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YEARS

**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



The Temple of Artemis (or Diana), goddess of nature, in Ephesus.
One of the seven great wonders of the ancient world.

Service of Worship

Sept. 8, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Fantasy on AZMON
by David Cherwien; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*Call to Worship (Psalm 97)

Maggie Johnson Phillips

The Lord rules! Let the earth rejoice!

Heaven has proclaimed God's righteousness, and all nations have seen God's glory.

All those who are proud of idols are put to shame. All gods bow down to the Lord!

**Zion has heard and celebrates, because God acts with justice,
because God rules over all the earth.**

Those who love the Lord hate evil. God guards the lives of God's faithful ones,
delivering them from the power of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous; joy too for those whose heart is right.

Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones! Give thanks to God's holy name!

*Hymn No. 321 (st. 1, 2, 3, 5)

The Church's One Foundation

(congregation sings bolded stanzas & stands when invited)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:**

**O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

you are the cornerstone of our faith and the foundation for our lives.

You are head of the church and the sustaining power for our life together.

Yet we confess that we do not always act as you call us to act.

We do not always love one another. We get caught up in our own complaints about small things. We hold grudges and are selfish.

We focus too much on our own needs and our own comfort.

We do not show your love to the world.

Forgive us, Lord.

Transform us so that we may act as your body

giving witness to your love for all peoples and for all creation. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

by John L. Bell & Graham Maule

Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise now let
earth to hea - ven raise. Glo - ry and gra - ti -
tude and praise: these we of - fer to God!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

by Rob Clearfield

Op - en our eyes, make us a - live;
show us your mer - cy and grace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The music is simple and melodic, with a repeat sign at the end of the second staff.

Prayers of the People & 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (9 a.m.); Ron Witzke (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-6 (p. 1066)

Sermon

Being One in the Spirit

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 306 (st. 1, 3, 5)

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Antiphon from "Five Mystical Songs"
by Ralph Vaughan Williams; Village Choir

*Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures high and low!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 372

O For a World

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**We are one in the spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

*Postlude

"Gigue" on AZMON
arr. by Becky Dugan; Brass Sextet

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC


We are so grateful to have Jared Cote (trumpet), Joe Lu (trumpet), Madison Bobroff (horn), Chacko Finn (trombone), Kyam McCormack (trombone), Patrick Yeh (tuba) and Theo Musick (percussion) joining us for worship this morning.

The service is bookended by arrangements of the familiar hymn tune AZMON. That word is derived from a Hebrew word meaning "strong" or "robust." As we come back from summer vacations and travels and embark on a fresh fall of education and church activities, may we always know that the church is here to strengthen our connections to God and to one another. She is here to welcome folks to gather together in God's praise, and then sends them beyond her walls to shine warmly as God's beloved people.

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, I invite you to meet one of our pastors at the top of the ramp in the corner of the Welcome Center. As you leave the back of the sanctuary, turn right. We have cookies and coffee for you! We would love to know more about you and to share more about Village Church. Soon, you might also be calling this place, "home."



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Senior Pastor

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

Village U classes are underway! Visit villagepres.org/villageu to sign up for some great classes. Basket Weaving, Especially for Women, FCA & Men's Breakfast Groups, Gentle Yoga, Nuancing Intersections of Nationalism & Religion led by Dr. Megan Groninger, professor at William Jewell College, Adult Exercise, Computer Classes & much much more! Contact hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org with questions.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during services. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2 and 3 to Room 109.

Lighthouse – Pre-K and 4-year-olds meet in Room 106. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. Elementary Lighthouse–K-6 Grade – Drop off in Room 307 for All-Sing (group worship) at 9 a.m. Registration and sign-ins are outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

FOOD PANTRY

September is Peanut Butter month (did you bring a jar?) – Peanut butter is a great source of plant-based protein and packs antioxidants that help decrease your risk of several chronic diseases. It's a staple at the Food Pantry. The Clothes Closet would like gently used accessories–costume jewelry, purses, handbags and wallets.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Friendship Hall. \$5/child \$10/adult. Email hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org to volunteer. Purchase online by noon on Monday at bit.ly/3Zecb1o.

Celebration Dominicana – Join the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church (DRMP) at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Third Street Social (50th & Main St.). For tickets and sponsorships, visit villagepres.org/CD.

MUSIC

2nd Thursday Recital featuring Theodore Musick, marimba – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join us for a noon-time recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artist. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Find Out More About The Memorial Guild This Morning! – Visit the Memorial Guild table at today's Ministry Fair and talk with volunteers who can share more about what it means to usher or help with a reception for memorial services. You help when it fits your schedule. Your smile is the biggest requirement.

What Is Stephen Ministry? – Stephen Ministers provide confidential care for those facing a life challenge. Both men and women who wish to become a Stephen Minister receive more than 50 hours of training. There's SO much more to know about this wonderful ministry. Visit their table at the Ministry Fair this morning.

Faith & Grief Meets This Tuesday – Speaker Michelle Buzzard lost her husband, father and brother all before turning 40. Hear how she handles her grief at our next Faith & Grief Gathering at noon Tuesday, Sept. 10, in Friendship Hall. Lunch is provided to all who preregister at faithandgrief.org/events/kcseptember2024.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Fall Kick-Off – Registration is open. Come from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, for coffee, to connect with friends and a discussion about women's suffrage in Kansas with historian and director of the Kansas Museum of History, Dr. Sarah Bell. Child care is available. There is no cost but register by Sept. 16: villagepres.org/pw.

Amazing Graces is keeping it groovy with a fab fall event for all women 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse. Enjoy a wine tasting and live 60s music. Wear your 60s threads if you feel inspired! Cost is \$15/person. RSVP to becky.anderson418@gmail.com by Sept. 18.

Make a large church feel smaller by finding a Circle—a group of women who meet once a month to study scripture and share life's ups & downs. Email Dee Couch (deecouch@kc.rr.com) to find a date and time (or a virtual meeting) that fits your schedule.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Second Sunday Supper – Join us **today** for a monthly fellowship time around the table. All young adults aged 18-40 and their children are invited. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Brewery Emperial. The church will buy appetizers to share.

Picnic in the Park – Young adult parents and their children are invited to join us for family fun, food and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Westwood Park. Register at bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults.

YAM (Young Adult Ministry) Night – All 20s and 30s are invited to join us on Wednesdays throughout the fall starting Wednesday, Sept. 11, as we gather in the Young Adult Space (north entrance, under the welcome center) to read books, study Scripture, play games and celebrate one another. Dinner 6 p.m., programming 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Weekly Programs Are Back! 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.).

Trip Signups Are Open – Registration is now open for HS Ski Trip (Jan. 18-22), MS Ski Trip (Feb. 15-19) and HS Spring Break in the Dominican Republic (March 15-22). Signups are online and can be found at shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

All are invited to a church picnic courtesy of Village Church Endowment Trust. Bring the whole family from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse, 9101 Nall in Prairie Village.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

In Matthew's gospel, the last charge of Jesus Christ to his disciples was to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). This has always been the task of the church—to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all peoples and to invite them into a loving relationship with him and with his body, the church. In this sermon series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore ways we reach out to others to do as Jesus asked us.

- Sept. 8 Being One in the Spirit**
- Sept. 15 Walking Hand in Hand
- Sept. 22 Working Side by Side
- Sept. 29 They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, co-director of music ministry & principal organist
Laura Ann Bowen, interim senior director of business operations
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications
Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor for pastoral care • Rev. Chad Herring, interim senior associate pastor
Dr. Joshua Maize, co-director of music ministry • Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor
Angel Patterson, interim director of youth ministry
Maggie Johnson Phillips, director of young adult ministry & worship arts
Robert Rumold, director of information technology • Bob Sperry, director of giving & endowment
Sandra Stephens, director of child care • Rev. Zach Walker, pastor for mission
Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for media ministry • 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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