



**VILLAGE CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



The Miracle of Feeding the 5,000 from *The Chosen*

## Service of Worship

Aug. 10, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Helen Hofmeister, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

*Andante Cantabile*  
by Katherine Lucke; Jenny Hull, cello

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 90)

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Lord, you have been our help, generation after generation.

**Before the mountains were born, before you birthed the earth and the inhabited world—from forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.**

Because in your perspective, a thousand years are like yesterday past, like a short period during the night watch.

**Fill us every morning with your faithful love so we can rejoice and celebrate our whole life long.**

Let your acts be seen by your servants; let your glory be seen by their children.

**Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us. Make the work of our hands last.**

**Make the work of our hands last!**

\*Hymn 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Zach Walker

**Gracious God, we sing of you being our help in ages past and our hope for years to come.**

**We sing of you sheltering us from the stormy blast and being our eternal home.**

**We know this to be true.**

**You come to us in our times of greatest need.**

**Yet we confess that when all is going well, we do not turn to you.**

**We confess that we turn to you only in times of trouble.**

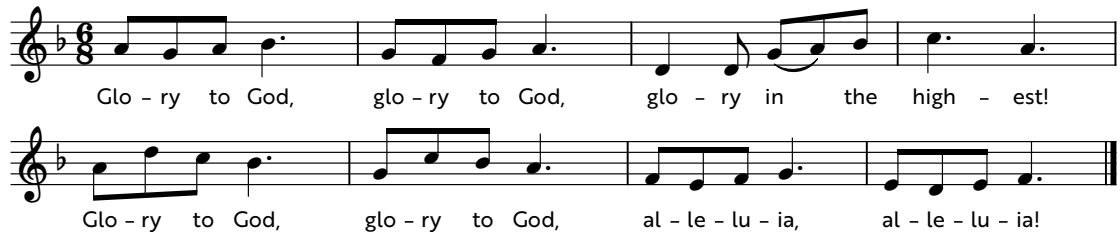
**Forgive us, almighty God.**

**Help us to acknowledge your faithfulness through the everlasting years.**

**Help us to praise you at all times with our whole being.** (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response to Assurance

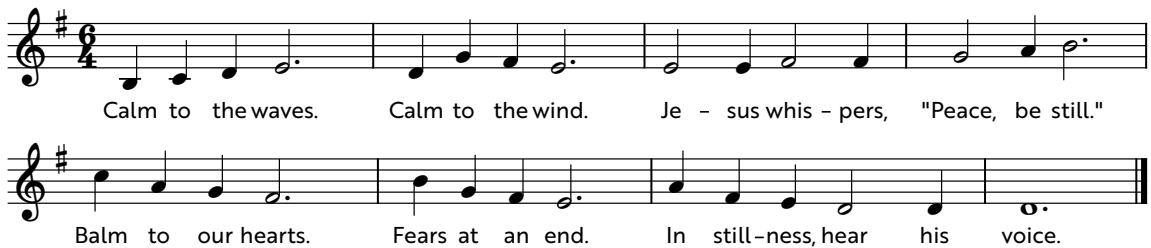


\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Blessing of the Backpacks

Call for Illumination



Prayer for Illumination

Vivan McCoy (9 a.m.); Annalise McCune (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 14:14-21 (pg. 891-892)

Sermon

*The Miracle of the Feeding of 5,000*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 803

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Prayer 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 Music

*Adagio* from "Concerto in d minor" by Tomaso Albinoni  
Wayne Bates, trumpet; Jenny Hull, cello; Chris Leaver, piano

\*Response



All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,  
to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heav-en and earth a - dore, the  
God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

\*Hymn 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Congregational Meeting

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Christ is Risen, BWV 627*  
by J. S. Bach

*\*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 107. **No Summer Lighthouse today:** Kids join us in big church. Lighthouse will resume on Sunday, Sept. 7.

## 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

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given in loving memory of Greg Colston by Ann Colston and Family.

**Senior Associate Pastor Search** — The Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, Aug. 17, following all services, to receive and act on a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The committee was elected by the congregation to call a new senior associate pastor for Village Church. The committee is excited to share their report. More information will be given next Sunday.

**Farewell to Rev. Melanie Hardison** — After nearly six years of faithful leadership among us, Rev. Melanie Hardison has accepted the call to serve as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Today, the Session has called congregational meetings at the close of services to concur with Melanie's request to serve the Bryn Mawr congregation. We will have a churchwide celebration for her in the Welcome Center following the 11 a.m. worship service as we ask God's continued blessing upon her. Please join us!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Men's Breakfast Gathering** – Jim Bolton will discuss the Village Church Energy Audit with us. Hope you can join us 8 a.m. on Aug. 26 in the Heritage Dining room for breakfast, discussion and fellowship! \$8 donation suggested.

## ENGAGEMENT

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Social** – Join us today in the Welcome Center after the 9 a.m. service for a sweet treat and conversation!

## MISSION MINISTRY

**Village Serves Aug. 18** – Join folks from Village from 9-11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 18 as we volunteer to make Kansas City a better place! This month we serve at Hope Faith working in their garden. Go to [bit.ly/village-serves-2025](http://bit.ly/village-serves-2025) to learn more and sign up.

**Have an Old Computer?** – Donate your old computer to Village! A Team refurbishes and wipes them and then donates them to local organizations. It's a wonderful way to give more life to your computer! You can drop them off at the Mission Campus or Food Pantry.

**Food Pantry and Clothes Closet** – Cold or hot cereals are always needed at the Pantry for a quick breakfast or even as an evening snack. In the Clothes Closet, think back to school wear for kids and adults. If shopping is not your thing, a financial gift to support our work is always welcome!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Village Voices Youth Choir** – Fall retreat from 1-9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23! All students in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend. Expect tons of singing, games, worship, food, fellowship and more.

Contact Josh Maize at [josh.maize@villagepres.org](mailto:josh.maize@villagepres.org) to learn more and sign up.

**Labor Day Hymn Sing** – In place of the sermon on Sunday Aug. 31, we will join together in a hymn sing to celebrate the songs of our faith. Be thinking of some of your favorites from our Glory to God hymnal. Yours might be chosen!

**Get involved** – Our Music Ministry is gearing up for an exciting fall season, and we'd love for you to be a part of it. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or just have a passion for worship through music, now is the perfect time to get involved. If you're interested in joining one of our ensembles, please reach out to Bonny Green at [bonny.green@villagepres.org](mailto:bonny.green@villagepres.org)

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

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

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Coffee & Connection** – 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, Room 232/233. Drop by for a coffee and info about how to get connected with other women at Village through Bible studies, events, and volunteer opportunities. All women are invited.

**Habitat KC's Women Build** – 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11. Join Village women to help other women build strength, stability, and self-reliance through homeownership. No experience necessary. Tools, guidance and lunch provided. Email [lisa.harrison@](mailto:lisa.harrison@)

[villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) by Aug. 20 to register.

**MOTS (Moms of Teens)** – Do you have a teenager and are interested in talking to other moms with teens? Join us for coffee and conversation 8:30-10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Young Adult Space, Room 8.

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Bible & Brunch**– 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10. Two of our favorite things: scripture and breakfast food! We'll meet in the Young Adult room after 11 a.m. worship to walk through 1 Corinthians together. Food and drinks provided.

**Service Saturday** – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. We'll head to ScrapsKC (3269 Roanoke Rd, KCMO) to assist our neighbors with their mission of creative upcycling. Kids 3+ are welcome with their young adult parent. Sign up at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults), limit 25 people.

**Scotland Pilgrimage** – We're planning a progressive pilgrimage to Scotland in summer 2027. The estimated cost is \$3,750 for a 10-day trip and includes time in

Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Isle of Iona. Help us gauge interest by filling out this form (without committing to anything) at [bit.ly/yascotland](http://bit.ly/yascotland).

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Programs on Break!** – All Village Youth programs are on break until Kickoff Week. Stay tuned for details, and we can't wait to see you then!

**Youth Sunday** – Join us as our students lead us in all worship services on Sunday, Aug. 24! If you are interested in taking part in leading worship send an email to [youth@villagepres.org](mailto:youth@villagepres.org)

**All Youth and Family Kickoff** – All youth (grades 7-12) and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 6-7:30pm as we launch into an exciting new program year. We'll share a meal, talk about what's ahead, and explore how families can get involved. Don't forget to bring your calendars as we will go over key dates together. For more info visit [bit.ly/vpcyouthkickoff](http://bit.ly/vpcyouthkickoff).

**August New Members** – We welcomed 5 new members last Sunday: Susan & Joseph Cromwell, Sarah & Byron Hull and Tom Vohs. Help us in welcoming these new members to Village!

**The Gathering** – Join us for a modern, imaginative style of worship at Village Church offered at 4 p.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary (while Friendship Hall is being renovated). Child care is available.

**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](http://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](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325.





## UPCOMING SERMONS

For the next two Sundays, Aug. 10 and 17, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will preach on stories of Jesus' life using clips from *The Chosen*, the first multi-season television series based on the gospel stories. Aug. 24 is Youth Sunday, where our young people plan and lead worship. And on Aug. 31, Labor Day weekend, we will enjoy a hymn sing featuring favorite songs of our faith.

<b>Aug. 10</b>	<b>Scenes from The Chosen - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka</b>
Aug. 17	Scenes from The Chosen - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Aug. 24	Youth Sunday
Aug. 31	Hymn Sing Sunday

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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 • Lora Garrison, director of international mission  
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, 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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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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