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YEARS

VILLAGE
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, **don't hesitate.** Give in to it. There are plenty of lives and whole towns destroyed or about to be. We are not wise, and not very often kind. And much can never be redeemed. Still life has some possibility left. Perhaps this is its way of fighting back, that sometimes something happened better than all the riches or power in the world. It could be anything, but very likely you notice it in the instant when love begins. Anyway, that's often the case. Anyway, whatever it is, don't be afraid of its plenty. Joy is not made to be a crumb.

Mary Oliver, "Don't Hesitate"

Service of Worship

June 2, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Anna Owens

Introit

I Waited for the Lord
by Felix Mendelssohn; Trent Green, tenor & Bonny Green, soprano

*Call to Worship (Psalm 36)

Rev. Chad Herring

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

*Hymn No. 511

Behold! The Feast of Heaven

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glories to all the world,
but we so often fail to see them. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising
wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our
hearts that you are among us, even here, even now. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (9 a.m.)

Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 2:1-11

Sermon

The Good Wine

Rev. Anna Owens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Call for the Offering

Offertory

What Love is This

by Kari Jobe, Lincoln Brewster and Mia Fieldes;
Trent Green, tenor & Bonny Green, soprano

*Response



For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we give you thanks...

**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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Response

*Hymn No. 366 (st. 1-3)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*Postlude

Fantasy on "LLANFAIR"
by Robert J. Powell; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Bonny and Trent Green are experienced singers, engaging in opera, church music, teaching and choral singing. They are raising two wildly musical daughters and a dog named June Carter Cash.

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

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.

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Prepare for baptism – For infants and children, contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org. For adults, contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org

Add someone to the prayer list – Contact pastoral-care@villagepres.org

Join the church – Contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org

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

Mission Ministry Sunday Series – 10:10-10:50 a.m. Sunday, June 2, in Friendship Hall, Mission Campus. Learn about Hope House, a domestic violence shelter for women and children often on an emergency basis. Resources such as legal advice and support are also available. Come learn how to get involved with this organization. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago – Aug. 30-Sept. 13, in northern Spain. Join Rev. Melanie Hardison to explore walking as a spiritual practice, as we walk 69 miles of this ancient pilgrimage route over nine days. An information session will be held today (10 a.m. in Room 230). Registration deadline is June 15. Visit villagepres.org/camino for details.

Building Beloved Community Alabama Pilgrimage – Oct 9-13, 2024. Meet in Birmingham and join us for a Human Rights Pilgrimage to encourage study, reflection and prayer about the spiritual values that led to the great movement for equal rights and social justice. Email Hillary.Mackowski@villagepres.org with interest on or before June 2.

Village Golf – 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, Sunflower Hills, Bonner Springs, Kansas. Course fee is \$40 for seniors. Men and women from both campuses are welcome. Email Brad Steil at bradsteil@everestkc.net by June 7 to reserve your spot on a four-player team.

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. Kids ages 6 weeks and up are welcome in Room 109.

Sunday Funday–Summer Lighthouse – 9 a.m. today-July 21, Room 307. All elementary schoolers (ages 5-incoming 6th graders) meet in our big room (307/9/11.) Ages 2-4 meet in Room 107. Babies and toddlers combine in the nursery (Room 114). Wear summer play clothes because we might get messy with paints, etc.!

Intergenerational VBS – 6-7:30 p.m. June 12, 19, 26, various locations. We will provide tangible, immersive family experiences—one each Wednesday. It's going to be a blast and incredibly meaningful. Program fee \$15 per person, max \$60 per family (includes dinner). Register at Family VBS-Village Presbyterian Church (villagepres.org/summer)

Seeking Full-Time Positions Child Care Teachers at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center (9900 Mission Road). Hours vary, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. M-F. Details at villagepres.org/employment-opportunities. Qualified adults are encouraged to apply. Contact Julie Jones at 913-671-2310 or julie.jones@villagepres.org. Referrals are always welcomed.

FOOD PANTRY

This week we are requesting **dental hygiene** items such as toothbrushes (adult & children size), toothpaste & floss. The Clothes Closet would like donations of gently used accessories (check your drawers): costume jewelry, purses & handbags, summer hats and sunglasses.

MISSION

National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Wear Orange Weekend June 7-9. Consider wearing orange to worship on Sunday, June 9. Orange ribbons will be distributed at all services to observe National Gun Violence Awareness.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Sarah Thomas Speaks at Faith & Grief This Tuesday – Member Sarah Thomas will talk about being with her mother as she was dying, and how that left Sarah in a dark place. Hear how the darkness lifted for her at Faith & Grief this Tuesday, June 4, from noon–1 p.m. in Friendship Hall, Mission Campus. Table discussions led with a trained facilitator follow Sarah's presentation. Small group discussions follow her presentation. A box lunch is provided for those who pre-register; register at faithandgrief.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Week is June 3-7 – Join us as we kick off the summer in style with events every day of the week, June 3-7. We'll head to Worlds of Fun, The Rush and Chicken N' Pickle, do some hammocking, volunteer and more! Visit villagepresyouth.org/summer for more information and registration details.

Summer Trips – Come on a summer trip with us! High school is heading to Boundary Waters (June 16-22) for a week of canoeing and Montreat (July 6-13) for an amazing conference/retreat. Middle school has a service trip to Memphis (July 26-31). Visit villagepresyouth.org/summer for more info and registration details.

Seeking Nominations for the Nominating Committee Slate for elders, deacons, the personnel committee and the nominating committee for next year. Send any suggestions or self-nominations to laura.hobbs@villagepres.org.

Remembering Vietnam

Lou Eisenbrandt, First Lieutenant and Registered Nurse, will share her experiences as a nurse in Vietnam and share her unique insights regarding the best-seller, "The Women," by Kristin Hannah. Join us at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, in the Sanctuary-Mission Campus. Dessert will be served in the Welcome Center. There is no cost, but registration is required. Email becky.anderson418@gmail.com. Reading the book isn't necessary, just an interest in hearing Lou's riveting story.

4th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration – 4-8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15, Harmon Park, 7728 Delmar in Prairie Village. STAND Up for Black Lives+ Prairie Village, City of Prairie Village, Village Presbyterian Church and the Johnson County NAACP are sponsoring the 4th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration. Enjoy food, drink and a concert with Brass and Boujee. Activities for the entire family include a poster contest, face painting, balloon artists, crafts and games, inflatables and water feature.

SERMON SERIES

Table Graces

Throughout the Bible, the table holds a prominent place in the stories of God's people. From the directions to build a table around which the people may gather in Exodus, to God preparing a table for us in the presence of our enemies in Psalm 23, to Jesus overturning tables in the temple in Jerusalem, to his last supper around a table with his disciples, the table is place of power and hope and justice and righteousness and love. This summer, our pastors will be preaching on passages about the table as a source of grace for us all.

- May 26 Building God's Table - Rev. Melanie Hardison
June 2 The Good Wine - Rev. Anna Owens
June 9 A Table Full of Enemies - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
June 16 When the Food Wins You Over - Rev. Chad Herring
June 23 On the Way - Rev. Alice Whitson
June 30 Working with the Menu - Rev. Zach Walker

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyice, director of 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. 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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