



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Oct. 15, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Our history includes the story of Abraham and Ruth. We have the words of Isaiah and the song of Mary. We remember the deeds of Jesus and the perseverance of Paul. There was the theological insight of John Calvin and the prophetic courage of Martin Luther King Jr. We remember the pastoral heart of Dr. Bob Meneilly. The story of our faith includes all of this, and much, much more. But we dare not forget: The days ahead of us matter as much to God as the days behind us.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Rondo Brillante
by Arnold B. Sherman; Village Ringers (9 a.m.)

A Welsh Folk Tune
arr. Margaret R. Tucker; Morning Bells (11 a.m.)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;

**We remember your help, O God,
and it strengthens our hope.**

*Hymn No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Zach Walker

Hopeful God,

You promise that justice will roll down like waters.

You promise that swords will be beaten into plowshares.

You promise that your way of life will beat in the human heart.

**You promise that the day will come when all will be well,
when all manner of things will be well.**

When we doubt your promises,

remind us that you have no doubt in that promised day. (Silent Prayer)

*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

Rev. Melanie Hardison

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Call to Prayer

**Open my heart: I bare my soul as those around help make me whole.
Help me to listen, seek out what's real, anxious to grow and set to heal.
Silently now we wait for thee, ready, our God, your hands to be.
Open our hearts! We look to thee, Spirit Divine!**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Alice Whitson

**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

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
arr. Alice Parker; Village Choirs

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Chad Herring

Scripture

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

Living Toward God's Promised Day

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

Call for Offering

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Offertory Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter;

Jenny Hull, cello & Village Ringers (9 a.m.)

Gloria Canon

by Franz Joseph Haydn & Donald Moore;

Erika Wheeler, flute & More Love Chorale (11 a.m.)

*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. 821

My Life Flows On

Congregational Meeting (11 a.m.)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?

*Postlude

Allegro Maestoso e Vivace from Sonata IV in B flat

by Felix Mendelssohn; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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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 flowers in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Rev. Tom and Carol Are by Mazie Long and family.

Congregational Celebration & Thanksgiving for Rev. Tom and Carol Are 5-7 p.m. This Tuesday, Oct. 17, Friendship Hall – Mission Campus

We will gather to celebrate and give thanks for Carol and Rev. Tom Are before they move to Chicago. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead a program at 5:30 p.m. which will also be livestreamed at villagepres.org/online. You may contribute to a farewell gift for Carol and Tom at bookstore.villagepres.org/ares-gift

Boy Scouts Holiday Greenery Sales – Troops 91 and 6091 will be selling Sherwood Farms Greenery from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. today and Sunday, Oct. 22, at both the north and south church entrances. Cash or check is accepted; credit card orders can be placed online at sherwoodfundraiser.com/Troop91/VPC. Pickups will be Nov. 19 & 26. Email ckocanabsa@gmail.com with questions.

Giving – You may give to Village Church at 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 or 913-671-2325.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church – 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 28, Friendship Hall. Join us for a presentation and discussion led by author, Professor William Yoo.

Saint John's Bible: Hospitality, Transformation, Justice for all God's People – Rev. Peter DeVeau & Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson, provost & dean of the faculty, Central Seminary, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 1-29, Room 126, Mission Campus.

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.

Mark your calendars for the Third Grade Bible Ceremony – Join the third-grade class as they receive their own Whirl Bible at the 9 a.m. service Sunday, Oct. 22. A reception in Friendship Hall for families of third graders will follow the service. For more information, contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org or 913-671-2350.

Moms of Teens (MOTS) has started back up again and offers a fun, inviting atmosphere for moms to laugh, discuss and interact with others in the same life stage. Join when you're able and invite moms who would enjoy connection with other moms! Our first meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in Room 307, Mission Campus.

FOOD PANTRY

Next month the Food Pantry will be delivering 500 baskets (a turkey with all the trimmings) to our Village Food Pantry families. Your \$40 donation at villagepres.org/thanksgiving will sponsor a family of four. The Clothes Closet has a need for fall and winter clothing for all sizes.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. 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.

Blood Drive – Donate between 1 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Rooms 132 & 133, Mission Campus. Sign up at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip and enter the zip code 66208 and Oct. 24. Walk-ins are also welcome.

New Member Luncheon – We are celebrating new Village Church members at a luncheon following the 11 a.m. service on Oct. 22. If you are interested in joining Village Church, contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce: dionne.boyce@villagepres.org.

Be The Church Service Night is Oct. 29 – Give back during our annual night of service featuring nine activities to benefit our mission partners. Worship at the Gathering service at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus followed by pizza and family-friendly service projects starting at 6 p.m. RSVP at bit.ly/2023bethechurch or contact Sarah Dunne Pickrell with questions: sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

VOCES8 – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join Friends of Chamber Music and acclaimed British vocal ensemble VOCES8 for a magical concert featuring music from the renaissance through modern day. Tickets are available at chambermusic.org.

KCKCC Chamber Choir presents "Missa Lucis" – 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Kansas City Kansas Community College Chamber Choir presents a jazz mass composed by Justin Binek, featuring vocal soloists, rhythm section, saxophone and choir. The ensemble recently performed the work in Carnegie Hall. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

It's Not Too Early to Start Thinking about Christmas – More than 250 poinsettias need to go out to homebound members. Just choose a zip code you want, and we'll assign you specific recipients. Delivery is Saturday, Dec. 2. Come by the Mission Campus north entrance for curbside pick-up between 9-11 a.m. To sign up, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Amazing Graces Fall Event – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the home of Jan Bleakley, 8621 Delmar in Prairie Village. Come hear Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for Media Ministry, and enjoy appetizers and drinks. The cost is \$15 a person. RSVP to Becky.anderson418@gmail.com.

Join the Women of Wisdom (WOW) Lunch at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the Tavern at Mission Farms, 10631 Mission Rd. RSVP by Oct. 24 to Diane Lee at 913 432 4321 or dianelee@att.net

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

Parks & Picnics – Young adults and their children, come join us for food and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Wassmer Park, 67th & Roe Ave. in Prairie Village. You bring the family; we'll bring the food! RSVP required at VillagePresYA.org/parents

Happy Hour – Join us at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Vine Street Brewing Co, 2010 Vine St., Kansas City, Missouri, for eats, drinks, and casual conversation at Missouri's first Black-owned brewery.

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 25-Nov. 15, in the Young Adult Room.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Weekly Programs – 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.).

Leftover Halloween Candy – Any leftover Halloween candy this year can be donated to Village Youth; we use it to fill up care packages for our college students. You can drop it off at the south entrance desk during normal business hours.

Walking the Camino – From 10:10-10:50 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in Friendship Hall, Rev. Melanie Hardison will offer reflections and photos from her recent 114-mile walk along the Camino de Santiago in Spain—an ancient pilgrimage route to the Cathedral where the remains of the Apostle James are enshrined. She'll talk about pilgrimage as a spiritual practice and the Village pilgrimage Melanie is offering on the Camino next year.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Giving Thanks

"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above so thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love." So sings the chorus of the song "All Good Gifts" by Stephen Schwartz composed for the musical Godspell. In this sermon series, titled "Giving Thanks," Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore the different gifts that God has given to us through our ministries with children, youth, young adults, adults and our wider community. Jesus speaks to us all in Luke 12:48 when he says, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." As we gather with friends and family for our Thanksgiving celebrations with grateful hearts, we will explore how we are invited to give so the ministry of Jesus Christ may continue.

- Oct. 22 Giving thanks for our ministries with children and families.
- Oct. 29 Giving thanks for our ministries with young people.
- Nov. 5 Giving thanks for our ministries with young adults.
- Nov. 12 Giving thanks for our ministries with our communities.
- Nov. 19 Giving thanks for all God's good gifts.

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. Boyice, director of mission & engagement
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications
Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Chad Herring, interim senior associate pastor
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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