



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

October 2, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

Sometimes we speak of a faith journey, and sometimes we take that journey in a literal fashion by going on a pilgrimage. Today we will reflect on the importance of pilgrimage as a means to discover the vast expanse of God's love.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Chorale & Fugato*  
by Claude T. Smith; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr. &  
Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call to Worship

God is our help in ages past and our hope for years to come.

**Here, we remember the help,  
and it strengthens our hope.**

\*Hymn, No. 769 (v. 1-3)

*For Everyone Born*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,  
when our concerns are too small,  
our thoughts are self-centered,  
and our imaginations are turned off,  
startle us with your grace,  
that we might remember the vast expanse of your love.** (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

Scripture

Acts 10:1-16

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (9 a.m.)  
Terri Piazza (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Acts 10:27-33

Sermon

*Journey to Find God*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr. &  
Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 525

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Ye Followers of the Lamb*  
arr. Edwin Earle Ferguson; Alegría Choir (9 a.m.)

*Saints Bound For Glory*  
by Dwight Gustafson; Village Brass (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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body. You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Communion Motet

*Come Before the Table*  
by Karen Marrolli;  
Lauren Stokke & Rachel Priest, soloists,  
Theo Musick, percussion; Village Choir

Prayer of Response

\*Hymn, No. 295

*Go to the World!*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,  
and God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.**

\*Postlude

*God of Abraham Praise*  
by Michael Cox; Village Brass

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

## **ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC**

"Ye Followers of the Lamb" is a Shaker song that celebrates the joy and energy found in Christian community. The Shakers were a 18th- and 19th-century Christian sect located mainly in the northeastern United States. They preached pacifism and equality of the sexes, and their worship was quite charismatic; accordingly, there is a section of this anthem that instructs the singers to sing "deliriously."

If you are an adult that wants to sing in a church choir but can't commit to weekly rehearsals, consider joining the Alegría Choir! This ensemble rehearses once per month and sings the following Sunday. Reach out to Dr. Elisa Bickers if you'd like more information at [elisa.bickers@villagepres.org](mailto:elisa.bickers@villagepres.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.  
Senior Pastor

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of James Henry Patterson by Alison, Bill and Elie.

**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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### Spread the Message to Be Just. Be Kind. Be Humble.

Village Church is partnering with Church of the Resurrection and other churches in the KC Metro area for the “BE” Campaign this fall. The “BE” campaign calls you to take action!

- Stand up, speak out and act in places of inequity, ensuring the vulnerable are treated fairly.
- Practice intentional acts of kindness and compassion daily.
- Cultivate the habit of humility through respect, listening and empathy.

Help yourself to a yard sign or sticker in the Narthex and the north and south reception desks. Learn more about the “BE” Campaign at [becampaign.org](http://becampaign.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:

**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. 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. Discuss the influence of Reinhold Niebuhr, Abraham Heschel, Howard Thurman and Dorothy Day, who represented different religious traditions.

**How to Set up and Use a Smart Home** – Taught by Tony Liu, 1-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, Room 316. This is the second of a two-part class. We will discuss and demonstrate tips and tricks to set up a smart home. Registration is required. Child care is not provided.

**FEAST 2.0 Retreat** – 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, Conception Abbey, Conception, Missouri. Join us for a retreat for a time of personal growth and contemplation with the Sacred. Cost is \$50. Contact [laura.hobbs@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.hobbs@villagepres.org) with questions and to register.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Child Care** is available on the first floor during 9 a.m. & 5 p.m. services. Infants to 2-year-olds can be dropped off in Room 114. **Preschool 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-6th Grade – ALL-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are located outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

## MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

**Peace Offering and Global Witness for World Communion Sunday Today** – 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 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. \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Monday, Oct. 3, at [villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners).

**Food Pantry** – It's not too late to contribute to the September Peanut Butter Drive. Peanut butter donations (18 oz. plastic jars preferred) can still be dropped off at either campus or the Food Pantry. Thank you to all who have participated this month and for all of your support! The Clothes Closet is asking for jackets, coats and sweaters.

**New Village Connect Group** – Led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month from Oct. 11-May 9 in Room 132. Build relationships and learn together. Contact [laura.hobbs@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.hobbs@villagepres.org) for more information.

## MUSIC

**"Music That Moves" With The Kansas City Wind Symphony** – 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Conducted by Village Brass director, Dr. Langston Hemenway, the Kansas City Wind Symphony is a resident ensemble of our Village Arts Alliance. Free admission.

**2nd Thursday Recital with Pianist Sihao Qin, piano** – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, Mission Campus, Sanctuary. Free Admission. A student at the International Music Center at Park University, Sihao Qin is originally from China.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**"A Saint In Heaven"-Faith And Grief Meets Tuesday, Oct. 4** – Our guest speaker, Nancy Allen, will share her story about the passing of her son, Mark, just five days after his first birthday. Noon on Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Friendship Hall. Reservations are helpful at [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings).

**Growing through Grief Starts Wednesday** – If you are grieving, find comfort and support at Growing through Grief. Class starts at 9:30 a.m. this Wednesday, Oct. 5 in Room 132 and meets for five weeks through Nov. 2. Registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) to register.

**Blessed Conversations Postponed** – Blessed Conversations, which was scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15, has been postponed until Lent 2023. More information will be shared closer to that time.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Amazing Graces Fall Event** – Join us at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, 4311 W. 89th St. We will learn about the newly established non-profit, Kansas Missouri Mental Health Collaborative from our speakers, co-founder Alice Carrott-Eidson, and Jen Wewers, executive director. \$15 per person, which is payable at the door. RSVP to [lexalcarr@gmail.com](mailto:lexalcarr@gmail.com) by Oct. 13.

**Women of Wisdom (WOW)** – Join us at noon Thursday, Oct. 13, at Bravo! Italian Kitchen, 5005 W. 117 St., in Town Center Plaza, Leawood. WOW extends an invitation to all Presbyterian Women. RSVP by Oct. 11 to Marvie Sneegas at [sneegi@kc.rr.com](mailto:sneegi@kc.rr.com) or 913-209-9608.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** – 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5. 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." Schedule online: [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.

## 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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