



**VILLAGE  
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

Nov. 10, 2024 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

We live in a world that is both beautiful and hurting. As we enter this giving season, we remember that our giving is for the purpose of healing. On each Sunday, we will explore how God calls us to be like leaves from the tree of life for the healing and transformation of the world.



# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Introit

*Jerusalem*  
arr. Mark Sedio (9 a.m.)

*Jubilant Procession*  
by Jane McFadden; Village Ringers (11 a.m.)

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

**Our souls long for the courts of the Lord; our hearts sing for joy to the living God.**

Happy are those who live in God's house, always singing praises to God.

**Happy are those whose strength is in God.**

For a day in God's courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

Happy is everyone who trusts in God.

\*Hymn No. 697 (st. 1-3)

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,**

**we offer our lives and moments and days to you for your glory.**

**We offer our hands, feet, voices, and lips for your praise.**

**Yet if we are honest, we only offer the parts of our lives that are easy and convenient.**

**We want to control certain parts of our lives rather than give our whole selves to you.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Help us to offer all our lives ever, only, all for thee. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response



\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Time (9 and 11 a.m.) and Third Grade Bible Presentation (9 a.m.)

Call to Prayer (11 a.m.)

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



God is our help, re-fuge, and strength. In trou-bling times, we will not fear.

**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

*Creation of Peace*  
by Mark A. Miller; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (pg. 604)

Sermon

*Healing Through Gifts of Time*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn No. 686

*God of Our Life*

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
arr. Julie Turner; Morning Bells (9 a.m.)

*O Day of Peace*  
arr. Lee J. Afdahl; Village Ringers (11 a.m.)

\*Response

**For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely 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 grateful praise.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

# GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

\*Hymn No. 697 (st. 4-6)

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Choral Amen*  
Village Choir

\*Postlude

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
arr. Wayne L. Wold

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor

Liturgist: Rev. Zach Walker, pastor for mission

Scripture Readers: Sarah Dornbusch (9 a.m.); Rachel Priest (11 a.m.)

Musicians: Dr. Elisa Bickers, Helen Hofmeister, Riley Pembleton

Brooke Brundige, director of children and family ministries

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning's worship includes settings of the tune JERUSALEM. This melody may call to mind the beloved British song "And Did Those Feet in Ancient Time" or the well-known American hymn "O Day of Peace" (which is #373 in the purple hymnal in front of you). Either way, it was selected for this post-election Sunday to serve as a reminder that God's precious gift of peace survives best when humans create an environment where it can flourish. We all share responsibility to ensure that such a circumstance exists.

## 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

## 2024 Budget



**\$5,503,000**

100% funded

**\$4,072,158**

74% funded



**Fill the Heart** to help Village  
Meet Our 2024 Budget

**[villagepres.org/giving](https://villagepres.org/giving)**

**The flowers in the Chancel today** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Bob Long from Mazie, Byron & Martha Long. Always in our hearts.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Theology 101** – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 6-20 in Rooms 132/133. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore seven Christian doctrines: Theology (study of God), Christology (Jesus Christ), Pneumatology (Holy Spirit), Ecclesiology (church), Hamartiology (sin), Soteriology (salvation), and Eschatology (end times). Register at [villagepres.org/village-u](http://villagepres.org/village-u).

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**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** – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Friendship Hall. \$5/child; \$10/adult. Nov. 20 is our annual Thanksgiving Dinner (main dish provided; bring your favorite side dish to share). Email [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org) to volunteer. Purchase online by noon on Tuesday at [bit.ly/3Zecb1o](http://bit.ly/3Zecb1o).

## MISSION

**Food Pantry** – Help us put together 500 Thanksgiving baskets! Donating \$45 will provide a holiday meal (turkey and all the trimmings) for a family of four. **Clothes Closet** – We have a need for **new** underwear and socks for children and adults (all sizes).

**Adopt a Star Family for Christmas** – Sponsor Christmas gifts and holiday meals for low-income and unhoused families through Operation Breakthrough. Families are available for adoption at [bit.ly/village-star-families-2024](http://bit.ly/village-star-families-2024). Pick up your adopted family's packet 10 a.m.-noon today in Friendship Hall.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**2nd Thursday Recital featuring the Sascha Groschang Jazz Quartet** – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Mission Campus Chapel. Please join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artists. Free admission.

**EncoreKC!** – 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, in the Antioch Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

**Kansas City Wind Symphony presents "Dances with Winds"** – 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**"The Spirituality of Hospice Care"** – Rev. Melissa Potts-Bowers, Chaplain at Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care, will be our speaker at 5 p.m. this Thursday, Nov. 14. Come to Room 132/133 to hear more. This event is sponsored by Stephen Ministry – all are welcome.

**Deliver a Poinsettia** – You'll bring so much happiness to our homebound members! Just sign up with Linda Alley then come on Saturday, Dec. 7, to pick up your poinsettia(s) for delivery. Email [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2327.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Advent Celebration: "Calling All Angels"** – 6-8 p.m. Dec. 3. Refreshments will be served in the Welcome Center at 6 p.m.; the program will begin at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our speaker is Jen Wewers, executive director of Prairie Sky Counseling Center. Register at [bit.ly/preswomen](http://bit.ly/preswomen).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Friendsgiving Potluck** – Bring your favorite side dish for our Friendsgiving Potluck from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. Sign up and let us know what you're bringing at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults).

**Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night** – All 20s and 30s are invited each Wednesday, now-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!

**College Conference** – Join Village and fellow college students from around the country at the College Conference at Montreat on Jan. 2-5, 2025. Cost is \$410 and financial support is available. Sign ups and more information at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults)

## 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.).

**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. Thank you!

**College Care Packages** – If you have a college student who you would like to receive a care package, please email their information to [youth@villagepres.org](mailto:youth@villagepres.org).

**New baby births** – We want to meet your little one and give them a gift. Come by the Children & Family Ministry office or email [kidsinfo@villagepres.org](mailto:kidsinfo@villagepres.org).

**Prepare for baptism** – Contact [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org) for child baptisms and [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org) for adult baptisms.

**Plan your wedding** – Contact [weddings@villagepres.org](mailto:weddings@villagepres.org).

**Add someone to the prayer list** – Contact [pastoral-care@villagepres.org](mailto:pastoral-care@villagepres.org).

**Interested in joining Village Church?** – Contact [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

### For the Healing of the Nations

In the last chapter of the Revelation to John, the last book of the Bible, an angel shows John a vision of the water of life flowing from God's throne. Straddling the river is the tree of life producing fruit for all creation and the leaves that come from the tree of life are for the healing of all the nations. We live in a world that is both beautiful and hurting. As we enter this giving season, we remember that our giving is for the purpose of healing. On each Sunday, we will explore how God calls us to be like leaves from the tree of life for the healing and transformation of the world.

Nov. 3     Healing Through Gifts of Remembering

**Nov. 10    Healing Through Gifts of Time**

Nov. 17    Healing Through Gifts of Talents

Nov. 24    Healing Through Gifts of Money

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## 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 • 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

Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips, pastor for 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 communications

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

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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](http://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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