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YEARS

**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

—John 13:35

Service of Worship

Sept. 29, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Paduana

by Johann Hermann Schein, arr. Robert King;
Village Brass, Dr. Langston Hemenway, conductor

*Call to Worship (Psalm 69)

Maggie Johnson Phillips

Let us praise the name of God with song;

Let us magnify God with thanksgiving.

Let those who suffer see the works of God and be glad;

For all who seek God will have their hearts healed and revived.

Let heaven and earth praise God,

the seas and everything that moves in them.

Let us worship and adore the Lord our God.

*Hymn No. 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

when your people were wandering in the wilderness, you provided food to eat.

When we were thirsty, you provided water to drink.

Yet we confess that time and again we trust ourselves more than we trust you.

When you call us to share your good news of salvation and hope, we are reluctant.

When you place people in our lives who need to know your love, we are timid.

**When you show us ways to act that will help heal and transform
and bring glory to you, we are afraid.**

Lord, forgive our reluctant, timid, fearful ways.

**Grant us the courage to live so that all will know we are Christians
by your love. (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!

The musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise now let'. The second staff contains 'earth to hea - ven raise. Glo - ry and gra - ti -'. The third staff contains 'tude and praise: these we of - fer to God!'. The music ends with a double bar line.

*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 musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics 'Op - en our eyes, make us a - live;'. The second staff contains 'show us your mer - cy and grace.' The music ends with a double bar line.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our 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

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

by Lloyd Larson; Village Choir;

Crystal Kimmel, flute & Dr. Langston Hemenway, percussion

Prayer for Illumination

Beth Winetroub (9 a.m.); Miriam Frey (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 13:31-35 (p. 982)

Sermon *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Balm in Gilead

African-American spiritual; arr. Joseph Pugh; Village Brass

*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. 295

Go to the World

Congregational Meeting

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!**

*Postlude

Holy Manna
arr. Dale Wood

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's artistic leadership comes in part from the Village Brass ensemble. This group rehearses Wednesday evenings in this Sanctuary from 7-8:15 p.m. and welcomes brass players from the church and surrounding community. Would you like to play in this fun group, or do you know someone who might? Reach out to Dr. Langston Hemenway for more information (langston.hemenway@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, 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

Congregational Meeting Today

The Session has called a congregational meeting after all worship services today to elect ruling elders, elder/trustees, deacons, personnel committee members and nominating committee members to begin their terms of service in January 2025, and an associate pastor nominating committee for the senior associate 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.



The Gathering – Join us for a modern, imaginative style of worship at Village Church offered at 4 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Men's Breakfast & Bible with Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka at 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 8-Nov. 26, in Friendship Hall and **Seek the Welfare of the City: Mainline Approaches to Faith and Politics** with Rev. Chad Herring at 6:30-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 8-29, in Rooms 132/133. Don't miss a great opportunity to spend some time with our senior pastor and our interim senior associate pastor. Contact hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org for more information.

Grandparents for Gun Safety Annual Forum: Gun Safety, Making Change Happen – 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Rockhurst University/Arrupe Auditorium. Village Social Justice Ministry encourages you to attend! Follow this link for tickets and more information at grandparentsforgunsafety.org

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.

ENGAGEMENT

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

Food Truck Festival – Celebrate fall with your Village family from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, in the south parking lot at the Mission Campus. Food trucks include Burg & Barrell, Crave of KC Tacos, Twisted Tater and Betty Rae's Ice Cream. With music by the James Ward Trio and games.

Village Golf – We play the final round of the Village Golf season on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Falcon Lakes Golf Course. Email Brad at bradsteil@everestkc.net by Oct. 1 to reserve your spot on a four-player team. \$49 for seniors and tee times begin at 9:30 am.

MISSION

Food Pantry – September has been Peanut Butter Month at the Food Pantry. Thanks for helping us stock up on its supply of peanut butter this month. The **Clothes Closet** wants to know if there are sweaters and heavy sweatshirts that you haven't worn for a couple of years? There are folks who can use them this winter. Please donate.

Flu Shot & COVID Booster Clinic – 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, in Room 132/133. This is free—just provide your medical insurance card and an ID. You can get just the flu vaccine or just the COVID booster, or both! The 65+ flu vaccine is also available. Signups can be found at bit.ly/flu-clinic-2024 and walk-ins are also welcome!

MUSIC

Kansas City Wind Symphony presents "Masterpieces" – 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring Deanna Ray, singer/songwriter – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, in the Mission Campus Chapel. Join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artist. Free admission.

Youth Chorus of Kansas City presents "Crowded Table" – 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Jen Wewers Is Our Guest Speaker – Join us for Faith and Grief at noon Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Friendship Hall. Jen Wewers will talk about her dad, and how laughter and gratitude intertwine with grief. Facilitated table conversations follow Jen's presentation. Registration guarantees you lunch: Events for October 2024–Faith & Grief Ministries (faithandgrief.org)

All-Saints Day Honors Our Loved Ones – This year our remembrance observance will be during regular worship services on All-Saints Sunday, Nov. 3. If Village was told that someone passed away this year, his/her name will be in the bulletin. To include additional name(s), contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org by noon Oct. 14.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Seeking Nominations for Faithful Women of Outstanding Service – Are there women who have inspired you and nurtured your faith through their example of service and leadership? Submit your nomination to Patty at pslentzhoward1@gmail.com by Oct. 31. Find the nomination form at villagepres.org/PW.

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

Last Sunday Lunch – 12:30 p.m. **today** at Atomic Cowboy, 7101 W. 80th St., Overland Park, KS 66204. All 20s & 30s are invited. The church will buy appetizers to share.

Pumpkin Patch – We're going to Faulkner's Ranch pumpkin patch on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to enjoy fair games, food, a petting zoo and more! All 20s & 30s (plus kiddos if you have them) are invited. \$15/person (two & under are free). Register at bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – All 20s and 30s are invited each Wednesday, Sept. 11-Dec. 18, as we gather in the Young Adult Space to play games, study Scripture and celebrate one another. Dinner 6 p.m., programming 6:30 p.m. We hope you will join us!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Weekly Programs in Full Swing! 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.).

End-of-Quarter Events! – The end of the first quarter of school is upon us and we are celebrating with two different events: MS Emerald City (9-11 p.m. Oct. 10, meet at Emerald City on Bond St., cost \$20) and HS Top Golf (10 a.m.-noon Oct. 11, meet at Top Golf on Nall Ave., cost is free!). No RSVP is necessary—just join us for the fun!

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Loving God, Loving Nation

From our earliest days as a nation, our democracy has been described as the “American experiment.” Then and even now, the very notion that a disparate group of people could come together and elect representatives to govern themselves seems incredible. For 248 years through a civil war and protests and riots, the American experiment has continued. Yet for many, it seems more fragile today than ever. In this preaching series, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore what it means to be both an American and a Christian.

- Oct. 6 One Nation
- Oct. 13 Under God
- Oct. 20 Indivisible
- Oct. 27 With Liberty and Justice for All

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 • Carol Solenberger, director of engagement
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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