



"The Road to Emmaus" (1997), He Qi

Easter Worship

April 20, 2025 • 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.



VILLAGE CHURCH
Presbyterian (USA)

EASTER SUNDAY

The Resurrection of Our Lord

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

*The Easter Proclamation

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

*Processional Hymn, 826

Lift High the Cross

*Unison Morning Prayer

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Risen Christ,

We gather together in the morning light of your resurrection.

The tomb is empty, and you have been raised from death.

We gather together to remember the day that you appeared to those you loved.

How you walked and talked with them and when you sat and broke bread with them, their eyes were opened, and they recognized you.

You told them to be the church, and you remind us to be the church today.

We gather together in the light, hope, and good news that your resurrection brings into the world.

May we lead lives that are a response to this good news.

In the name of the one who triumphed over death we pray, Amen.

*Choral Response of Praise

Alleluia
by Philip W. J. Stopford

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Zach Walker (8 & 11:15 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 24:28-35 (pg. 964)

Sermon

Seeing Jesus

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

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 Anthem (*please join in singing when invited*)

Crown Him
arr. Dan Forrest

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Maker known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days Adored and magnified!**

*Sung 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

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"
by G. F. Handel

(please join in singing when invited)



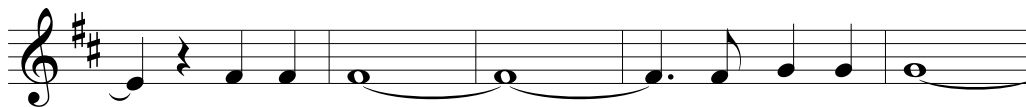
King of Kings!

And Lord of Lords!



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er! King of Kings! And Lord of Lords!

And He shall reign for - ev-er and ev - er! King of

Kings, and Lord of Lords! King of Kings, and Lord of

Lords! And He shall reign for - ev-er and ev - er. King of

Kings! And Lord of Lords! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le -

lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Postlude

"Final" from *Symphony No. 1*
by Louis Vierne

**All who are able may stand*

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

Dr. Elisa Bickers
Dr. Joshua Maize
Dr. Langston Hemenway
Helen Hofmeister
Theo Musick, percussion
Village Choir
Village Brass

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

With joy I welcome you to worship on this Easter Sunday! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! 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 share the stories of faith from the Bible and sing the hymns and songs that comfort, uplift, and challenge while also engaging the world in which we live. By connecting the stories of our lives to the life of Jesus Christ, 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. 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

Flowering the Cross – Today we invite you and your family to take part in this annual Village tradition. Help add color to our Easter crosses at either the Welcome Center (North) entrance or the South entrance before or after Easter worship services!

Village Church is a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, provide leadership for the transformation of our communities, and serve the world. We are one church worshipping each Sunday at two locations: Mission Campus in Prairie Village and Antioch Campus in south Overland Park. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us any Sunday for worship. At Mission Campus, services are at 9 and 11 a.m., or come to The Gathering modern worship at 4 p.m. Worship with us at our Antioch Campus at 9:30 a.m. Services are livestreamed at villagepres.org/online. Learn more at villagepres.org.

The Gathering – Join us for a modern, imaginative style of worship at Village Church offered at 4 p.m. Sundays. Next week we will worship in the sanctuary for Senior Sunday at The Gathering, where our class of graduating high school seniors leads us in worship. We are always honored to have our high schoolers lead and look forward to hearing from them.

Children and Family Ministry – Our regular schedule of Sunday morning classes is from 9-10 a.m. for ages two through 6th grade. Child care is available during worship services for children from infants to 4 years old. Call Brooke Brundige at 913-671-2355 for more information.

Looking to get connected at Village? Want to find out more about Village Church? Interested in becoming a member? Contact Carol Solenberger, director of engagement, at carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

Presbyterian Women – Interested in getting to know other women and learning more about opportunities at Village Church for women? Contact Carol Solenberger, Presbyterian Women advisor, at carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

Stephen Ministry is here for you – Stephen Ministers are trained to provide weekly one-on-one support to anyone navigating life's more challenging moments: death of a loved one, divorce, illness, unemployment, empty nest and more. Contact Rev. Melanie Hardison at 913-671-2367 or melanie.hardison@villagepres.org for more information.

Young Adult Ministry – All 20s and 30s in any life stage (single, parents, married, divorced, etc.) are invited to join us throughout the year for retreats, potlucks, lots of laughs and fellowship. Find out more and see our schedule at villagepres.org/young-adults.

Youth Ministry – All 7th-12th grade students are invited to come hang out with us throughout the year. Come to a youth group, a special event, or even on a trip with us! Find out more by visiting villagepres.org/youth, or by emailing youth@villagepres.org to request an information booklet.

UPCOMING SERMONS

April 27

Rev. Zach Walker preaching

May 4

Rev. Owen Gray, guest preacher

Holy Spirit: The Liberator (May 11-June 1)

The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons of the Trinity, along with God, our father and mother, and Jesus, the son. Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit was present at creation, descended upon Jesus at his baptism, called the church into being at Pentecost, and is present among us now. Yet many of us find it challenging to understand who the Holy Spirit is and how the Spirit relates to our lives. Leonardo Boff, a Brazilian liberation theologian, called the Holy Spirit the “liberator” who frees us from the oppressions of sin and gifts us freedom. In this sermon series leading up to Pentecost, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore four ways the Holy Spirit liberates and frees us.

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
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

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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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