



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Oct. 22, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

"Anitra's Dance" from Peer Gynt Suite
by Edvard Grieg; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

Brooke Brundige

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*Hymn No. 487 (v. 1,2,3,5)

These Treasured Children

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

We sing that our children present now are bound to us by sacred vow, and we make a heartfelt claim to welcome all in Jesus' name.

Yet we confess to you that we do not always care for our own children as Jesus did.

We neglect our children when they need us most.

We try to control our children when they need us to trust them.

We have become numb to the violence that claims the lives of too many children.

We claim to be helpless when children go hungry and thirsty and have no home.

Forgive us, O God.

**You who are like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
you who are like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
help us to love all children as Jesus did. (Silent Prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

Join in singing when invited:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Presentation of Bibles for Third graders (9 a.m.)

Call to Prayer (11 a.m.)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (11 a.m.)

**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

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
arr. Bill Ingram; Youth Bell Ensemble (9 a.m.)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. Roland Martin; Jenny Hull, cello and Village Voices (11 a.m.)

Prayer for Illumination

Emmett Langdon (9 a.m.); Sloane Weemhoff (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Mark 10:13-16

Sermon

Giving Thanks for Children

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 188

Jesus Loves Me!

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Children of the Heavenly Father
arr. Eric Nelson; Village Choir

*Sung Response



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove; then
thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all God's love.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Come, Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community;
empower us to realize
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.**

*Postlude

Allegro con brio from *Sonata in B-flat Major*
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. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Co-Pastor

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.

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, 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 & discussion led by author, Professor William Yoo. Dr. Yoo will teach the Village Forum class on Oct. 29.

Acts of the Apostles: Growing the Early Church – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 1-29, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus. Acts is the story of the early church with all its challenges and successes.

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.

Village Connect Group – Join a group led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month from Nov. 14-May 9 in Room 132. Build relationships and learn together. Contact laura.hobbs@villagepres.org for more information.

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.

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

This week we are asking for personal care items: shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, etc. The Clothes Closet is requesting donations of men's jeans, sweatshirts, long-sleeved shirts, sweaters, etc. Thanksgiving is one month away. Your \$40 donation to feed a family of four with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner is greatly appreciated. Donate at villagepres.org/thanksgiving.

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 from 1-6 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 today. If you are interested in joining Village Church, contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce: dionne.boyce@villagepres.org.

Walk-In Flu Shot Clinic – Healthy Solutions will be offering flu shots from 1-3 p.m. this Thursday, Oct. 26, in Rooms 132 & 133, Mission Campus. Vaccines are self-pay but can be billed to insurance. Participants need to bring their insurance card. The cost is \$35 for ages 5-64 and \$75 for seniors 65+.

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 service projects at 6 p.m. RSVP at bit.ly/2023bethechurch or contact Sarah Dunne Pickrell with questions: sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring baritone and Antioch Campus music director Cameron Rolling – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, Mission Campus Chapel. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Rev. Joe Walker Addresses Holiday Grief – Join us for the Faith & Grief Support Gathering at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 7, in Friendship Hall. Our speaker, Rev. Joe Walker from Country Club Christian Church, will share from various renowned grief counselors about handling grief during this season. Reservations are not necessary unless you would like a boxed lunch. Register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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

PW Morning with Alison Patterson – Join us from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Antioch Campus in Overland Park. Alison Patterson, a Village church member, will give us tools to organize our generosity around our purpose, passion and values. There is no cost to attend, but RSVP to Patty Slentz-Howard at pslentzhoward1@gmail.com.

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

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – Join us at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Food Pantry, 9960 Mission Rd., to help pack Thanksgiving bags for friends in our community! Our series, Spiritual Practices: Faith in the Real World, will continue at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the Young Adult Space.

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.

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. 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.

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