



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Jen Norton, artist

## Service of Worship

September 25, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Vater Unser im Himmelreich*  
by Georg Böhm; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

*God Is Here* (9 a.m.)  
by Glenn Wonacott; More Love Chorale  
*The Water Is Wide*  
arr. Daniel Kallman; Amy Jantz, clarinet (11 a.m.)

Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

O come, let us worship and bow down,

**let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!**

For the Lord is a great God,

**And a great King above all gods.**

\*Hymn, No. 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,**

**this morning we gladly sing your praises.**

**We praise you for your grace and favor.**

**We praise you that we are ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven.**

**Yet we move through our days at home, at school and at work rarely praising you.**

**We move through our lives barely acknowledging you exist.**

**Forgive us, God of Heaven.**

**Turn our hearts to you so that we praise you at all times.**

**Help us in all our lives to acknowledge you as the God of grace.**

**Help us in every moment to recognize you as the maker of all our days.**

(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

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Onscreen)

Prayer for Illumination

Dee Couch (9 a.m.)

Bob Abbott (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 6:7-13

When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

Luke 11:1-4

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone  
indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

Sermon

*The Power of Prayer*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 464, Congregation joins at "All" each time    *Our Father, Which Art in Heaven*  
Evan Nelson, cantor

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*What a Fellowship*  
by David Cherwien; More Love Chorale (9 a.m.)

*For This Joy*  
by Susan LaBarr; The Village Choir; Amy Jantz, clarinet (11 a.m.)

\*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. 66

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

\*Postlude

*Praeludium from Suite Circulaire*  
by Carson Cooman; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*  
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## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The prelude is a setting of Martin Luther's congregational hymn version of the Lord's Prayer, entitled "Vater Unser im Himmelreich" ("Our Father in Heaven"). Luther's hymn had nine verses, the final of which declares:

"Amen! That is, let this come true! Strengthen our faith ever anew,  
That we may never be in doubt of that we here have prayed about.  
In Thy name, trusting in Thy word. We say a soft Amen, O Lord."

Böhm sets the tune in a very pleading, unrushed fashion: the prayer is both desperate and patient.

## 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).

**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](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

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**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](mailto:kidsinfo@villagepres.org).

**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** – Please consider setting up a recurring gift online at [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving).

## 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:

**Electric Car Expo** – 4:30-7 p.m. this Wednesday, Sept. 28, Mission Campus south parking lot. Join local electric car enthusiasts as they display their all-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles and answer questions.

**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. Registration is required; child care is not provided.

**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. Cost: \$7. Pay in person.

**Power, Tyranny and the Biblical Response** – Taught by Dr. Brendon Benz, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5-26, Room 126. Participants will analyze the nature of social power and its relationship to tyranny.

**Great Religious Figures of the 20th century: Niebuhr, Heschel, Thurman, Day** – Taught by Gus Breystspraak, Ph.D., 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5-26, Room 127. We will discuss the influence of Reinhold Niebuhr, Abraham Heschel, Howard Thurman and Dorothy Day, who represented different religious traditions.

## 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 today. 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

**Peace Offering and Global Witness (World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2)** – This special offering is used for the following: 50% enables the Peacemaking Program to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the Presbyterian Church; 25% is given to our presbytery and synod for their peacemaking efforts; 25% is kept by Village Church for our own peacemaking ministry. Gifts can be made to Village Presbyterian Church. Please note on your check that your donation is designated for the "Peace Offering."

**Be the Church Service Night** – Dinner & Service Projects 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Mission Campus. We'll seek to "be" the Church through worship and mission together. Worship at any of our services and return at 6 p.m. for dinner and hands-on service projects. Or worship at 5 p.m. with the Gathering and stay to eat and serve. Sign up at [VPCTheGathering.org/serve](http://VPCTheGathering.org/serve).

**Wednesday Family Dinners Return Oct. 5** – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners will be available in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Dine in before your Village U class or take it home to enjoy. Children & Family Ministry will provide activities for kids. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase dinners online by noon Monday, Oct. 3, at [villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners).

**Food Pantry** – This is the last Sunday in the Food Pantry's Peanut Butter Month. Bring Peanut Butter jars or make a cash donation at [shop.villagepres.org/september-peanut-butter-drive](http://shop.villagepres.org/september-peanut-butter-drive). Drop boxes for jars of peanut butter are at the church entrances. The Clothes Closet requests pots and pans and other cooking utensils.

## MUSIC

**Trio Classics** – Concert at 7:30 p.m. this 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. Free admission.

**“Desire And Delusion” With Brad Howard, Tenor & Lee Thompson, Piano** – 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission. Join us for a poetic and profound recital of song, including Robert Schumann’s “Dichterliebe,” as well as works by John David Earnest and Maurice Ravel, all sung by renowned Atlanta-based tenor and Emory University voice professor, Brad Howard.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Find Support & Comfort Through Growing Through Grief** – Growing through Grief is a class designed to help those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 5, for five weeks through Nov. 2. Class is at 9:30 a.m. in Room 132-Mission Campus. Registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) to register.

**End of Life Conversations are Blessed Conversations** – Thinking about your values and wishes at the end of your life and sharing those with your family is a gift, not something morbid. Join us from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 15, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus for Blessed Conversations. Gain a better understanding of how important it is to have this conversation and get tools to help you plan this process. RSVP to 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.

**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/fall](http://VillagePresYA.org/fall).

## 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).

**Donate Jeans/Denim** – We are collecting jeans and denim that we will then turn into shoes through Sole Hope, an organization that makes shoes and distributes them to children in Africa. Donations can be dropped in the box by the South Reception Desk.

## Food Truck Festival Today

5-7 p.m. today, 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.

## 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 Power 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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