



**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)

Service of Worship

May 4, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

On this second Sunday of the season of Easter, we turn to the story of the resurrected Jesus appearing to his disciples by the sea. He performs yet another miracle, and in turn, teaches us what resurrection expects of us. Rev. Owen J. Gray fills our pulpit as the fifth and final "children of the church" guest preacher for our 75th anniversary celebration. He currently serves as pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit, Missouri.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Alice Whitson

Introit

Prelude on "DIX"
setting by Wayne L. Wold (9 a.m.)

Guide My Feet, Lord
arr. John Carter; More Love Chorale and Helen Hofmeister, conductor (11 a.m.)

*Call to Worship

The Resurrected One is calling us;
**calling us from near and far, from work and from rest,
from moments of joy or seasons of sorrow.**

The Resurrected One is calling us;
**calling us when we are eager to respond;
calling us when we are quite unsure.**

The Resurrected One, Jesus the Christ, cloaked in glory
and abounding in steadfast love, is calling each and every one of us:
and so we will answer. Together, let us worship the living God!

*Hymn 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Prayer of Confession

**God of resurrection, God of creation, God of life,
In this season of Easter, we know we are called not just to celebrate resurrection,
but to be Easter people.
To know the light and life you brought us that glorious third day,
but also, to be sources to the world of that same light and life.
But this we confess: we fall so, so far short.
For the ways we let selfishness guide our actions, forgive us.
For the times we accept the status quo, forgive us.
For the excuses we make to ignore our hurting world, forgive us.
For the mangled mess of patchwork imitations we pretend to be love, forgive us.
For moments we accept anything less than resurrection truth as the final answer,
forgive us.
This we pray in the name of the resurrected one, Jesus the Christ. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance



*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Rev. Owen J. Gray

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Lueckert (9 a.m.); Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 21:1-17 (pg. 989)

Sermon

Not Our Own

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 340

This Is My Song

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth
by John Rutter; Village Choir; More Love Chorale (11 a.m.);
Dr. Josh Maize, conductor

*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

Prayer of Response

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 12 (st. 1-3)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render; O help us to see

'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*Postlude

Fantasy on "ST. DENIO"

by J. Bert Carlson

**All who are able may stand*

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. 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

About our Guest Preacher – Rev. Owen J. Gray grew up in Kansas City at Village Church, and we are delighted to have him back sharing his gifts among us today. After serving churches in Virginia, Indiana, and Texas, Owen is now back in Kansas City serving as pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit. Owen attended the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and Union Presbyterian Seminary. Besides spending time with daughters Ruth and Rory, Owen enjoys reading, watching sports and good movies, time outdoors, podcasts, good coffee, good food, and good friends.

Earth Day Sunday at The Gathering – The Gathering will take place outdoors **this evening only** in the south parking lot. Bring a lawn chair! In case of inclement weather, service will be canceled. Moving forward, The Gathering will take place in the Sanctuary as renovation work is ongoing in Friendship Hall.

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

Village U: Are These The Last Days? Christians and the End Times – 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, Room 132. Eschatology is the study of the end of the world or the end times. Together, we will explore the numerous scriptures that tell us what to look for and how to prepare for the end times and the various eschatologies around the end times. Note: If Jesus comes again before May, this class will not be held. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka instructing. To register go to williamjewell.formstack.com/forms/cfccourseregistration and enter the coupon code "Village."

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).

Summer Lighthouse begins Sunday, June 1 in Room 307. Join us during the 9 a.m. worship service as we explore faith, art and the great outdoors.

ENGAGEMENT

2nd Sunday Social – Join us from 10-11 a.m. next Sunday, May 11 in the Welcome Center for a sweet treat & conversation!

40s & 50s Social Event – If you are in your 40s or 50s you are invited to O'Neill's (9417 Mission Rd.) from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

We want to share some new opportunities for this age group as well as hear your thoughts. Event is free; no RSVP needed. Questions: zach.walker@villagepres.org.

New Member Luncheon – Interested in joining Village Church? You're invited to join us from noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1 in the Heritage Dining Room (230). Email carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to RSVP and for more information.

MISSION MINISTRY

Cross-Lines volunteer opportunity – Join us on Friday, May 9 to serve lunch to our neighbors in need at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-2025 or email Jim Bolton: jcb3823@gmail.com.

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet – May is fruit month at the Food Pantry. Please consider a donation of any kind of fruit in cans or plastic, standard-sized containers. The weather has warmed up, so the Clothes Closet can use spring and summer clothing.

MUSIC MINISTRY

46th Annual Bachathon – 2 p.m. today, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Presented by the American Guild of Organists, featuring the Village Chamber Choir and KC Baroque Consortium. Free admission.

KC Wind Symphony presents "Movie Magic" – 7 p.m. today, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital: St. Petersburg String Quartet – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 8, Mission Campus Chapel. Join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artists. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Widowers' Support Group meets every Thursday – If your spouse has died or is living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, you are not alone. You can come and listen, share and find fellowship with other men who are walking the same path as you. Meetings are at 9 a.m. Thursdays in Room 132.

Loss due to cancer - Come to Faith and Grief at noon on Wednesday, May 7 to hear speaker Marcia Tammeus share her experiences losing three loved ones to cancer. After Marcia's presentation, participate as you are comfortable in small groups. Faith and Grief meets in Tighe Hall at Visitation Catholic Church.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Last Circle gatherings until September – Thank you to all the women that have participated in this year's Horizons Bible Study, "Let Justice Roll Down" by Patricia K. Tull. Next year's study is "Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rhashell D. Hunter. More info to come. Email carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to learn more about our Circle Bible studies.

Operation Breakthrough – Volunteers needed to help with year-round tutoring program (one hour/week). Volunteers work one-on-one to assist the children with literacy and mathematics. Email charlottesdavison@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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, MO. The schedule includes devotions, a nature walk, games and more. For information and to sign up go to bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults.

Parents Group – 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 14. 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.

Party in the Park – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, Franklin Park (8706 Roe Ave.). All young adults—individuals, couples, parents (and their kids)—are invited for a picnic to celebrate a year of growth and fellowship in Young Adult Ministry! No cost, but sign up at bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults to let us know you're coming.

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

Register for classes & events – villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations

Interested in joining Village Church? – Contact engagement@villagepres.org.

Get Village Church news & updates – Sign up to receive email newsletters at villagepres.org/news. Facebook **@villagepres** • Instagram **@villagepreschurch**

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

April 27

Sitting with Jesus - Rev. Zach Walker

May 4

Not Our Own - Rev. Owen J. 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

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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