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Service of Worship

April 6, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Chris Leaver, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Psalm 130
by Paul O. Manz; More Love Chorale (9 a.m.)
Joyful Canticle (Hymn to Joy)
arr. Kevin McChesney; Youth Bells (11 a.m.)

*Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

Rev. Chad Herring

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

**Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we belong to God,
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God; bless God's name.

**For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

*Hymn 213 (st. 1-4)

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, even as you walk to the cross to give your life for the world,
we confess that we are all too reluctant to follow your example.

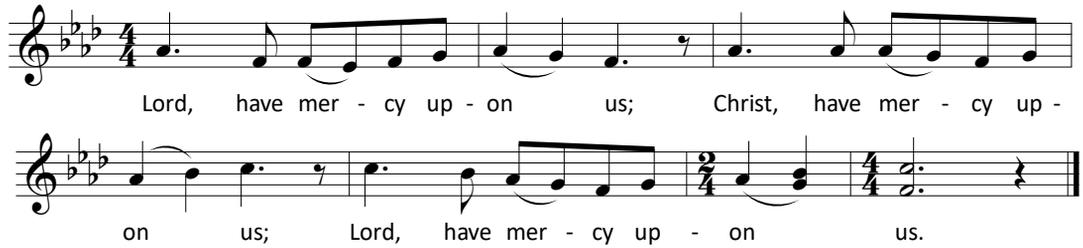
We confess that while we glory in your sacrifice of love,
we are afraid to do the same.

For times when we do not follow your call to do justice,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

For times when we do not follow your call to act with righteousness,
Christ, have mercy upon us.

For times when we do not follow your call to love kindness,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

For times when we do not follow your call to walk humbly with you,
Christ, have mercy upon us. (silent prayer)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Anthem (11 a.m.)

All Things Bright and Beautiful
arr. Barbara B. Kinyon; Youth Bells

Prayer for Illumination

Ruling Elder Diane Johnson (9 a.m.)
Ruling Elder Zac Russell (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 19:1-10 (pg. 956)

Sermon

Walking with Jesus in Jericho

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 410

God is Calling

Call for the Offering

Offertory

O for a Closer Walk
by C. V. Stanford; More Love Chorale (9 a.m.)

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy
arr. David Cherwien (11 a.m.)

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*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

Communion Anthem

God So Loved the World
by John Stainer; Village Choir

Prayer of Response

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 346

For the Healing of the Nations

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

*Postlude

All People That On Earth Do Dwell
arr. David Cherwien

**All who are able may stand*

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

Rebecca Enslow, Helen Hofmeister, and Dr. Josh Maize, conductors
Jan Cohick, piano
Chris Leaver, organ

Holy Week Worship at Mission Campus

Palm Sunday, April 13 – 9 and 11 a.m. Traditional Worship (Children's Palm Parade at 9 a.m.); 10:15-10:45 a.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt; 4 p.m. The Gathering Worship. **Maundy Thursday, April 17** – 7 p.m. Traditional Worship. **Good Friday, April 18** – noon-3 p.m. Contemplative Drop-In Prayer in the Chapel; 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship. **Easter Sunday, April 20** – 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship; 4 p.m. The Gathering Worship. Find all Holy Week Worship details, including livestream availability and child care, at villagepres.org/lent.

Prayer Walk This Week: Liberty Memorial – 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 12. We will meet at the Liberty Memorial (2 Memorial Dr., Kansas City, MO) for prayer and liturgy. We'll read the names of those victimized by gun violence in the past year, including last year's mass shooting on Valentine's Day at the Super Bowl parade, which happened right in front of the memorial at Union Station. There will also be an optional walk, no more than a mile, stopping at sites where gun violence has occurred in downtown Kansas City. See upcoming prayer walks at villagepres.org/lent.

The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Hoyl Lockett by Judy Lockett.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Social Justice Ministry Community Dinner – 5-7 p.m. Monday, April 7, Friendship Hall. You're invited to a dinner with local immigration experts and guests from Grandview Park Presbyterian Church. We'll discuss the impact of the current administration's immigration enforcement changes in Kansas City. The meal is free, but registration is required: bit.ly/sjmdinner. Child care is available.

The Environmental Effects of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine – 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 7, Room 126. Dr. Rick Randolph, who has twice volunteered as a medical missionary in Ukraine, will discuss the injury to the natural world caused by Russia's invasion and its effects on the Ukrainian environment.

Village U Class: Conversations on Gun Safety – 10 a.m. Monday, April 14, Room 307. Kansas State Representative Stephanie Clayton will share ideas on being an effective gun safety advocate for our children, including best methods to contact your legislators. Child care available with registration: 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 (sign in outside Room 106). Grades K-6 – Drop off in Room 307 for All-Sing (group worship) at 9 a.m. (sign in outside Room 307; pick up on third floor).

Palm Parade Next Sunday – Elementary kids are invited to join us in our annual Palm Parade during the 9 a.m. worship service (preschoolers welcome to parade with a grown-up). For more information, email Kate: kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

Community Easter Egg Hunt – Join us in Friendship Hall from 10:15-10:45 a.m. next Sunday for a concert by Dino O'Dell followed by an egg hunt on the south playground. Invite friends and bring an Easter basket!

ENGAGEMENT

New Member Luncheon – Interested in joining Village Church? You're invited to join us for lunch from noon-1:30 p.m. **today** in Room 232. Our next New Member Luncheon is June 1. Email engagement@villagepres.org for more information.

Wednesday Family Dinners – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Friendship Hall. \$5/child (3-6y), \$10/adult (7y+); \$40 max per family. Email engagement@villagepres.org to volunteer. Purchase online by noon on Tuesday at bit.ly/Wednightdinner.

Second Sunday Social – Join us next Sunday, April 13 in the Welcome Center between services for a sweet treat and conversation!

MISSION MINISTRY

Be the Church Service Night – 5-6:30 p.m. **Tonight** we have a great opportunity to serve others during Lent. Join us for pizza in Friendship Hall, followed by various service opportunities. All ages welcome!

Blood Drive – 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, Room 132/133. Sign up to donate at

bit.ly/village-blood-drive and enter the group code BT. Walk-ins are also welcome. Your support saves lives—thank you!

Food Pantry – Easter is near, which often means gathering with family to celebrate. We could use some baking items: cake mixes, small bags of flour and sugar, vegetable oil, etc. **The Clothes Closet** could use some baking dishes and kitchen utensils to do the baking and kitchen towels and dishcloths to clean up!

MUSIC MINISTRY

2nd Thursday Recital: Washington University Choir – 12:15 p.m. April 10, Sanctuary. Free admission. Reception to follow.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Village U Class: Infertility and Miscarriage – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, Room 126/127. In this workshop led by Katy Platt, participants will gain insight into the complex emotions those affected may face and learn tools to offer support with sensitivity and respect. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women – This Tuesday, April 8 in Friendship Hall. 5:30 p.m. reception; 6 p.m. program. Register for free at bit.ly/preswomen. Child care is available with registration. Join us as we recognize

the faithful service of five outstanding women: Joy Biard, Lisa Harrison, Georgia Klein, Susan Satterlee, and Marvie Sneegas.

Habitat KC's Women Build – 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 14. Join Village women to help other women build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. No experience necessary. Tools, guidance, and lunch provided. Email lisa.harrison@villagepres.org by May 1 to register.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – All 20s and 30s are invited to join us every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. We'll enjoy dinner in Friendship Hall, followed by time together in the Young Adult Room (Room 8) for games, Scripture and connection.

Parents Group – 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, April 9. Parents and their littles are invited to the Young Adult space on the second Wednesday of each month for faith, fellowship, and food with Pastor Maggie.

Y.A.M. Camp – Saturday, May 10. All young adults (and your children, if you've got them) are invited to join us for our spring retreat at Heartland Retreat Center in Parkville, Missouri. The schedule includes devotions, a nature walk, games and more. For information and to sign up go to bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults.

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.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Walking with Jesus: Lenten Sermon Series

Theologians describe Jesus' ministry as "peripatetic" because he moved from place to place. He did not just settle in Nazareth and tell everyone to come to him. He walked around and visited with people and talked with them and ate with them. In the five Sundays leading up to Palm Sunday, we will travel with Jesus from his temptation in the wilderness to meeting fishermen on the beach to eating with a tax collector in Jericho. Along the way, we will grow in our faith and faithfulness just as the disciples did as they walked with Jesus.

March 30

Jesus in a Foreign Land

April 6

Jesus in Jericho

April 13, Palm Sunday

Jesus Enters Jerusalem and Weeps

April 20, Easter

Jesus Walks with Two Disciples

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, co-director of music ministry & principal organist
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor for pastoral care
Rev. Chad Herring, interim senior associate pastor • Kathy Lueckert, senior director of business operations
Dr. Joshua Maize, co-director of music ministry • Alan Olson, director of facilities
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.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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