



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Boy Jesus in the Temple. Heinrich Hoffman, (1881).

Service of Worship

Oct. 29, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness
by William Runyan, arr. Wayne Fritchie; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship (Isaiah 40)

Rev. Zach Walker

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.

God does not grow faint or weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.

God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary; and the young will fall exhausted.

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

**they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

*Hymn No. 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

*Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

**you knew what it was like to be an adolescent
with all the wonder and anxieties of being a teenager.**

**You knew what it was like to yearn to be accepted
and to feel the sting of rejection.**

**You knew what it is was like to love and still struggle
with your parents and little brothers and sisters.**

**Help us to remember as we go through our challenges
that you experienced them, too.**

Help us to show our love for all as you did. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

Join in singing when invited:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

**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

**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

When I Can Read My Title Clear
arr. Dwight Gustafson; Village Brass

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon

Giving Thanks for Young People

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Mark Hayes; Village Choir and Village Brass

*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. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
til I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

*Postlude

Hymn to Joy

arr. Brenda Portman; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

Today's offertory anthem was written for the Village Church choir and congregation in 1997. The composer, Mark Hayes, writes: "I am commissioned to write choral music for churches all over the country, but it's especially satisfying when I get to serve a church in the Kansas City metro, my home since 1977. The music program at Village Presbyterian has always been outstanding and its reputation for inspiring, thoughtful sacred music is known throughout the area. Arranging a hymn setting can be challenging because if the melody and harmony stay the same for every stanza, there is no "aha." Therefore I graph the emotional arch of this arrangement so as to provide rest and energy as needed, build toward a climax and leave the listener emotionally and spiritually enlightened."

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

The flowers in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Bob Long by Mazie Long & family.

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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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

Solar & Wind—Disruptive Change for Good! 7-9 p.m. Monday Nov. 6, Room 126. This presentation features the screening of Tony Seba's 20-minute video showing how solar and wind will create superpower supply. Learn about technology adoption cost curves and the phase change disruption of a legacy industry, followed by a discussion led by Bill Roush.

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

The Food Pantry this week is asking for pasta – all shapes and sizes. A can/jar of pasta sauce would be a great accompaniment. The Clothes Closet this week is asking for women's clothing—jeans, sweatshirts and sweaters. On Nov. 15, the Pantry will start distributing the Thanksgiving Baskets. For your \$40 donation, the Pantry can shop and prepare a basket for a family of four from you. Donate at villagepres.org/thanksgiving

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Tonight is Be the Church Service Night – Give back during our annual night of service featuring nine activities to benefit our mission partners. Worship at the Gathering service tonight at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus followed by pizza and family-friendly service projects starting at 6 p.m. Contact Sarah Dunne Pickrell with questions: sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org.

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.

Adopt a Star Family for Christmas – Sponsor Christmas gifts and holiday meals for low-income and unhoused families through Operation Breakthrough. Families will be available for online adoption starting Nov. 3 at bit.ly/villagestarfamilies2023. Pick up your adopted family's packet between 10 a.m. and noon Sunday, Nov. 12, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus.

Cross-Lines Volunteer Opportunity – Every other month, Village Church serves a meal to 150-250 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Join us on Friday, Nov. 10, to serve lunch to our neighbors in need. Learn more and sign up at villagepres.org/cross-lines-kitchen or contact Jim Bolton at jcb3823@gmail.com.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

KCKCC Chamber Choir presents "Missa Lucis" – 3 p.m. today, 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

Holiday Grief – The holiday season is quickly approaching. Join us for the Faith & Grief Support Gathering at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 7, when Rev. Joe Walker will talk about ways to work with your grief during this season. Facilitated discussion at tables follows the presentation—share or listen, however you are comfortable. A box lunch is available for those who pre-register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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) – 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.

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

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.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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