



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Sept. 24, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether
setting by Robert Lind; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters

Prairie Sky Counseling Center
Jen Wewers, executive director

Call To Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them."

So, we gather now with you in our midst, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all who are weak, weary and heavy laden and I will give rest for your souls."

So, we come with all our worries and concerns and anxieties to receive the rest you offer.

Jesus promised, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

So, we claim that promise, O Lord, grateful for your presence until you come again.

Holy God, we praise your name.

Lord of all, we bow before you.

*Hymn No. 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; 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.**

Anthem

Simple Gifts

Traditional, arr. Bill Holcombe; Village Brass

Prayer for Illumination

Beth Winetroub (9 a.m.); Miriam Frey (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Isaiah 42:5-9 (pg. 661)

Sermon

Breathe In God's Mercies...

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me (9 a.m.)
by K. Lee Scott; More Love Chorale

Servants of Your Peace (11 a.m.)
by K. Lee Scott; Village Choir

*Sung Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Spirit of the Living God
by Daniel Iverson; More Love Chorale (9 a.m.) and Village Choir (11 a.m.)

*Postlude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. Doug Smith; Village Brass

**All who are able may stand*
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Prairie Sky Counseling Center Open House and Ribbon Cutting Sunday, Oct. 1 – Antioch Campus in Overland Park

Join the staff and board members of Prairie Sky Counseling Center to celebrate our official opening. A short program and ribbon cutting will start at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. RSVP to Jen Wewers by Sept. 28 to ensure we have enough coffee and treats for everyone: 913-214-2288 or jen.wewers@prairieskycc.org.

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 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. & Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka’s weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

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Congregational Celebration & Thanksgiving for Rev. Tom and Carol Are

We will gather from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17, in Friendship Hall at the Mission Campus to celebrate the Ares and say farewell before they head to Chicago. Tom will serve as interim pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church after serving almost 20 years at Village Church. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead a program at 5:30 p.m. which will also livestreamed. You will have the opportunity to make a contribution to a farewell gift. Details coming soon.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Don Freberg by the Freberg families.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

What Do We Believe? Creeds and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) – Join Rev. Tom Are, Jr. & Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, now-Oct. 25, in Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus. In these six sessions, we will explore the 12 creeds and confessions of the PC(USA).

Climate Change Update: Big Changes Coming – Taught by Chick Keller, 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 25 & Oct. 2, Room 232, Mission Campus. Climate change is driving change faster than expected. While we have a global plan to solve climate change, we are behind schedule on implementation.

Divine in the Details: Poetry as Contemplation – Dr. Ruth Williams, associate professor of English, William Jewell College, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 4-25, Room 127, Mission Campus. In this course, we'll examine how poetry can serve as a vehicle that puts us in touch with the wonder of our daily lives, focusing specifically on how poets writing now, in an era defined by distraction, create space for readers' reflection and renewal.

"What Kind of Christianity" Book Study Groups – Group 1: Elizabeth Doyle 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Oct. 5, 19, 26, Room 127, Mission Campus. Group 2: Jim Marshall 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 10-24 Room 127, Mission Campus. In his book, "What Kind of Christianity," Dr. William Yoo tells how Presbyterians were active in promoting, supporting and willfully ignoring the enslavement of other human beings.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during the 9 a.m. service. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2 and 3 to Room 109. Child care is also available during the 5 p.m. Gathering service. Bring infants through 4-year-olds to Room 109.

Lighthouse – Three-year-olds meet on the first floor in Room 107. Pre-K and 4-year-olds meet in Room 106. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. **Elementary Lighthouse**– K-6 Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

FOOD PANTRY

This is the last Sunday in the Food Pantry's Peanut Butter Month. The drop boxes at the Mission or Antioch campuses are available for your donations all week. The Clothes Closet requests pots and pans and other cooking utensils. Thank you.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Dine in before your Village U class or take it home. Activities for kids. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

Dinner Volunteers – Seeking volunteers to help serve Wednesday Family Dinners in Friendship Hall. Volunteers serve 1-2 hours in a fun and lively setting and eat for free. Contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce if you are interested: dionne.boyce@villagepres.org or 913-671-2369.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Organist Doug O'Neill presents a benefit recital – 3 p.m. today in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission with donations accepted to support the ministry of the choir school at Christ the King Catholic Church in Wyandotte County.

The Kansas City Wind Symphony presents Myths and Legends – 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission. This concert explores the rich musical world of pieces inspired by ancient myths and legends from across the globe.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring harpist Tabitha Reist-Steiner and soprano Alyssa Toepfer – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, Mission Campus Sanctuary. This dynamic duo will perform pieces by Strauss, Debussy, Tosti and Puccini. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

If you have lost a loved one...consider attending Growing through Grief. This five-week long series, facilitated by one of our pastors, is at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday, Oct. 4-Nov. 1, in Room 124, Mission Campus. The class is free and open to all; registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

Rev. Dr. Jared Witt is Our Guest Speaker – Join us at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Friendship Hall to hear Rev. Dr. Jared Witt address the many forms that grief takes. This presentation is sponsored by Faith & Grief. Facilitated table conversations that provide a safe place to listen, remember and pray follow his presentation. The Faith & Grief Support Gathering is open to all at no charge. Lunch is provided for those who pre-register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Seeking Nominations – Faithful Women of Outstanding Service. Are there women who have inspired you and nurtured your faith through their example of service and leadership? If so, submit your nomination to Susan Satterlee at sgsatterlee@sbcglobal.net or Cindy Henderson at cshsh15@gmail.com by Oct. 29. Nomination form at villagepres.org/pw. Nominees must be a member of Village Presbyterian Church and not currently on the PW Board.

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

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – Join us at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, now-Oct. 11, in the Young Adult Room. In this series, we'll look together at stories from across the Bible and invite ourselves to see them with a new perspective. Come and join the conversation led by Revs. Alice and Julianna Whitson.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Weekly Programs Are Back! Join us in the Youth Loft for our weekly events. **Sunday Brunch** (all youth, 9-10 a.m.), **SNL** (high school youth group, Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.), **Lofternoons** (middle school afterschool program, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.) and **GPS** (middle school youth group, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.).

KC Current on Oct. 7 – We are heading out to see the KC Current as they take on the Chicago Red Stars! We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7; tickets can be found online at shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries.

Trip Signups Are Open – Registration is now open for the High School Ski Trip (Jan. 12-16), Middle School Ski Trip (Feb. 17-21) and High School Spring Break in the Dominican Republic (March 8-16). Signups are online and can be found at shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries.

Village Golf – We play the final round of the Village Golf season Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Falcon Lakes Golf Course. Email Brad Steil at bradsteil@everestkc.net by Oct. 5 to reserve your spot on a four-player team. Cost is \$47 for seniors and tee times begin at 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING SERMONS

- Sept. 17 If I Understand the Text - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
Sept. 24 Breathe In God's Mercies... - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
Oct. 1 We Believe. Help Our Unbelief. - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
Oct. 8 Do the Good that is Yours To Do. - Rev. Tom Are, Jr. preaching
Oct. 15 Living Toward God's Promised Day - 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

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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