lighthouse** – Kids age three (by Sept. 1) through Pre-K meet on the first floor in Room 106. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106.

**Elementary Lighthouse** – K-6th Grade – Weather permitting, elementary ages meet on the south playground for the month of September. Registration and sign-ins are located on the south playground. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

## MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

**Food Truck Festival** – 5-7 p.m. next Sunday, Sept. 25, Mission Campus north parking lot. Bring your family and lawn chairs, enjoy games plus live music from Sharp Marbles, and purchase food from four gourmet food trucks: Burg and Barrel, Crave of KC, Taste of KC (BBQ) and KaleidoScoops Ice Cream.

**Food Pantry** – Peanut Butter Month continues, and we are asking for all varieties of peanut butter. Each family receives a jar of peanut butter with each visit, which means that, for the Pantry, there is no such thing as too much peanut butter. The Clothes Closet is requesting donations of new or gently used bath towels, washcloths, kitchen towels, etc. Donations can be dropped off at either campus.

## MUSIC

**Te Deum Presents the Mozart Requiem** – Today at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Combining the Te Deum Chamber Orchestra and distinguished soloists. Tickets at [te-deum.org](http://te-deum.org) or at the door.

**Trio Classics** – Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join Village Players leader and violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen for a concert of Trio Classics with world-renowned musicians, pianist Tatiana Tessman and cellist Michael Mermagen. Featuring Haydn's C Major Trio, Beethoven's "Archduke" and Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 1. Special Piano Trio guest performance by prize-winning Village Players Youth members. Free admission.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Grief is a journey, and we are here to help you every step of the way.** Growing through Grief, a five-week series, will be at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday from Oct. 5-Nov. 2, in Room 132-Mission Campus. Each participant receives his/her own copy of "Understanding Your Grief – Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart." This class is free and open to all; registration is required by contacting 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.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** – Begins 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21. This fall we consider how "disunity" can be holy, looking at the gifts of scripture and theology that might inform how we can coexist, without resorting to shallow calls for "unity." We'll use Layton Williams' book, "Holy Disunity," as our roadmap. All young adults welcome! Schedule and sign up online: [VillagePresYA.org/fall](http://VillagePresYA.org/fall).

**Fall Cookout** – 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. Let's celebrate a new season together! Bring your favorite beverage to share. RSVP for exact address: [VillagePresYA.org/calendar/cookout](http://VillagePresYA.org/calendar/cookout).

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Join Us for Any of Our Weekly Activities** – No sign-up required; all weekly activities below meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

**MS Mornings**–Sundays, 9-10 a.m. **SNL** (HS youth group)–Sundays 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Lofternoons** (MS after school program)–Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. **GPS** (MS youth group)–Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

**Early Table** (HS morning devotional)–Thursdays 7:30-8:15 a.m.

**Register now for Ski Trips and Dominican Republic** – All forms online now at [shop.villagepres.org/youth-events](http://shop.villagepres.org/youth-events).

## Congregational Meeting Today

This meeting will take place immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The purpose is to elect new church officers for the positions of elder, elder/trustee and deacon. At-large members of the Nominating Committee will also be elected.

## SERMON SERIES

### Sometimes We Need to Ask for Directions

Physical growth happens by nature. We are born. We learn to walk. We go to school. We get jobs. We age. Growth is unavoidable. Spiritual growth is different. There are experiences that demand engagement of our faith. The first time you stand at the rim of the Grand Canyon. The first time you fall in love or hold your own child. These and other experiences become part of our faith journey. But journey is the point. And for faith to grow as it should, experience alone will not likely provide all that we need or desire. If you are determined to have a deeper faith a year from now, what would you need to do before September 2023 to enrich your faith? This series will reflect on some practices and possibilities for such a journey. Physical growth just happens, but for a spiritual journey, sometimes you need to ask for directions.

Sept. 11 Part of an Old, Old, Story – Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

**Sept. 18 Out Came This Calf! (Of course, that's not the truth!) – Rev. Tom Are, Jr.**

Sept. 25 The Promise of Prayer – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Oct. 2 Journey to Find God – Rev. Tom Are, Jr. & Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Oct. 9 On Being Commissioned – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Oct. 16 Holy Friendship – Rev. Tom Are, Jr. & Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

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

Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyice, director of mission & engagement • Will Breytspraak, director of music  
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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