



VILLAGE
CHURCH
Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Nov. 24, 2024 · 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

On this Dedication Sunday, we dedicate our gifts of money, time, and talents to God, remembering that our giving is for the healing and transformation of the world.



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Introit

Os Justi

by Anton Bruckner; arr. Connie Bolton; Village Brass

*Call to Worship (Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber.

God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is our keeper; the Lord is our shade at our right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep us from all evil; God will keep our lives.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

*Hymn No. 689 (choir sings st. 3)

When the Morning Stars Together

Prayer of Confession

God, your giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store.

Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise.

Our grateful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

As you are so generous to us, help us to be generous givers, too.

Forgive us when we hold back our time, talents, and treasure.

**Help us to know that whatever treasures we possess are gained
through powers your grace conferred.**

Help us to use these treasures to spread your gospel word. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune with a repeat sign at the beginning and end. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes on both staves.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-5 (pg. 671)

Sermon

Healing Through Gifts of Money

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action let us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all things may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.**

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.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Jerusalem
by C. Hubert Parry, arr. Alun Cook; Village Brass

*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. 687 (choir sings st. 3)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
by Peter Lutkin; Village Choir

*Postlude

Nun Danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)
arr. Egil Hovland

**All who are able may stand*

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor
Liturgist: Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for communications
Scripture Readers: Eleanor Varen (9 a.m.), Alice McCabe (11 a.m.)
Musicians: Drs. Elisa Bickers, Langston Hemenway, Josh Maize

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The middle hymn's first lines reference Revelation 22:2: the leaves from the tree of life grow to heal the nations. More often than not, the act of healing doesn't happen by accident; it requires conscious and faithful effort. This hymn spells out some of the varied ways we're called to take part in God's healing work.

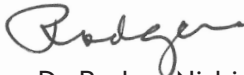
A NOTE ON WORSHIP ORDER

The Presbyterian faith follows an order of worship that tells the story of the people of God—we gather, we hear the Word read and proclaimed, we respond, and then we are sent into the world. The Prayers of the People is a response to the Word. Because of this, we have moved the Prayers of the People to after the Sermon so that we might be pray and respond to the needs of the world around us.

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

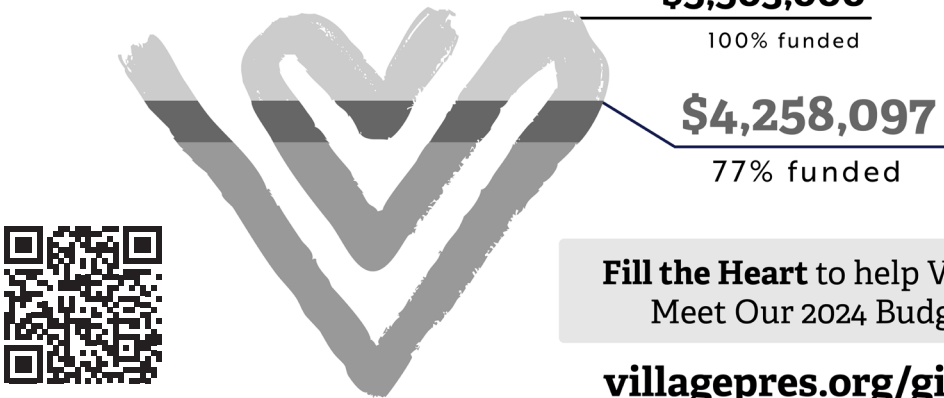
Whether this is your first time at Village, or you come so often you call it “home,” we are blessed that you are with us today. No matter where you are in your faith journey or life stage, no matter what questions or burdens you carry, Village takes seriously the call to be welcoming; we are glad you 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



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U Class: Pagans in the Promised Land – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 4-18, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus. This class examines how the U.S. government used Christian concepts to justify taking Native American lands. Our instructor is Larry Lorenzen. Register at 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.

Today is Family Worship Sunday – No Elementary Lighthouse today. Kids are invited to worship with us in “big church.”

Advent Family Workshop – 2 p.m. Dec. 7 in Friendship Hall. Don't miss our traditional family activity to prepare for the birth of Jesus. There will be craft stations, hot cocoa, popcorn, and more. Please pre-register at bit.ly/adventwshop.

ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners will resume next week, Dec. 4.

2nd Sunday Social – Join us in the Welcome Center between services, 10-11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, for a sweet treat and conversation.

Interested in joining Village Church? Contact Carol Solenberger at carol.solenberger@villagepres.org. Our next New Member Luncheon is noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

MISSION MINISTRY

Decorate The Village Trees! – Starting Dec. 1 bring hats, mittens, and diapers (all sizes, including adult large & XL) to put on and under our Mission Campus Christmas trees located in the Welcome Center and at the South entrance. Contact Rev. Zach Walker at zach.walker@villagepres.org for more info.

Star Families – All Star Families have found a sponsor! If you would still like to contribute, you can (1) write a check to Village Church to sponsor a meal (note “OB meals” in the memo), or (2) purchase items for the holiday store. Email zach.walker@villagepres.org for more information.

Food Pantry – Thanksgiving basket distribution is almost complete, but the need to support those who are food insecure continues. As you gather to celebrate the holiday, please consider making a financial donation of \$45 to the Pantry to cover the cost of a turkey dinner for a family of four. Visit bit.ly/fpbaskets to donate.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Messiah Sing-Along – 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, in the Antioch Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

The Kicks Big Band – 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring the Stan Kessler Trio – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Please join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artists. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Poinsettia Honorariums Due This Wednesday – When you donate \$15, you provide a poinsettia to a homebound member as well as pay tribute to a loved one, whose name will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Donate online at villagepres.org/poinsettias or send the name(s) with a check (\$15/person) to Karen Reimer at the Mission Campus.

Remembrance of Loved Ones – Through Nov. 30, please share a photo and/or write the name of your loved one on a heart and post these on the Communion of Saints bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Faith and Grief – Join us at noon Tuesday, Dec. 3 in Rooms 232/233. There will be a speaker followed by caring conversations at small tables. If you would like a boxed lunch, please make a reservation at faithandgrief.org/gatherings.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Advent Celebration: "Calling All Angels" – 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3. Refreshments will be served in the Welcome Center at 6 p.m.; the program begins at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our speaker is Jen Wewers, executive director of Prairie Sky Counseling Center. Childcare available. Event and child care registration ends **today**: bit.ly/preswomen.

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

Get Village Church news & updates – Sign up to receive email newsletters at villagepres.org/news.

Facebook [@villagepres](https://www.facebook.com/villagepres) – Instagram [@villagepreschurch](https://www.instagram.com/villagepreschurch)

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Christmas Party – Meet us at City Barrel Pizza + Patio in Waldo to celebrate the holidays from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. \$15/person will cover food and non-alcoholic beverages. Register at bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults.

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – All 20s and 30s are invited each Wednesday through Dec. 18 as we gather, play games, study Scripture, and celebrate one another. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall; at 6 p.m. we'll move to the Young Adult space for programming. Join us!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Programs On Break – All our programs are on break this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All events will resume the evening of Dec. 1.

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

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

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.

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