



**VILLAGE  
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



## **Service of Worship**

June 1, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### **About Today's Service**

"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit..."

—1 Corinthians 12:4



Prelude

Helen Hofmeister, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters

Village Church Endowment Trust

Introit

*Prayer*

by Hugo Wolf; Doug Jones, tenor

*Lord! send what Thou wilt, Pleasure or pain;  
I am content that both Flow from Thy hands.*

*Do not, I beseech Thee, Overwhelm me With joy or suffering!  
But midway between Lies blessed moderation.*

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 9)

Rev. Zach Walker

We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts;  
we will tell of God's wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in God;  
we will sing praises to God's name, the most high.**

The Lord sits enthroned forever; God has established God's throne for judgment.

**God judges the world with righteousness; God judges the peoples with equity.**

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**And those who know God's name put their trust in God,  
for you, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

**Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail;  
let the nations be judged before you.**

\*Hymn 410

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

Prayer of Confession

**Calling God,  
you call us through whispers and beauty and voices and music. You call us through  
thunder and longing and creation itself. Yet we confess we are too distracted to  
heed your voice. We are too focused on ourselves to hear your calling. Forgive us,**

**loving God. Shake us out of our self-centered ways. Make your calling so clear that we cannot resist. And then help us to trust and follow wherever you lead, even to the table of your grace and love. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response to Assurance

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (9 a.m.)

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (pg. 1046)

Sermon

*Holy Spirit: Liberator from Uselessness*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn 644

*Give Thanks, O Christian People*

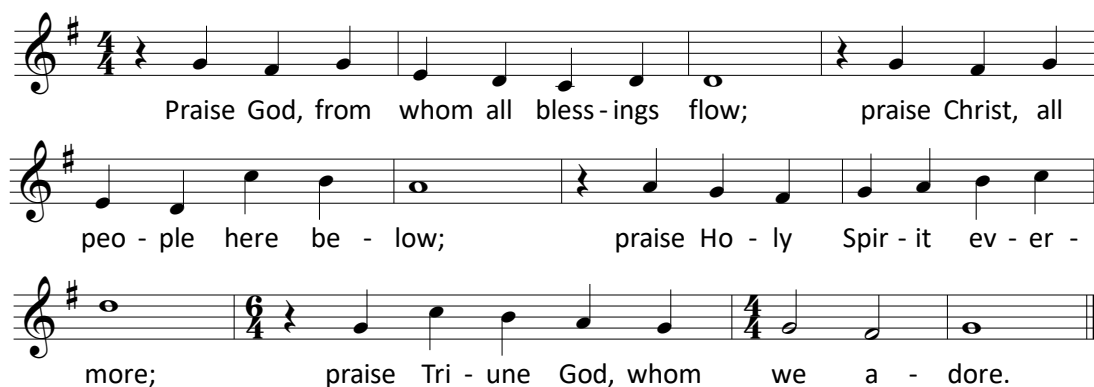
Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Dank sei dir Gott*  
by George Frideric Handel; Doug Jones, tenor

*Thanks be to Thee, Lord our God,  
Thy people hast Thou led with Thee Israel through the sea.  
Like a shepherd hast Thou led, us Lord,  
Thine the Hand that leadeth us from everlasting,  
Thou hast been our God.  
Thanks be to Thee, Lord our God,  
Thy people hast Thou led with Thee Israel through the sea.*

\*Response



\*Prayer of Dedication

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Response

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

\*Hymn 308 (st. 1-2)

*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;  
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.**

**Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray;  
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.**

\*Postlude

*Prelude in F Major*  
by Dietrich Buxtehude

*\*All who are able may stand*

**Child care** is available on the first floor during both services. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2-4 to Room 109. Age 5 through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in Room 307 for Summer Lighthouse (9 a.m. only).

**Giving** – Today, we celebrate those folks in the Meneilly Society (named for our founding pastor) who have chosen to remember Village Church in their estate plans. Many people assume they need to be wealthy to make a bequest or gift to the Endowment Trust. While large gifts certainly help, they are the exception, rather than the rule. The widow's offering in Luke 21 reminds us that it's not the size of the gift, but the measure of faith it represents. A gift to the Endowment Trust is appreciated in any amount, at any time. Please contact Bob Sperry, director of giving and endowment, at [bob.sperry@villagepres.org](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325 with questions. Be watching for fall gatherings to learn more about the Endowment Trust.



**If you ordered a Pride shirt, you can pick up today** before or after all worship services. Stop by the Village Church booth at **KC PrideFest** in Theis Park next weekend (Friday-Sunday, June 6-8). Contact Ellen Gatewood for details and if you would like to volunteer at the booth: [ellen.gatewood@villagepres.org](mailto:ellen.gatewood@villagepres.org).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Climate Change: The Real Solution** – 7-9 p.m., Monday, June 2, Room 126. This class, presented by environmental law attorney and teacher Jane Kloeckner, will examine efforts to address climate change.

**Gun Violence Awareness Weekend, June 6-8** – Village for Gun Sense invites the congregation to honor victims of gun violence by attending the Wear Orange Rally at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at Harmon Park. On Sunday, June 8, show your support by wearing orange to church and adding to a prayer wall at both campuses.

**Juneteenth Freedom Celebration & Picnic** – 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, Franklin Park. All are invited to this free annual community celebration featuring music, performers, guest speakers, inflatables, face painting, and more. Holy Smoke BBQ will provide a free picnic lunch from noon-1 p.m.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**Summer Pop-Ups** – Kids ages 2-8 are invited to join us on Mondays in June and July for fun, themed activity days. Go to [villagepres.org/kids-summer](http://villagepres.org/kids-summer) for all dates and times.

**Family VBS** – 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18. Designed for the entire family—parents, grandparents, and kids! We'll have learning, games, fun, and food (dinner provided). This week we are visiting the Village Church Food Pantry and Community Garden. To sign up, visit [villagepres.org/kids-summer](http://villagepres.org/kids-summer).

**Music & Drama Camp** – 1-4:30 p.m. June 23-27; performance 7 p.m. June 27 in the Sanctuary. Open to completed grades K-5. There are a few spots still available; register now at [villagepres.org/kids-summer](http://villagepres.org/kids-summer).

## ENGAGEMENT

**New Member Luncheon** – Interested in joining Village Church? You're invited to join us **today** from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Dining Room (230). Our next New Member Luncheon is Aug. 3. If you can't make it but want to learn more about becoming a member, email [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Social** – Join us 10-11 a.m. next Sunday, June 8 in the Welcome Center for a sweet treat & conversation!

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social** – 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 27. Our free community social event is celebrating 50 years (since 1975)! Bring your family and friends.

## MISSION MINISTRY

**Want to Support the Thwake Trip?** – Funds are needed to help cover the cost of our free 3-day medical clinic during our service trip to Kenya in June. Approx. 1,500 people of all ages with little or no access to medical care will be served. To donate: [villagepres.org/thwake](http://villagepres.org/thwake).

**Mission Sewing needs fabric** – We are creating blankets for adults undergoing chemo at local hospitals. Asking for cotton prints in assorted designs (min. of 1 yard), clean and unused. Please drop off donations at the South reception desk.

**Food Pantry & Clothes Closet** – Are you comfortable using a computer? Like to talk to people and greet them? We are in need of front desk volunteers. Contact Dennis: [dennis.cobb@villagepres.org](mailto:dennis.cobb@villagepres.org). Also, please consider donating boxes of cereal this week. Our supplies are running low!

### MUSIC MINISTRY

**Summer Choir is July 13, 20, and 27** – Arrive at 10 a.m. to the Chapel to rehearse an easy anthem for the 11 a.m. worship service. The Summer Choir sits with the congregation for the service. All are welcome.

### PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Faith and Grief** – noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, Tighe Hall, Visitation Catholic Church. Speaker Nancy Schorgl will talk about her niece's accidental death. Lunch is provided. Group meets monthly. Register at [faithandgrief.org/supportgatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/supportgatherings).

**Need some help mowing or gardening?** Helping Hands is here to help with short-term needs like mowing, weeding, and simple household chores (please note this is not an ongoing assistance program). Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**College Ministry Dinner** – 5:15-6:30 p.m. today, Young Adult Room (8). Calling all college-aged students! If you're one year or more out of high school, please join us after the Gathering service for a good meal and meaningful community.

**Theology on Tap** – 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, Brew Lab (7925 Marty St.). Join us for a good beer and great conversation! We'll gather for fellowship and a theological question to guide our time together. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverage provided.

**Young Adult Prom** – 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 27, Greenwood Social Hall (1750 Bellevue Ave., KCMO). Open to anyone in their 20s and 30s. Wear whatever makes you feel fancy! Snacks provided, cash bar available. Tickets are \$25; sign up at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults).

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Week** – We have events happening all week for students who have completed grades 6-12. We are heading to Worlds of Fun, a private screening of Lilo & Stitch, volunteering at Pete's Garden, and more. Come to any or all of the events! Visit [villagepres.org/youth](http://villagepres.org/youth) to sign up.

**Summer programs** begin Sunday, June 8! Each week we have youth group for high school and middle school students as well as a volunteer day. To see all the details, go to [villagepres.org/youth](http://villagepres.org/youth).

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

### Holy Spirit: The Liberator (May 11-June 8)

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.

May 11	Holy Spirit: Liberator from Chaos
May 18	Holy Spirit: Liberator from Meaninglessness
May 25	Holy Spirit: Liberator from Dependence on Self
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Holy Spirit: Liberator from Uselessness</b>
June 8	Pentecost: The Birthday of the Church

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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  
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  
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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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